

**City of West Orange
Monday, September 9, 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

Randy Branch
Michael Shugart, Sr.

Shirley Bonnin
Brent Dearing

APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Rex Peveto
David Roberts

Theresa Van Meter

Simmie Gibson

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dan Perrine

Dave Rogers

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.

Public Comments

Asst. Chief Simmie Gibson announced that the WOVFD would be hosting the Orange County Firemen’s Association in the community center after the conclusion of the council meeting. Mayor McDonald stated that he was happy to hear it, adding that it had been a while since the West Orange department had hosted this meeting.

Consent Agenda

Discussion and Possible Action on approval of the minutes of the:

- **August 19, 2019 City Council Meeting;**
- **August 26, 2019 Budget Workshop;**
- **September 3, 2019 Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget for 2019-20;**
- **September 3, 2019 Public Hearing on the 2019 Proposed Tax Rate;**

Council Member Dardeau made a motion that all minutes presented be approved as presented. His motion was followed by a second from Council Member Branch. A vote on the motion was cast, passing unanimously.

Regular Session

Mayor McDonald stated that as the first three items on the agenda all pertained to the EDA grant and as the City’s representative from Traylor & Associates, Melinda Smith, was not yet present, he would table them until the end of the meeting.

Discussion and Possible Action on the 2019-2021 Articles of Agreement between the West Orange Municipal Police Association, Inc. and the City of West Orange – Council Member Dardeau made a motion that the 2019-2021 Articles of Agreement between the West Orange Municipal Police Association, Inc. and the City of West Orange be approved as presented. Council Member Dearing seconded this motion. Council Member Branch asked if this agreement was similar to the one currently in place. Mayor McDonald responded that it was, with just a few changes, including that n grievance and arbitration, arbitration will be used for contractual matters only, while grievance procedures will be used for disciplinary matters only. Also added to the new contract will be a \$100 per year boot allowance for all officers.

With there being no further questions or discussion, Mayor McDonald called for a vote, with the motion to approve the 2019-2021 Articles of Agreement between the West Orange Municipal Police Association, Inc. and the City of West Orange passing unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action on adopting the City’s budget (by record vote) for the

2019-2020 fiscal year requiring a tax rate of \$0.470 per \$100 assessed value -

Council Member Dardeau made a motion that the 2019-2020 budget (requiring a tax rate of \$0.4700 per \$100 valuation) be adopted as presented. Mayor Pro-Tem Bonnin seconded his motion.

Below is a summary of the 2019-20 budget presented for vote, which would require a tax rate of \$0.4700 per \$100 assessed value:

2019-20 BUDGET SUMMARY			
	<u>Operations</u>	<u>Capital Outlay</u>	<u>Total</u>
10 Gen. Administration	\$ 438,971	\$ -	\$ 438,971
11 Fire Marshal	104,194	750	104,944
12 Fire Department	46,651	79,500	126,151
13 Sanitation	628,992	-	628,992
14 Humane	62,247	-	62,247
15 Police	1,381,124	96,500	1,477,624
16 Municipal Court	156,192	-	156,192
17 Street	445,389	50,000	495,389
18 Parks & Facilities	77,727	30,000	107,727
21 Maintenance Shop	75,667	-	75,667
	<u>\$ 3,417,154</u>	<u>\$ 256,750</u>	<u>\$ 3,673,904</u>
TOTAL REVENUE \$ 3,201,030			
+ EST. BEGINNING FUND BALANCE <u>472,874</u>			
= EST. FUNDS AVAILABLE \$ 3,673,904			
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES \$ 3,417,154			
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY & IMP. <u>256,750</u>			
\$ 3,673,904			
NET INCOME(LOSS) \$ -			

With there being no questions or further discussion on the proposed budget, Mayor McDonald called for a "roll-call" vote:

Council Member Branch	For
Council Member Dearing	For
Council Member Dardeau	For
Mayor Pro-Tem Bonnin	For
Council Member Shugart	For
Mayor McDonald	For

With there being a unanimous record vote "For" this budget as presented, it was adopted for the 2019-20 fiscal year.

