

**City of West Orange
Monday, May 11, 2020
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:

Alex Parker Theresa Van Meter Mike Stelly
Rex Peveto Simmie Gibson

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 April 20, 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 Mayor Pro-Tem Bonnin. With there being no discussion, Mayor McDonald called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation of Council certificates for those with expiring terms – Mayor McDonald presented Mayor Pro-Tem Bonnin and Council Members Dardeau and Shugart with framed certificates of appreciation for their past two years of service. A \$2 bill was mounted on each one, signifying \$1 per year compensation for their service.

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Mayor McDonald announced that as neither Council Member Bonnin, Dardeau nor Shugart had been opposed in the General Election, the election had been cancelled and the three individuals were thereby re-elected by acclamation.

The **Statements of Elected Officers** were then signed by Council Members Bonnin, Dardeau and Shugart. They were then given the **Oath of Office** by City Attorney Peveto, after which Mayor McDonald presented each with their **Certificate of Election**.

Discussion and Possible Action on election of Mayor Pro-Tempore – Council Member Dardeau made a motion that Council Member Bonnin be re-appointed to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem. Council Member Shugart seconded his motion. With there being no additional nominations made, the mayor called for a vote. Council Member Bonnin was unanimously elected by her fellow council members to serve another year as Mayor Pro-Tem.

Discussion and Possible Action on approval of specifications listed in Request for Proposals for Auditing Services – A motion was made by Council Member Dardeau to approve the specifications for the Request for Proposals for Auditing Services as presented. His motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Bonnin. The mayor called for a vote on the motion as there was no discussion on the matter. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action on authorizing City Secretary to request proposals for auditing services – Council Member Dardeau made a motion that Mrs. Van Meter be authorized to request proposals for auditing services. His motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Bonnin. With there being no discussion on the motion, Mayor McDonald called for a vote. The motion was unanimously passed.

Discussion and Possible Action on the recommendation of the Selection Review Committee to engage Gary R. Traylor & Associates for the application and administrative services pertaining to the City's CDBG-MIT grant, if awarded – Council Member Dardeau made a motion that the Selection Review Committee's recommendation of Gary R. Traylor & Associates be accepted for application and administrative services pertaining to the City's CDBG-MIT grant, if awarded. This motion received a second from Council Member Branch.

Chief Stelly reported that two proposals had been received for these services – one from Gary R. Traylor & Associates and the other from Grant Works, Inc. The Selection Committee, made up of Council Member Branch, City Secretary Van Meter and Chief Stelly, reviewed both submissions, scored them and the recommendation was then made.

There was no further discussion on the matter, therefore the mayor called for a vote on the motion, which passed unanimously.

Discussion regarding destruction of public and private property by feral hogs within the City of West Orange - Council Member Dardeau stated that there is a "nest" of these feral hogs somewhere around Kenny Pigg's house. They have caused a great deal of destruction in the yards of Charlotte Alford, Shirley Hall and Phillip Fuller. Something needs to be done about them.

Mayor McDonald stated that he does not know how many there are, but that there are "too many." He asked Council for direction in how to proceed in handling this problem.

Mr. Parker stated that he holds permits to trap them. Mr. Gibson asked if anyone had contacted Texas Parks and Wildlife. In west Texas, they have started a program where they are poisoning the wild pigs. Mr. Dardeau responded that he has tried to contact them, but gotten nowhere.

Mr. Parker was asked how he would handle the problem. He responded that he has traps and he then volunteered to assist with the problem after work hours. He stated that he generally offers the meat to churches or other non-profit organizations. He added that he does this every day.

After some discussion, the Council asked Mr. Parker if he would be willing to trap these hogs "as an individual," not on behalf of the City. He responded that he would. Council felt that this would relieve the City of any liability. Anyone wishing Mr. Parker to handle the hog problem on their problem could contact him directly and accept any liability for their own property.

The mayor asked Mr. Peveto for his input on this. Mr. Peveto replied that as long as Mr. Parker informed the resident(s) that he was trapping the hogs on his own, and not as a City representative, he saw no issues with it.

Mr. Parker was then asked how soon he could begin. He responded "tomorrow." Mr. Dearing offered to take Mr. Parker out to show him the areas being discussed at the conclusion of this meeting.

Announcements

Mayor McDonald announced that the next regular session of Council would be held at 5:00 p.m., Monday, June 8, 2020.

He also reviewed a correspondence he had received from the governor's office regarding flag etiquette for Peace Officer's Memorial Day (5/15/2020) and Memorial Day (5/25/2020).

Adjournment

With there being no further business before Council, the mayor adjourned the meeting at 5:26 p.m.


Roy McDonald, Mayor

ATTEST:


Theresa Van Meter, City Secretary

