

**City of West Orange
Tuesday, April 23, 2019
Special Session**

**West Orange Community Center
2700 Western Avenue (rear entrance)
West Orange, Texas
11:15 A.M.**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Pro-Tem Shirley Bonnin Dale Dardeau Frances Lopez
Randy Branch

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mayor Roy McDonald Michael Shugart, Sr.

APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Mike Stelly Theresa Van Meter

OTHERS PRESENT:

Melinda Smith Dan Perrine

Call to Order

Mayor Pro-Tem Bonnin called the meeting to order at 11:15 A.M. Council Member Branch gave the invocation. Mayor Pro-Tem Bonnin then led in the Pledges of Allegiance to the American and Texas flags.

Special Session

Discussion and Possible Action on approving a draft of the City's DR-4332 CDBG-DR Infrastructure application to post for public review for required thirty (30) day comment period – Mayor Pro-Tem Bonnin stated that she was under the understanding that this item needed to be tabled for the time being. Mrs. Melinda Smith explained that it did need to be tabled, as the draft was not yet ready for presentation to Council. Mayor Pro-Tem Bonnin did table the item to be presented at a future meeting.

Discussion and Possible Action on approving a Resolution authorizing the submittal of an Economic Development Administration Disaster Assistance application to the EDA and authorizing the Mayor to act as the City's authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the application and the subsequent award - A motion to pass this resolution, which would authorize the submittal of an Economic Development Administration Disaster Assistance application to the EDA and authorize the Mayor or Mayor Pro-Tem to act as the City's authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the application and the subsequent award, was made by Council Member Lopez and seconded by Council Member Dardeau. Mrs. Smith explained that funds from this grant would be used to relocate (but within the same plant-site) and elevate the sewer treatment plant. A vote on the motion was then cast, passing unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action on Ordinance No. 446, an Ordinance denying the distribution of the Cost Recovery Factor rate increase request of Entergy Texas, Inc. – Council Member Dardeau made a motion that Council pass Ordinance No. 446, denying the distribution of the Cost Recovery Factor rate increase request of Entergy Texas, Inc. His motion received a second from Council Member Branch. With there being no discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Bonnin called for a vote, with the motion passing unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action on authorizing the public works director to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the Orange County Drainage District to assist the City in performing drainage work – Council Member Lopez made a motion that council authorize the public works director to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the Orange County Drainage District to assist the City in performing drainage work. Council Member Dardeau seconded her motion. As there were no questions or discussion on the item, a vote was called, with a unanimous vote to approve the motion being cast.

Discussion and Possible Action on the following residential tax exemptions for tax year 2019:

- a) **Homestead** – Council Member Lopez moved that the Homestead Exemption remain at 20%. Council Member Dardeau seconded her motion. A vote was cast, motion carried.
- b) **65 or older**
- c) **Disabled** - Council Member Dardeau made a motion that both the 65 or older and the Disabled Exemptions remain at \$17,000 respectively. Council Member Lopez seconded his motion. A unanimous vote approving the motion was then cast.

Discussion and Possible Action on retaining Chris Kite as a full-time employee with the City of West Orange – Council Member Dardeau made a motion that Chris Kite be retained as a full-time employee with the City of West Orange. Council Member Lopez seconded his motion. Chief Stelly stated that both he and David Vaughn, members of the Police Department, were completing their six-month introductory period. Mayor Pro-Tem Bonnin called for a vote on the motion, which passed unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action on retaining David Vaughn as a full-time employee with the City of West Orange - Council Member Lopez moved that David Vaughn be retained as David Vaughn as a full-time employee with the City of West Orange. Council Member Dardeau seconded her motion. A vote was cast; motion carried.

Announcements

Mayor Pro-Tem Bonnin then announced that the next Council meeting was scheduled for Monday, May 13, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment

With there being no further business before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:31 A.M.



Roy McDonald, Mayor

ATTEST:



Theresa Van Meter, City Secretary

