

**City of West Orange
Monday, December 16, 2019
Special Session**

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Roy McDonald
Brent Dearing

Randy Branch
Michael Shugart, Sr.

Dale Dardeau

COUNCIL MEMBER ABSENT:

Shirley Bonnin

APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Rex Peveto

Theresa Van Meter

Mike Stelly

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dan Perrine
James Gearen

Kirk Roccaforte
Melinda Smith

Mike Owens
Beth Eddings

Call to Order

Mayor McDonald called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Council Member Branch 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 November 18, 2019 Council Meeting - Council Member Dardeau made a motion that these minutes be approved as presented. His motion was followed by a second from Council Member Branch. A vote on the motion was cast, passing unanimously.

Public Comments

Mr. Owens introduced himself, explaining that he was present representing a group of volunteers, "Team 409," that is similar to the "Cajun Navy." "Team 409" presently has 50 members and strictly services this area. All volunteers have passed background checks. They have, or have access to, boats, trucks, ATVs, etc. He wants to make the community aware that the organization is here and is ready to assist in whatever way they can should the need arise.

Mayor McDonald thanked him for coming and asked him to meet with the WOVFD Chief David Roberts.

Regular Session

Discussion of sub-standard and hazardous conditions of the structure and all ordinances pertaining to 919 Elkport per request of Ms. Deanna Laughlin – Mayor McDonald stated that Ms. Laughlin was not in attendance at that time, and as she had requested this item be placed on the agenda, he would table it in the event that she arrive later during the meeting.

Discussion and Possible Action on an approval of an Application for a Solid Waste Collection Franchise submitted by 2S Roll-off Service LLC – Council Member Dardeau made a motion that this franchise permit be approved and issued as requested. Council Member Shugart seconded his motion. The mayor explained that any company wishing to deliver dumpsters to homes and/or businesses within the City must first acquire a franchise permit with the City. This is per City ordinance. He then asked for a vote on the motion, which passed unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action on approval of a contract with Traylor & Associates, Inc. to provide administration services to the 2019 TxCDBG Street Improvements Grant #7219460 – Council Member Dardeau made a motion that the contract with Traylor &

Associates, Inc. to provide administration services to the 2019 TxCDBG Street Improvements Grant #7219460 be approved as presented. Council Member Branch seconded his motion. Mrs. Smith explained that this grant will cover needed improvements to Austin Street beginning at Holley Street westward to the dead end of the street. Mayor McDonald called for a vote on the motion. It was unanimously passed.

Discussion and Possible Action on amending the Contract for Professional Management Services with Traylor & Associates for the EDA – WWTP Grant – Council Member Dardeau made a motion that the EDA-WWTP contract be amended as proposed. Council Member Dearing seconded his motion.

Mrs. Smith explained the need for the amendment: As the total grant award amount was significantly lower than had been originally applied for, the fees for grant administration services based on that original amount would need to decrease accordingly. Traylor & Associates, Inc. therefore presented an amendment to their contract decreasing their fees for that project from \$250,000 to \$175,000.

With there being no further discussion and no questions on this issue, the mayor called for a vote on the motion. It was unanimously passed by Council.

Discussion and Possible Action on authorizing the solicitation of proposals for administration and engineering services for a possible application for CDBG-MIT funding – Council Member Dardeau made a motion that authorization be given to begin solicitation of proposals for administration and engineering services for a possible application for CDBG-MIT funding. Council Member Branch seconded his motion. With there being no discussion on the matter, a vote on the motion was cast, passing unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action on authorizing the mayor to accept and execute the awards of the following Texas Div. of Emergency Mgmt. mitigation grants:

- DR-4332-139 Water Well No. 1 Generator
- DR-4332-140 Water Well No. 2 Generator
- DR-4332-111 Water Well No. 3 Generator
- DR-4332-117 South Avenue Lift Station Generator
- DR-4332-135 Flint Street Lift Station Generator
- DR-4332-136 Irving Street Lift Station Generator

Council Member Dardeau made a motion that the mayor be authorized to accept and execute the awards of the following Texas Div. of Emergency Mgmt. mitigation grants:

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Council Member Shugart seconded this motion. Chief Stelly explained that these would be grants for the Water District and no city funds would be used. The City is simply applying for the grants for them, as legally they are unable to apply themselves.

Mayor McDonald then called for a vote on the motion. Approval of the motion was unanimous.

Announcements

Mayor McDonald then noted the following:

- Tuesday & Wednesday, December 24 & 25, 2019 – All City offices closed in observance of Christmas (*Trash will be picked up in WO on Saturday that week.*)
- Tuesday, December 31, 2019 & Wednesday, January 1, 2020 – All City offices closed in observance of Christmas (*Trash will be picked up in WO on Saturday that week.*)
- Next Council meeting: Monday, January 13, 2020; 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment

With there being no further business before Council, Mayor McDonald adjourned the meeting at 5:14 p.m.

Roy McDonald
Roy McDonald, Mayor

ATTEST:

Theresa Van Meter
Theresa Van Meter, City Secretary

