

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 15, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Kyle Kutch, Dana Mizell, Joe Stephens, Thomas Cash, Greg Hulett, Kevin Hood

STAFF PRESENT: Charlie Smith, Melba Haralson, Leah Brooks, Tracey Fears, Billy Morgan, Randy Dodson, Brian Russell, Terry roach, Jimmy Purcell, Beaux Huey

GUESTS PRESENT: Ronnie Shields, Selina Tabor, Jeremy Buechter, Jonathan Ackerson, Robert Haberle

1. CALL TO ORDER – 5:00 p.m.
  - a) Invocation
  - b) Pledge of Allegiance

2. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA
  - a) City Council minutes for September 10, 2019
  - b) Investment Reports for quarter ending September 30, 2019 and fiscal year ending September 30, 2019

Mayor Pro-tem Hulett moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Stephens. 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.)*

Ronnie Shields said he will build a game room for free if someone will donate the land.

4. CONSIDERATION of agreement with Gregg County for support of the White Oak School Community Library

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

5. CONSIDERATION of agreement with Schaumburg & Polk, Inc. for an engineering report focused on feasibility and methodology for securing a future source of City of White Oak drinking water

City Coordinator Charlie Smith explained an engineering study is needed to determine which option is most feasible for future water source. Three options have been discussed; update the current water line from Big Sandy, relocate source to the Sabine River, or to purchase water from Longview. Jeremy Buechter of SPI Engineers stated a study would be helpful to dial in on the numbers and it would also be necessary if the city applies for funding through the Texas Water Development Board. The cost is \$57,900 and will take approximately 90 days to complete.

Mayor Pro-tem Hulett moved to approve the study, seconded by Councilmember Cash. Carried 5-0.

6. CONSIDERATION of Resolution 2019-15 approving TxDOT State Infrastructure Banking (SIB) financing for George Richey Road (FM 2275) expansion and utility relocation and installation

City Coordinator Charlie Smith said that TxDOT's regional office gave us an estimate for acquisition and reimbursable utility costs for FM 2275 (George Richey Road) expansion of \$446,012, which could be paid in 3 annual installments. They are waiting on us to get started. We talked with TxDOT Austin about getting a State Infrastructure Banking (SIB) loan. With our AAA rating and no debt, we could likely get a 1.52% interest rate for 15 years (but could go up to 30 years) with no administrative fee. We can include water and sewer line costs however, before adopting the resolution, we need engineers to estimate the cost of adding a sewer line and possible lift station.

Mayor Pro-tem Hulett asked what would happen if we don't pay TxDOT. Mr. Smith replied that we may have to move our lines out of the right-of-way and buy easements.

After a brief discussion no action was taken. City Coordinator Smith will move forward with obtaining more information regarding cost of project.

7. CONSIDERATION of Ordinance 2019-09 to adopt White Oak baseball/softball field practice policy

City Coordinator Smith stated we are having issues with out of town teams using the fields. This ordinance will require a reservation and fee in order to use the fields.

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

8. CITY COORDINATOR REPORT

- a) Update on capital improvement projects
- b) Administrative updates – Mr. Smith stated he will be out of pocket for several days as he is having knee surgery next week.

Additional comments were made by Ronnie Shields regarding a game room. Mayor Kutch said we could put that on the next meeting's agenda.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Stephens moved to adjourn at 5:30 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Mizell. Adjourned by consensus.

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Kyle Kutch, Mayor

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Melba Haralson, Asst. City Manager/City Secretary