

**City of West Orange  
Monday, September 3, 2019  
Budget Hearing**

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

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**COUNCIL MEMBER ABSENT:**

Brent Dearing

**APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

Rex Peveto	Theresa Van Meter	David Roberts
Simmie Gibson		

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Dan Perrine

**Call to Order**

Mayor McDonald called the hearing to order at 5:00 p.m., announcing that a quorum was present.

He stated that the purpose of this hearing was to conduct a question and answer period pertaining to the proposed budget for the City of West Orange for fiscal year 10/01/2019 – 09/30/2020.

He then read the following statement:

“I am proposing a budget to you that will require a \$0.47 property tax rate, which is the same rate adopted for the 2018 tax year.

When comparing this proposed budget versus our current budget, you will notice:

- an increase in projected revenue of \$155,840, or 5.118%;
- a decrease in projected expenses of \$42,797, or 1.151%;
- capital purchases (total cost estimated at \$256,750) to include vehicles, radar units and radios for the Police Department, new playground equipment, Christmas decorations, and hose and other needed equipment for the Fire Dept.;
- a 3% employee wage increase for all employees.

After much study, I have decided to propose to you that we not purchase a new “officials” vehicle, but rather pay mileage to those traveling out of town on city business using their own vehicles. After reviewing the amount of money spent over the past few years versus the amount of miles put on the current vehicle, it is just not practical to continue to insure and maintain it.”

The mayor then asked if there were any comments or questions pertaining to this proposed budget. There were none.

**Adjournment**

As there were no comments or questions pertaining to the proposed budget, the mayor adjourned the hearing at 5:03 p.m.

  
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Roy McDonald, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Theresa Van Meter, City Secretary

