

**City of West Orange
Monday, March 2, 2020
Special Session**

**West Orange Community Center
2700 Western Avenue (rear entrance)
West Orange, Texas
Noon**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Rex Peveto	Theresa Van Meter	Mike Stelly
Alex Parker		

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dan Perrine	Beth Eddings	Melinda Smith
Mike Wilson		

Call to Order

Mayor McDonald called the meeting to order at noon. 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 February 10, 2020 Council Meeting – Council Member Dardeau made a motion that the minutes of the February 10, 2020 Council meeting be approved as presented. His motion was followed by a second by Mayor Pro-Tem Bonnin. A vote on the motion was cast, passing unanimously.

Public Comments

Mr. Perrine stated that it was good to see Council Member Dardeau back again after his recent illness. Everyone agreed and welcomed him back to his council seat.

Mr. Wilson, representing Piney Woods Sanitation, thanked Council for the City's business. He stated that the company is trying to do a good job, but he wanted to know if anyone had any issues that he needed to address. None were brought forth by Council. He then reported that there will be no price increase this year. Council was grateful for that and thanked him for his report.

Regular Session

Discussion and Possible Action on acceptance of the Certification of Unopposed Candidates for the May 2, 2020 General Election – Council Member Dardeau made a motion that the Certification of Unopposed Candidates for the May 2, 2020 General Election presented by Mrs. Van Meter be accepted into record as presented. Mayor Pro-Tem Bonnin seconded his motion. With there being no questions or discussions, a vote was cast, passing unanimously.

Discusión y posible acción sobre la aceptación de la certificación de candidatos sin oposición para la elección general del 2 de mayo de 2020 - El miembro del Consejo Dardeau hizo una moción para que la Certificación de Candidatos sin oposición para la Elección general del 2 de mayo de 2020 presentada por la Sra. Van Meter sea aceptada en el registro tal como se presentó. El alcalde Pro-Tem Bonnin secundó su moción. Al no haber preguntas ni discusiones, se emitió un voto, que se aprobó por unanimidad.

Discussion and Possible Action on Ordinance No. 451, an Ordinance cancelling the May 2, 2020 General Election – Council Member Dardeau made a motion that Ordinance No. 451, an Ordinance cancelling the May 2, 2020 General Election, be adopted as written. Council Member Branch seconded his motion.

Mayor McDonald thanked those individuals who committed to serve another term on Council. He commended them for their dedication and service to the City of West Orange. A vote on the motion was then cast, with the motion to adopt the ordinance unanimously passing.

Discusión y posible acción en la Ordenanza No. 451, una Ordenanza que cancela la Elección General del 2 de mayo de 2020 - El miembro del Consejo Dardeau hizo una moción para que la Ordenanza No. 451, una Ordenanza que cancela las Elecciones Generales del 2 de mayo de 2020, se adopte tal como está escrita. El miembro del consejo secundó su moción.

El alcalde McDonald agradeció a las personas que se comprometieron a servir otro mandato en el Consejo. Los elogió por su dedicación y servicio a la Ciudad de West Orange. Luego se emitió un voto sobre la moción y se aprobó por unanimidad la moción para adoptar la ordenanza.

Discussion and Possible Action on repealing Ordinance No. 324 in its entirety and adopting Ordinance No. 324-A, which details the authorized strength of the Police Department – Council Member Shugart made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 324-A, detailing the authorized strength of the Police Department. The second to his motion was given by Council Member Dardeau. Chief Stelly explained that this ordinance simply authorizes the increase in strength in the number of police officers from nine (9) to ten (10). The mayor called for a vote on the motion, which was unanimously passed.

Discussion and Possible Action on a Resolution reaffirming civil rights policies as required by the Texas General Land Office and approving publication of a fair housing public service announcement – A motion was made by Council Member Dardeau to pass a resolution reaffirming civil rights policies as required by the Texas General Land Office and approving publication of a fair housing public service announcement. Mayor Pro-Tem Bonnin seconded his motion. With there being no discussion on the item, Mayor McDonald called for a vote. Motion unanimously passed.

Discussion and Possible Action on a Resolution authorizing signatories for GLO-CDBG-DR 20-066-029-C223 – Council Member Dardeau moved that a resolution authorizing the Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem as signatories for contractual and environmental review documents and the Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem, City Secretary and Public Works Directors as signatories for the purchase vouchers and requests for payments for GLO-CDBG-DR 20-066-029-C223 be passed. Council Member Branch seconded his motion. With there being no discussion on the motion, Mayor McDonald called for a vote, with the motion passing unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action on approval of draft guidelines for the City's local acquisition program and post for 30-day comment period – Council Member Dardeau moved that these draft guidelines for the City's local acquisition program be approved as presented that they be posted for 30-day comment period. Council Member Dearing seconded his motion.

Ms. Eddings explained that this grant would allow funding for the City to acquire property to move citizens out of harm's way. Council Member Shugart asked if this program would help these people relocate. Ms. Eddings responded that there would be an application process to determine if they were eligible or not for assistance in that area, and Traylor & Associates representatives would be on-hand to help them with that application process.

Mrs. Smith explained that these acquired properties can be redeveloped and sold, however deed restrictions will apply. Among those restrictions: in the future, structures must be at least 2' above base flood plain elevation. They would also be required to maintain flood insurance.

Mayor McDonald asked if the current resident would be able to build back on his own property after it had been redeveloped. Mrs. Smith said that it could be a possibility, but there were several guidelines that would have to be addressed and met first.

With there being no further questions, Mayor McDonald asked for a vote on the motion, which passed unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action on authorizing the City Secretary to open the checking account for necessary financial transactions associated with acquisitions grant GLO-CDBG-DR 20-066-029-C223 and to designate authorized signatories for said account – Council Member Dardeau made a motion that the City Secretary be authorized to open a checking account for necessary financial transactions associated with acquisitions grant GLO-CDBG-DR 20-066-029-C223 and that the Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem, City Secretary and Public Works Director be signors on said account. Council Member Shugart seconded his motion. A vote on the motion was cast; motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Action on authorizing the mayor to sign a waiver allowing the Orange County Mosquito Control District to fly at low altitudes over the city for the application of insecticides for the abatement of mosquitoes – Council Member Shugart made a motion that the mayor be authorized to sign a waiver allowing the Orange County Mosquito Control District to fly at low altitudes over the city for the application of insecticides for the abatement of mosquitoes. Council Member Branch seconded his motion. The motion passed unanimously by vote.

Announcements

Mayor McDonald then announced that the next Council meeting was scheduled for Monday, March 16, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment

With there being no further business before Council, Mayor McDonald adjourned the meeting at 12:17 p.m.



Roy McDonald, Mayor

ATTEST:



Theresa Van Meter, City Secretary

