

WHITE OAK CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 17, 2020

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Greg Hulett, Joe Stephens

STAFF PRESENT: Charlie Smith, Melba Hart, Brian Russell, Terry Roach, Leah Brooks, Billy Morgan, Jimmy Purcell

GUESTS PRESENT: Stacy Anderson, Brian Wilkinson, Amy Wingo, Kelsi Wingo, Suzanne Bardwell, Gerald Waterston, Craig Talley, Daniel Kunkel, Margo King, Temesia Heath, Jimmy Isaac, Alvin Wingo, Brian Gray

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 February 11, 2020
 - b) Resolution 2020-03 for the appointment of Election Judge, Alternate Election Judge and Early Voting Ballot Board for the May 2, 2020 election

Councilmember Cash moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Hood. Carried 3-0.

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.)*

Craig Talley expressed concern over the delayed start of the baseball season due to COVID-19. The coach for girls' softball expressed similar concerns.

4. PRESENTATION by Brian Wilkinson and Brian Russell regarding Corona Virus

Officer Russell provided an update regarding the emergency measures currently in place as well as guidelines from the Center of Disease Control (CDC) and the Office of Emergency Management to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

After a brief discussion, Councilmember Mizell moved to keep the walking trails open but close the playgrounds and keep ballfields closed until further notice, with the City Administrator and Mayor to reevaluate as needed. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hood. Carried 3-0.

5. CONSIDERATION of Resolution 2020-04 denying the statement of intent to increase rates filed by CenterPoint Energy Resources Corporation

Councilmember Hood moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilmember Cash. Carried 3-0.

6. CONSIDERATION of Resolution 2020-05 authorizing White Oak Economic Development Corporation to enter into an economic development agreement with Longview Snack Foods, Inc. dba Lone Star Vending

City Coordinator Smith explained that Longview Snack Foods will build a new facility on Cherokee Trace and combine their Longview and Tyler operations into a central location. WOEDCO approved a \$100,000 grant provided they spend \$800,000 to construct a new building and employ 20 people within 6 months, and an additional \$50,000 grant in one year if they add more 5 employees.

Councilmember Mizell moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Cash. Carried 3-0.

7. CONSIDERATION of annual Racial Profiling report

Police Chief Terry Roach presented the annual report, stating there were 4,079 stops from January to December and zero complaints on racial profiling.

Councilmember Mizell moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Hood. Carried 3-0.

8. CONSIDERATION of hiring Casey Slone Construction to build a locker room facility for White Oak High School Girls Softball with a budget not to exceed \$300,000

Public Works Director Tracey Fears said Casey Slone Construction was the only company to render a proposal. He said they can't come up with hard numbers until we move forward, then they will get bids from their subs. WOISD Superintendent Brian Gray said the school supports the project and is willing to participate.

After discussion, Councilmember Cash moved to hire Casey Slone Construction to give us a bid for the softball locker room, not to exceed \$300,000. Motion seconded by Councilmember Mizell. Carried 3-0.

9. DISCUSSION regarding the purchase of 2020 Ford Explorer police unit to replace totaled 2008 Chevy Impala

City Coordinator Smith stated Lieutenant Brannon Robertson was driving the 2008 Impala when he struck a deer. The car was totaled and replaced by a civilian Ford Explorer.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Government Code §551.074 regarding the future status of the Building Inspector position

Tabled.

11. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION and take any action necessary regarding the Building Inspector position

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12. CITY COORDINATOR REPORT

a) Update on capital improvement projects

The sidewalk project is coming along good and will finish by November.
They will come back in the summer and finish the island in front of the school.

b) Administrative updates

None.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Mizell moved to adjourn at 5:39 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Hood. Adjourned by consensus.

Kyle Kutch, Mayor

Attest:

Melba Hart, Asst. City Manager/City Secretary