

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE OAK LEAF CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON JANUARY 10, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M.
AT OAK LEAF CITY HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL:

Council Members Present:

Mayor Bob Rader

Councilman John Little

Councilman Susanne Ellis

Mayor Pro Tem James Pierce

Councilman Jimmie Lamb

Council Member Absent:

Councilman Joyce Liptak

City Staff Present:

City Secretary Ronda Quintana

MAYOR RADER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:03 P.M. AND ANNOUNCED A QUORUM PRESENT.

A. Invocation:

Mayor Rader gave the Invocation.

COUNCILMAN LIPTAK ARRIVED AT 7:04 P.M.

B. Pledge of Allegiance:

It was followed by the declaration of the Pledge of Allegiance by the City Council and members of the audience.

II. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

No members of the audience registered to speak during Audience Participation.

NOTE: SOME OF THE AGENDA ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED OUT OF ORDER.

III. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

C. Discussion Regarding Trash Collection Service Quotes

The Waste Collection Services Spreadsheet was reviewed by City Council, and Mayor Rader invited Mr. Greg Roemer, owner of Community Waste Disposal (CWD), to speak regarding their services. Mr. Roemer commented on most of the sections of CWD's

extensive proposal package, as well as services that would be and could be offered to the citizens of Oak Leaf.

Mayor Pro Tem Pierce inquired about the open top containers and recycling, and Mr. Roemer made mention of their Extreme Green Event, which includes recycling of electronics, tires and a hazardous household waste drop-off. Councilman Lamb inquired about cities in the area served by CWD and was informed that they service Lancaster and Balch Springs. Then, Mayor Pro Tem Pierce asked regarding 95-gallon trash and recycle bins, and Mr. Roemer indicated there would be a charge for the trash bins but not for recycle. He also mentioned that they had several single-axle trash trucks available for using in Oak Leaf, and Councilman Lamb asked for more information concerning the weight of the trucks. Mr. Roemer then elaborated on the number of axles needed for various truck weights.

Mayor Rader also invited Mr. Dick Demien, marketing manager for Waste Connections (WC)(formerly known as Progressive Waste), to speak, and Mr. Demien identified several cities in the area (Red Oak, Ovilla, Midlothian, Waxahachie and Venus) serviced by WC. He then spoke about the features of their proposal.

Councilman Lamb asked if WC was connected to IESI and was informed they were. Mayor Pro Tem Pierce inquired about WC's policy to recycle electronics and was notified WC does not; however, they contract with a third party for it. Mayor Rader asked about the establishment of the company and was informed they had been in business since 1996. Mr. Demien was then asked about the number of trucks they have in service, he stated they have over one thousand trucks servicing two hundred and fifty municipalities. Councilman Lamb commented on having an ample amount of dumpsters to service the city, and both spokesmen agreed. Councilman Lamb then asked about the landfill availability. Mr. Demien informed Council that WC uses a landfill in Alvarado and the Waste Management Landfill. Mr. Roemer indicated that CWD uses Skyline Waste Management Landfill and McCommas Bluff Landfill. Councilman Lamb also asked about sites available to customers for dropping off items, and Mr. Demien stated that it would be possible at their landfill sites. Mr. Roemer indicated it would only be possible at their transfer station.

Discussion of the item was then postponed until a future Council Meeting.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. Approval Ordinance 1701 – an Ordinance Calling the May 6, 2017 General Election
- B. Action to Reappoint City Prosecuting Attorney
- C. Approval of Quarterly Investment Report

City Council reviewed the documentation for each item, and Councilman Lamb moved to approve the items as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Pierce seconded the motion.

Ayes: All
Nays: None
The motion passed.

V. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS (continued):

A. Discussion and Approval of December 13, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

The Minutes were reviewed and Councilman Liptak made a motion to approve the December 13, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. Councilman Little seconded the motion. No additional comments were made by the council members regarding the item, so Mayor Rader called for a vote.

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Pierce, Councilman Little, Councilman Liptak and Councilman Ellis

Nays: None

Abstains: Councilman Lamb

The motion passed.

B. Discussion and Approval of December 19, 2016 Special Meeting Minutes

The Minutes were reviewed and Mayor Pro Tem Pierce made a motion to approve the December 19, 2016 Special Meeting Minutes as presented. Councilman Liptak seconded the motion. No further comments were made by the council members regarding the item, so Mayor Rader called for a vote.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

The motion passed.

D. Selection of Dates for Spring and Fall Clean-up Events

Several dates were suggested and City Council agreed to have the Spring Clean-up Event on April 22nd and the Fall Clean-up Event on October 21st.

E. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Arrangements with Franklin Legal Publishing

Mayor Rader indicated Franklin Legal Publishing has served the city for many years and is based out of Lubbock, Texas. It charges \$20.00 per page to make changes to the City Code. He then gave a summary of the charges for the last few years. After that, Mayor Rader mentioned there was no difference in pricing to submit Code changes annually or quarterly, for which the city receives updated pages to the Code and website updates. He

then suggested submitting on a quarterly basis. After a short discussion, the council members agreed to submit quarterly.

