

THE WOODLOCH TOWN COUNCIL HELD A REGULAR AGENDA MEETING ON MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2021. Meeting started at 7:00 pm

1. Call to Order by Mayor Leino
2. Opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America was led by Mayor Leino
3. Roll Call Present at the meeting were:
Mayor, R. Leino Jr., Aldermen: G. Mink, M. Greening, Christopher Waddle, M. Greening. L. Kessner Quorum was established.
4. Citizen Comments – Not to Exceed 30 minutes (3 minutes per person)
Diane Lincoln: Regarding Communication and Information. It is my opinion that that the communication from this council and specially from the Mayor to the residents is sorely lacking. Several meetings ago when discussing the insurance rating, I was asked information about the fire rating and why it was so important. The fire rating during my last year of service was a 2 as well as all my other ratings and this was confirmed ISO. This year's rating was the worse that Woodloch has ever received and puts everyone at risk for fires as there is little pressure in some of the fire hydrants. There is little information about hiring a \$15 dollar that would not only cost the town \$31,000 plus the Medicare and social security costs as well. The information was provided to the council and the town did not have any money to provide safety protection and repair and there was no money available to fix this issue but there was money to hire another employee. No information was provided to council, and they blindly approved hiring another employee. I am interested as to why this person was hired and how it would save on the S&S's bills. I would like to also remind y'all that not everyone has a computer or smart phone, but the residents do have mailboxes. Consumer confident was not sent out via mail but posted. Putting it on Facebook does not suffice.
5. Approval of all previous month's minutes.
Motion to approve last month's minutes made by Alderman D. Nichols seconded by Alderman: M. Greening. 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed
6. Monthly Reports
 - A. **Financial** – Mayor Ralph Leino. Total Income for General for the Month of June \$1,215.07 Total expenses: \$3,409.97. Utility Fund Total Income: \$27,461.26 Total Expenses \$24,955.97. Total Income for General for the Month of July \$592.46 Total expenses: \$10,404.57 (includes the election expenses for November). Utility Fund Total Income: \$24,853.15 Total Expenses \$18,424.60.
 - B. **Ad Valorem Activity** – Tax Assessor presented by Guy Griscom. Collection for July 300.32. Including 254.41 of 2021 Taxes and penalty & interests of \$45.91. The good news is that through July you have 2020 taxes 80% collected. Some people did contest their taxes as people have the right to do, we have about 9 properties.
 - C. **Public Works** – Operations – Mayor (Jason absent).
Accountability in June 102%. Accounting for all the water we are putting out. We are well under of last year as we have had a lot of rain. June total gallons 989,000.00 and July 1,292,000.00.
 - D. **Engineering** – Presented by Mike Mathena
 1. **Texas Water Development Board – Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan Pressure Tank No 1 Replacement (2017 Loan with 100% Loan Forgiveness)** – The project is complete and has been placed the 1-year warranty period.

2. TWDB 2018 Hurricane Harvey Emergency Clean Water State Revolving Fund (WWTP Phase 2)/GLO Tax Day/Memorial Day Flood Relief (WWTP) Phase 1.

- a. Site work. - C-3 has completed their work with the elevated pad for the electrical installations. The Blower and MCC concrete pads, along with the truck drive, are now in the process of being laid.
- b. WWTP - AUC has started to mobilize and install components of the WWTP. The Clarifier basin has already begun to be assembled at the facility site.

3. Hurricane Harvey Recovery – WWTP Generator, Lift Station and Bar Screen. The design of the generator is completed, and we are evaluating options for the lift station rehab. Once complete, we can start to bid the project. Approval needed for armament to take the previous engineering fee from \$13,000 to \$11,233.96. We are done and 0 out. Motion to approve made by Alderman G. Mink and second by Alderman M. Greening. 5 ayes, 0 Nays. Motion Passed.

4. TxCDBG Grant – Sanitary Sewer and Manhole Rehab. The project is complete and being closed out.

5. Pressure Tank No 2 Recoating -L240

Contractor will be on site to commence work September.

Mike let the council know that there is a 51K American Rescue Plan for Covid Recovery. This amount was calculated based on population. That money can be used water & sewage services and several other things you can do. We will be working with the City Secretary to apply for these funds.

Update for the Eagle project. Entergy has agreed to help with funds, and it looks like we may have the flag poles by October.

E. Ground's Maintenance. Mayor

Tools & Equipment. Change belt and replaced rear tire for 0 turn mower. All mowing equipment greased and cleaned and fueled. Pending a grease gun needs to be purchased. Mower blades needs to be sharpened. Water pump needs to be service. Grounds: Continue to Remove tree limbs and trash from fields as some residents have been dumping their trash in the Town's fields and Mayor made a post letting people know that they should be cutting up and put in the regular trash. Mowed the Town and water plant. The back fence of the water plant needs to be cleared but because a lot of all the cement and curbs were dumped behind this area after the flood that caused all the houses in Woodhollow to be demolished. It is very difficult to get there. Tried using the tractor to remove the big cement pieces but was too heavy to move. Will continue to work with Mayor and Operations to come up with a way to clean behind this fence. All lift stations are mowed and cleared. Will be trained by Jason or Damon to start removing non-working meters to be sent for replacements.

7. Consider, Discuss and Approve Accounts Payable.

Motion to approve Accounts Payable for June and July 2021 made by Alderman M. Greening and seconded by Alderman C. Waddle 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

8. Discuss the 2021 effective tax rate. Mr. Guy Griscom. We have official form provide by the Texas Comptroller to calculate the tax rate. We received from the Appraisal district a certified roll on July 23. There are 9 properties in Woodloch that did not certify as they have a protest outstanding. The 2020 total taxable value was 9,836.616. 2020 total adopted tax rate was 0.034440/\$100. The taxable value for 2021 is 10,074,985 and the 2021 NNR tax rate is 0.33610/\$100. 2021 Budget needs to be approved before the Tax rate is adopted, it can be conducted in the same meeting but the item agenda for budge must be listed first. This meeting needs to be done before the September regular meeting. Special meeting was planed for Sept 2, 2021.

9. Consider, Discuss and Approve a contract for residential garbage collections with Farmers Solid Waste Disposal Company. New trash days are on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Casey Estes presented for Farmers Solid Waste.
Motion to approve made by Alderman L. Kessner, seconded by Alderman: G. Mink. 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed
10. Consider, Discuss the members for 2021 Budget committee and coordinate a date to hold a special agenda meeting for presentation. Must be before September meeting. Mr. Donald Nichols agreed to assist with 2021-2021 Annual budget.
11. Closed Executive Session (No)
12. Other Business
 - a) Update on current projects
 - b) Reminder for the residents to keep the streets clear for contractors working on the sewer plant.
13. Adjournment
Motion to Adjourn made by Alderman: C. Waddle seconded by Alderman: G. Mink. 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed. 8:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Carmen Loor
City Secretary