

**City of West Orange
Monday, April 8, 2019
Regular Session**

**West Orange Community Center
2700 Western Avenue (rear entrance)
West Orange, Texas
5:00 P.M.**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Roy McDonald	Dale Dardeau	Shirley Bonnin
Michael Shugart, Sr.	Frances Lopez	Randy Branch

APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Dean Fuller	Theresa Van Meter	Rex Peveto
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OTHERS PRESENT:

Dan Perrine	Debbie Schlicher	Patty Cook
Dave Rogers	Brent Dearing	Carmen Vega
Cheryl Williams		

Call to Order

Mayor McDonald called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Pro-Tem Bonnin gave the invocation. The mayor then led in the Pledges of Allegiance to the American and Texas flags.

Consent Agenda

Discussion and Possible Action on:

- approval of the minutes of the March 11, 2019 Council Meeting
- proclaiming the month of April, 2019 as "Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention Month"

The items on the Consent Agenda were unanimously approved by Council vote after a motion was made by Council Member Dardeau, followed by a second from Council Member Lopez.

Regular Session

Presentation by Debbie Schlicher, followed by discussion, concerning animal control and adoption issues – Ms. Schlicher stated that she has been a volunteer with the WO animal shelter for quite some time. She has worked successfully to have many dogs adopted out, thereby drastically cutting down on the number of euthanasia instances performed.

She reported that there is a huge problem with feral cats in West Orange. If Council would agree, she offered to set out cages, bring the cats to the vet and have them spayed or neutered (where their ears would be clipped to designate those cats who had been "fixed,") and then return them where they had been caught, if that was the desire of the residents in that area. She explained that she has many people who are faithful to donate funds to help with the spaying and neutering costs.

Ms. Schlicher also asked Council to consider increasing adoption fees for dogs along the lines as the City of Orange. They charge \$98. Once the adoption fee has been paid for a dog, Ms. Schlicher picks up the dog and takes it to the vet where it is spayed or neutered and also receives its rabies vaccination. The person who is adopting the dog then picks it up from the vet. At the present time, West Orange charges \$50 for dog adoptions, and refunds that \$50 when/if the person bring back proof that the dog got its shots and was spayed or neutered. She stated that oftentimes, that is never done. If the adoption fee is increased, and the animal is brought to the vet by someone from the City, the chances of that animal reproducing is eliminated.

Council Member Branch thanked Ms. Schlicher for her dedication to the animals and for her work for West Orange.

Mayor McDonald also expressed his appreciation to her, adding that the City already has an ordinance in place that addresses some of these issues. He suggested possibly meeting with Ms. Schlicher to review this ordinance.

Discussion and Possible Action on adopting a policy authorizing the City to contract with a financial depository doing business outside the city limits, if deemed in the best

interest of the City – Council Member Dardeau made a motion that this policy, which would authorize the City to contract with a financial depository doing business outside the city limits, if deemed in the best interest of the City, be adopted as presented. This motion was seconded by Council Member Branch.

Discussion and Possible Action on authorizing the City Secretary to publish notice requesting proposals for depository services for the City – Mrs. Van Meter was authorized to publish notice requesting proposals for depository services for the City by unanimous vote after a motion to do so was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Bonnin, followed by a second by Council Member Dardeau.

Discussion and Possible Action on accepting into record the Quarterly Investment Report for October – December, 2018 – The Quarterly Investment Report for October – December, 2018, as presented by Mayor McDonald and Mrs. Van Meter, was accepted into record as presented after a unanimous vote was cast by Council following a motion by Council Member Dardeau, with a second from Council Member Lopez.

Discussion and Possible Action on engaging grant administration services for the Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) program grant for the waste water treatment plant project – Mayor Pro-Tem Bonnin made a motion that Gary R. Traylor & Associates be engaged to handle the administration services for the Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) program grant for the waste water treatment plant project. This motion received a second from Council Member Dardeau. Mayor McDonald called for a vote on the motion, which passed unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action on engaging engineering services for the Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) program grant for the waste water treatment plant project - Council Member Dardeau made a motion that Arceneaux Wilson & Cole be engaged to handle the engineering services for the Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) program grant for the waste water treatment plant project. This motion received a second from Council Member Mayor Pro-Tem Bonnin. This motion was also unanimously approved by vote.

Public Hearing

At 5:22 p.m., Mayor McDonald temporarily recessed the Regular Session of the meeting in order to conduct a Public Hearing to solicit input from the community concerning awareness for the support of fair housing, as well as to address concerns of residents as they may relate to fair housing.

There were no concerns brought forth from any residents, nor from the Council.

Adjourn Public Hearing and Reconvene Regular Session

Mayor McDonald adjourned the Public Hearing and reconvened the meeting back into Regular Session at 5:24 p.m.

Announcements

Mayor McDonald then noted the following:

- City of West Orange Spring Clean-Up – April 12-13, 2019; 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. each day
- Early Voting by Personal Appearance in the Office of the City Secretary (*for City of WO General Election only*) – April 22 – April 30, 2019
- Next Council meeting: Monday, May 13, 2019; 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment

With there being no further business before Council, Mayor McDonald adjourned the meeting at 5:25 p.m.



Roy McDonald

 Roy McDonald, Mayor

ATTEST:

Theresa Van Meter

 Theresa Van Meter, City Secretary