VI. OLD BUSINESS ITEMS:

B. Discussion and Possible Approval of an Ordinance to Transfer Code Provisions Regarding Variances from Chapter 3 to Chapter 1

Mayor Rader shared background information regarding variances and informed all present that Chapter 1 would be a more appropriate location for it, since a variance could be applied to various areas of code. Council then discussed possible variance subjects. Councilman Lamb suggested adding a reference to variances in Chapter 3, and wording of it was discussed. Mayor Rader then indicated he had conferred with the city attorney regarding the changes until both were satisfied.

Mayor Pro Tem Pierce moved to adopt the ordinance as amended, and Councilman Ellis seconded the motion. There was no further discussion of the item, so Mayor Rader called for a vote.

Ayes: All
Nays: None
The motion passed.

D. Discussion and Possible Approval of an Ordinance to Transfer Substandard Building Codes from Chapter 3 to Chapter 7

Mayor Rader explained the revisions to Chapter 3 and gave background information about the creation of the ordinance, and Mayor Pro Tem Pierce commented favorably regarding about it.

Mayor Pro Tem Pierce then moved to adopt the ordinance as presented. Councilman Liptak seconded the motion. Council made no additional comments regarding the item, so Mayor Rader called for a vote.

Ayes: All
Nays: None
The motion passed.

F. Discussion and Possible Approval of an Ordinance Moving Flood Damage Prevention Program, Now Part of Chapter 3 to a Separate, New Chapter

Mayor Rader gave background information regarding the flood damage prevention section of Chapter 3 and indicated it had not been included in the latest revision to the chapter. Therefore, because of its importance to the city, it would be reinstated in a new chapter of City Code, Chapter 13.

Councilman Lamb moved to approve the ordinance as presented, and Councilman Liptak seconded the motion. No additional comments were made by City Council, so Mayor Rader called for a vote.

Ayes: All
Nays: None
The motion passed.

- G. Discussion and Possible Approval of an Ordinance Regarding Amendments to Chapter 3
Mayor Rader gave a summary concerning his goals regarding City Code. Then Council discussed many sections of the ordinance and made wording changes to Article 3.200, Section 3.200.001, Subsections (b) and (d) regarding permitting extensions and expired permits, to Article 3.300, Section 3.300.008 regarding the Fuel and Gas Code and Section 3.300.009, Subsection (6) regarding spas/hot tub covers, to Article 3.400, Section 3.400.003, Subsection (b) regarding fencing in the front yard and to reference variances in Article 3.100, Subsection (f).

Mayor Pro Tem Pierce moved to approve the ordinance as amended, and Councilman Liptak seconded the motion. The council members made no additional comments, so Mayor Rader called for a vote.

Ayes: All
Nays: None
The motion passed.

- VII. RECESS OF REGULAR MEETING:**
The regular meeting was recessed at 8:52 p.m.

- VIII. RECONVENE OF REGULAR MEETING:**
The regular meeting was reconvened at 9:03 p.m.

- E. Discussion and Possible Selection of a New City Logo from Logo Contest Entries
A shortened list of city logos was reviewed and a majority of the City Council selected # 29 as the new city logo.

- A. Discussion and Approval of Updated Quotes for City Pavilion
Mayor Rader made comments regarding the Texas Procurement Law issues to be addressed. Councilman Liptak stated she had contacted three underutilized businesses in Ellis County but only received one response. Council then discussed the bids for the pavilion and the electrical work, proof of engineered plans, proof of insurance for all parties involved, ADA compliance and using a city building inspector to manage the project.

Discussion was postponed until additional information could be obtained.

V. REPORTS:

A. Land and Building:

- Update on City Hall Phone/Internet Upgrades
Mayor Pro Tem Pierce informed the Council that the new phone and internet were not operational yet.

B. Legal:

- 101 Forest Brook Drive
There are no updates.

C. Public Works:

1. Lariat Circle Drainage Project
City Secretary Quintana stated the project had been completed.
2. Woodhaven Bridge Project
Mayor Rader mentioned the bridge project had begun.

VI. COMMUNITY INTEREST ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL AND CITY SECRETARY:

A. Self Defense Class Reminder

City Secretary Quintana indicated the next Self Defense Class is scheduled for January 21st from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

B. General Election Candidate Filing Reminder

City Secretary Quintana stated that the period for filing as an election candidate would be from January 18th to February 17th.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Lamb moved to adjourn at 9:43 p.m. and Councilman Liptak seconded the motion. Mayor Rader called for a vote.

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Ayes: All
Nays: None
The motion passed.

PASSED THIS 14th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2017

Bob Rader
Bob Rader, Mayor

ATTEST: Ronda Quintana
Ronda Quintana, City Secretary