Discussion and Possible Action on Ordinance No. 448 (by record vote), levying taxes at the rate of \$0.470 per \$100 assessed value for the maintenance and operation expenses of the City of West Orange, Texas for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2020 – Mayor Pro-Tem Bonnin made a motion that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.4700 per \$100 assessed value, which is effectively a 2.05% increase in the tax rate - for the maintenance and operational expenses of the City of West Orange, Texas for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2020. Council Member Dardeau seconded her motion.

There was no discussion on the motion, therefore Mayor McDonald called for a "roll-call" vote:

Council Member Branch	For
Council Member Dearing	For
Council Member Dardeau	For
Mayor Pro-Tem Bonnin	For
Council Member Shugart	For
Mayor McDonald	For

The ad valorem property tax rate of \$0.4700 per \$100 assessed value was thereby unanimously passed for the 2019 tax year via Ordinance No 448.

Discussion and Possible Action on ratifying a property tax rate that would increase the budget by \$33,000, which is a 5.699% increase over last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$1,404.18 - Council Member Dardeau made a motion that Council ratify the property tax rate of \$0.4700 per \$100 assessed value which will increase the budget by \$33,000.00, which is an 5.699% increase over last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$1,404.18. His motion was seconded by Council Member Branch. With there being no discussion on the motion, Mayor McDonald called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor McDonald reported that he had been informed that Mrs. Melinda Smith had been detained at a meeting of the Water District and would not be able to make the Council meeting after all. He therefore proceeded with the items that had been tabled earlier in the meeting.

Discussion and Possible Action on executing an agreement with Traylor & Associates, Inc. for administrative services for the City's EDA Disaster Recovery grant – Council Member Dardeau made a motion that the City execute an agreement with Traylor & Associates, Inc. for administrative services for the City's EDA Disaster Recovery grant. Council Member Dearing seconded his motion. With there being no discussion on the issue, Mayor McDonald called for a vote on the motion, which passed unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action on executing an agreement with Arceneaux, Wilson & Cole for engineering services for the City's EDA Disaster recovery grant – Council Member Dardeau made a motion that the City execute an agreement with Arceneaux, Wilson & Cole for engineering services for the City's EDA Disaster recovery grant. Mayor Pro-Tem Bonnin seconded his motion. Council Member Dearing asked if this water treatment plant would be built in the same location as the present one. He was told that it would be, but raised to a higher elevation. He stated that he would like to see shrubbery planted near the road or something else placed there to block visuals of the plant that would be more pleasing to see as people enter the City. The mayor responded that he was certain that that would not be covered by the grant, but "we can ask." With no further discussion, he then called for a vote on the motion. All present voted in favor of the agreement.

Discussion and Possible Action on approval of an Interlocal Agreement between the City, the OCWCID #2 and the Orange County Port and Navigation District outlining the responsibilities of each entity for the City's EDA Disaster Recovery grant – Council Member Dardeau made a motion that council approve an Interlocal Agreement between the City, the OCWCID #2 and the Orange County Port and Navigation District outlining the responsibilities of each entity for the City's EDA Disaster Recovery grant. Council Member Branch seconded his motion. Mayor McDonald asked if anyone had any questions or comments, and with there being none, he called for a vote on the motion. It was unanimously passed.

Announcements

Mayor McDonald then noted the following:

- Next Council meeting: Monday, October 7, 2019; 5:00 p.m.
(Please note change in date from Oct. 14th to Oct. 7th)
- Registrations are now being accepted for "Holiday in the Park" (Nov. 2, 2019)

Adjournment

With there being no further business before Council, Mayor McDonald adjourned the meeting at 5:21p.m.



Roy McDonald

 Roy McDonald, Mayor

ATTEST:

Theresa Van Meter

 Theresa Van Meter, City Secretary