

WHITE OAK CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 8, 2022
5:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Kyle Kutch, John Frazier, Thomas Cash, Kevin Hood, Dana Mizell

MEMBERS ABSENT: Joe Stephens

STAFF PRESENT: Kristine Toon, Jimmy Purcell, Blane Palmer, Randy Dodson, Cameron Kizzia, Tracey Fears

GUESTS PRESENT: Selina Tabor, Jeremy Buechter, Paul Jasin

1. CALL TO ORDER – 5:00 p.m.

- a) Invocation
- b) Pledge of Allegiance

2. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

- a) City Council meeting minutes for October 18, 2022

Councilmember Cash moved to approve, seconded by Frazier. Carried 5-0

3. CITIZENS COMMENTS *(Any citizen wishing to address the Council on an agenda item may do so during the citizen comment section of the meeting, or when the item is being considered by the Council.)*

None

4. CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE the engagement letter for Audit 2021-2022 with Karen A. Jacks & Associates, P.C.

Councilmember Hood moved to approve, seconded by Mizell. Carried 5-0

5. DISCUSSION regarding Specialized Public Finance Inc (SPF) financing overview for transmission line to water treatment plant.

- Paul Jasin explained how much debit the city would incur if they decided to go forward with putting in a line from the Sabine River to the Water Treatment Plant. (about 8 million dollars)
- The city has good credit and should be able to obtain a loan easily.
- We would need to begin the bid process in mid January and then have good numbers to work with of the end of January.
- To keep the cushion the city has we would need to raise the water/sewer rates by \$12.50
- Jeremy Buechter is going to speak with Longview about changing our contract that run through 2024.

6. CONSIDERATION of Resolution 2023-02 authorizing WOEDCO to enter into an economic development performance agreement with Dos Rossouw.

Councilmember Hood moved to approve, seconded by Frazier. Carried 5-0

7. CONSIDERATION of Resolution 2023-03 authorizing WOEDCO to enter into an economic development performance agreement with Total NDT.

Councilmember Frazier moved to approve, seconded by Mizell. Carried 5-0

8. CONSIDERATION of Resolution 2023-04 authorizing WOEDCO to enter into an economic development performance agreement with Visual Techniques.

Councilmember Mizell moved to approve, seconded by Hood. Carried 5-0

9. DISCUSSION regarding inflation, Certificates of Obligation and SIB loans.

Kristine Toon explained that inflation has gone up 8% this year and the year before was 7%. Certificates of Obligation as well as SIB loan payments are coming due. We should consider increasing water and sewer rates to met the city's obligations.

10. CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE Trash Collection Rate increase.

Republic is increasing the trash collection rate due to inflation. Current rate is \$16.08, new rate will be 16.79.

Councilmember Cash moved to approve, seconded by Hood. Carried 5-0

11. CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE Water Rate increase.

New rate will be 20% higher than the current rate.

Councilmember Hood moved to approve, seconded by Frazier. Carried 5-0

12. CONSIDER AND/OR APPROVE Permit Rate increase.

Councilmember Hood moved to approve, seconded by Mizell. Carried 5-0

13. CITY COORDINATOR REPORT

a) Update on capital improvement projects

- Drainage problem at the Fire Station will cost \$9,500 to repair
- The Old Hwy 80 project will begin the Bid process January or February.
- Tracey Fears looking into curbs and gutters for Little John and Archer St. He is finding that the price is \$20 a foot for Curbs and \$100,000 for gutters. Mr. Fears is looking into quotes.

b) Administrative updates

- Owens Mobile Home Park should be done with the water project soon.

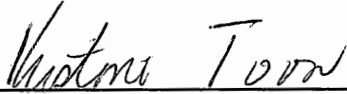
14. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Frazier moved to adjourn at 6:27 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Cash.
Adjourned by consensus.



Kyle Kutch, Mayor

Attest:



Kristine Toon
City Secretary/Finance Director