

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE OAK LEAF CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON FEBRUARY 14, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M.
AT OAK LEAF CITY HALL
301 LOCUST DRIVE**

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL:

Council Members Present:

Mayor Bob Rader

Councilman Joyce Liptak

Councilman Jimmie Lamb

Mayor Pro Tem James Pierce

Councilman John Little

Council Member Absent:

Councilman Susanne Ellis (due to health issue)

City Staff Present:

City Secretary Ronda Quintana

MAYOR RADER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. AND ANNOUNCED A QUORUM PRESENT.

A. Invocation:

Councilman Little gave the Invocation.

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:

Mr. Jack Bingham, owner of DCI Sanitation, and Mr. Michael Scott, citizen at 3512 S. Hampton Road, deferred their comments until discussion of the trash service.

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Approval of January 10, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

B. Approval of Joint Election Agreement with Red Oak ISD

After both documents were reviewed by City Council, Councilman Lamb moved to approve them as presented. Councilman Liptak seconded the motion. Mayor Rader called for a vote.

Ayes: All Present
Nays: None
The motion passed.

IV. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

- Discussion and Approval of a Variance Request to Build an Accessory Building Exceeding Square Footage Allowed by Code at 700 Roaring Creek Drive

The variance paperwork submitted by Mr. and Mrs. Morris was reviewed, and the council members made inquiries about the number of accessory buildings on the property and the removal of an existing smaller storage building once the new building was built. Mrs. Morris indicated the smaller building would be removed from the property.

After that, Councilman Liptak moved to approve the variance request, and Councilman Lamb seconded the motion. There was no further discussion concerning the item, so Mayor Rader called for a vote.

Ayes: All Present
Nays: None
The motion passed.

V. OLD BUSINESS ITEMS:

- A. Discussion and Possible Approval Regarding Trash Collection Service

Mayor Rader asked City Secretary Quintana to summarize the complaints received from citizens in the last six months, which she did. He then invited Mr. Bingham to speak regarding the issues.

Mr. Bingham indicated he had not been aware of any problems until recently and had become active in handling the company for the last two weeks. He mentioned that the office had new hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) and acknowledged the trucks were having mechanical issues. To help rectify the situation, he had ordered a new vehicle, and two new mechanics had been hired and would begin working soon. In the meantime, the truck repairs have been outsourced. Mayor Rader commented about equipment breaking down and not being repaired in a timely manner. Mr. Bingham mentioned his trucks handle four routes a day, five days a week, and he would be making every effort to turn the situation around.

Mayor Rader then asked about the other cities serviced by DCI and was informed they handle Milford, Italy, Avalon, Palmer, Garrett, Alma, Bristol, Frost and the outskirts of Midlothian and Red Oak. Councilman Liptak asked if the new truck would have a single or double axel and was informed it would be a single. Mayor Rader raised a question

regarding the construction company Mr. Bingham also owns and operates. He responded that responsibility of it would be turned over to long-known employees, so he can concentrate his efforts on the trash service. Councilman Lamb questioned why action was not taken sooner, since the problems started in June. Mr. Bingham answered that his manager of operations had not been truthful with him, and he had not followed up. Councilman Little asked about the current contract's expiration date and was informed it would expire in September of 2017.

Mayor Rader then invited Mr. Michael Scott to speak, and Mr. Scott mentioned that the citizens of Oak Leaf are not getting what they paid for, and that DCI Sanitation is in breach of their contract for not making their rounds between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. He then mentioned if the city were to consider changing trash companies, deliberations should begin in July, so DCI can be given their sixty-day notice (thus preventing a lapse in service). Then, Mr. Scott remarked about citizens relying on the city for trash service and that it was important to the community. After that, he spoke about types of trash receptacles, the disadvantage of trash bins for the elderly or citizens with long driveways, proper disposal of materials to be recycled (to protect the environment), the problem with various animals getting into his and his in-law's trash because it was not picked up in a timely manner and DCI's confusing holiday pick-up schedule.

