

**City of West Orange  
Monday, April 20, 2020  
Special 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:**

Alex Parker Theresa Van Meter Mike Stelly  
Rex Peveto

**Call to Order**

Mayor McDonald called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., stating that a quorum of Council was present. Mayor Pro-Tem Bonnin gave the invocation. The mayor then led in the Pledges of Allegiance to both the American and Texas flags.

**Consent Agenda**

**Discussion and Possible Action on approval of the minutes of both the March 16, 2020 and the March 26, 2020 Council Meetings** – Council Member Dardeau made a motion to accept these minutes into record as presented. A second to his motion was made by Council Member Shugart. With there being no discussion, Mayor McDonald called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comments**

Mayor McDonald reported that 150 cubic yards of debris was collected during the City’s annual clean-up the previous weekend. Council Member Branch stated that he had received a call from an individual who said that he had not heard that the clean-up was happening. Chief Stelly responded that it was posted on the City’s website and bulletin board, had been announced on the radio and had been emailed out to the press and many residents. Council Member Branch stated that he was just passing on a comment that he had received.

**Regular Session**

**Discussion and Possible Action on approval of Ordinance No. 452, denying the distribution of cost recovery factor rate increase request of Entergy Texas filed on March 31, 2020 and other findings pertaining to said request** – Council Member Dardeau made a motion that Council pass Ordinance No. 452, denying the distribution of cost recovery factor rate increase request of Entergy Texas filed on March 31, 2020. Council Member Branch seconded his motion. A vote was cast, passing unanimously.

**Discussion and Possible Action on the following residential tax exemptions for tax year 2020:** A motion by Council Member Dardeau, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Bonnin was passed by unanimous vote of Council to adopt the following residential exemptions for tax year 2020:

- a. Homestead – 20%
- b. 65 or older - \$17,000
- c. Disabled - \$17,000

**Discussion and Possible Action on a Resolution allowing the Police Department to apply for a "Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program" grant and appointing Michael Stelly as the Authorized Official** – A motion was made by Council Member Shugart to pass this Resolution allowing the Police Department to apply for a "Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program" grant and appointing Michael Stelly as the Authorized Official. Council Member Dearing seconded the motion. Council Member Dearing questioned Chief Stelly on the use of these grant funds. Chief Stelly responded that it would be used for any

expenses incurred by the City as a result of the pandemic such as PPEs, disinfectants, fencing around the playgrounds, overtime, etc.

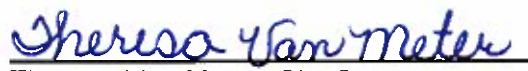
**Discussion and Possible Action on the Disaster Declaration** – Mayor McDonald proposed extending the Declaration passed by the City on March 26, 2020 an additional thirty (30) days. Council Member Dardeau posed this to Council in the form of a motion. Council Member Branch seconded his motion. The mayor called for a vote. The Disaster Declaration adopted on March 26, 2020 was thereby extended for an additional thirty (30) days.

**Adjournment**

With there being no further business before Council, Mayor McDonald adjourned the meeting at 5:08 p.m.

  
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Roy McDonald, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Theresa Van Meter, City Secretary