Councilman Liptak asked Mr. Scott if his location could be a problem. Mr. Scott replied that he and his neighbors have been there since 2000 and that new equipment would reduce the amount of down time. Councilman Lamb inquired about DCI Sanitation's financial stability and if proof of it could be provided. Mr. Bingham indicated that the company was stable. However, he would have to consider the request, since the company's finances were directly tied to his personal records. Mr. Bingham asked why it was necessary, and Councilman Lamb stated that if a company is strapped for cash, it is hard to hire and keep employees and maintain equipment. Mayor Pro Tem Pierce inquired about the recycling program, and Mr. Bingham responded that all recyclable items are taken to a company in Grand Prairie, and a receipt is given for each trip. Councilman Liptak asked if DCI was compensated for their recycle deposits, and Mr. Bingham stated the quantity brought in did not qualify for payment. However, on the plus side, there was no drop-off charges associated with them.

Council then discussed possible options regarding the current trash contract, and the item was postponed until the next Regular Council Meeting.

B. Discussion and Approval of Updated Quotes for City Pavilion

After Mayor Rader gave a brief summation of the previous pavilion discussions, he informed Council and the audience members of the process to get funding through the Economic Development Corporation. City Council then reviewed and discussed the updated quotes.

Mayor Pro Tem Pierce moved to approve the Eagle National Steel bid for the amount of \$17,718.26, and Councilman Liptak seconded the motion. No other comments were made by Council, so Mayor Rader called for a vote.

Ayes: All Present
Nays: None
The motion passed.

Councilman Lamb moved to approve the bid from Reeves Electric for \$6,200.00. Mayor Pro Tem Pierce seconded the motion. The council members made no further comments, so Mayor Rader called for a vote.

Ayes: All Present
Nays: None
The motion passed.

Councilman Lamb moved to approve the Paul Day Excavating Co. bid of \$1,850.00 for the pavilion pad, and Mayor Pro Tem Pierce seconded the motion. Council made no further comments, so Mayor Rader called for a vote.

Ayes: All Present
Nays: None
The motion passed.

VI. REPORTS:

A. Land and Building:

1. Update on City Hall Phone/Internet Upgrades

Mayor Pro Tem Pierce indicated the new phones and internet connections were operational.

B. Legal:

1. 101 Forest Brook Drive Regarding Damaged Residence

Mayor Rader mentioned that the city is in the process of locating and serving summons to the property owners.

2. 701 Lark Lane Regarding Number of Vehicles and Debris on Property

Mayor Rader stated the property owner has been summoned to appear in court on February 16th.

C. Public Works:

1. Woodhaven Bridge Project

City Secretary Quintana stated the bridge project was making progress.

2. Installation of Segment 2 of Red Oak Creek Septic Line for Trinity River Authority in the Woodhaven Court Area

Mayor Rader informed the Council and members of the audience that he had met with representatives of BW2 and the Trinity River Authority regarding installation of Segment 2 of the Red Oak Creek septic line in Oak Leaf. The citizens most affected by the work would be in the Woodhaven Court area, and the dense growth of trees on south side of the creek past Woodhaven Bridge will be an obstacle for the project.

D. Miscellaneous

• Public Funds Investment Act Workshop

Councilman Liptak mentioned she had attended the two-day Public Funds Investment Act Workshop in Waco and various topics were discussed. She then indicated there were several improvements and amendments to be made to the current Investment Policy and quarterly Investment Reports.

VII. 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 February 18th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

B. General Election Candidate Filing Reminder

City Secretary Quintana stated that the deadline for filing as an election candidate was February 17th.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Pierce moved to adjourn at 8:19 p.m. and Councilman Liptak seconded the motion. Mayor Rader called for a vote.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

The motion passed.

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PASSED THIS 14th DAY OF March, 2017

Bob Rader
Bob Rader, Mayor

ATTEST: Ronda Quintana
Ronda Quintana, City Secretary

