

**City of West Orange
Monday, November 9, 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
Randy Branch
Shirley Bonnin
Michael Shugart, Sr.
Dale Dardeau

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Brent Dearing

APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Alex Parker
Mike Stelly
Theresa Van Meter
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 the October 19, 2020 Council meeting - 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. Council Member Branch stated that there was one correction to be made in the third paragraph on page two – “for” should be “four.” With the motion being amended to include that correction, Mayor McDonald called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

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Discussion and Possible Action on acceptance and approval of the 2020 Delinquent Tax Roll as submitted by Orange County Tax Assessor-Collector Karen Fisher – A motion to accept and approve the 2020 Delinquent Tax Roll as submitted by Orange County Tax Assessor-Collector Karen Fisher was made by Council Member Dardeau, followed by a second from Council Member Branch. With there being no discussion on the item, the mayor called for a vote on the motion, which passed unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action on acceptance and approval of the 2020 Current Tax Roll as submitted by Orange County Tax Assessor-Collector Karen Fisher - A motion to accept and approve the 2020 Current Tax Roll as submitted by Orange County Tax Assessor-Collector Karen Fisher was made by Council Member Dardeau, followed by a second from Mayor Pro-Tem Bonnin. With there being no discussion on the item, the mayor called for a vote on the motion, which passed unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action on approval of the Mayor’s appointment of Chris Leavins of the Germer Law Firm as City Attorney, effective December 1, 2020 – A motion was made by Council Member Dardeau to approve the Mayor’s appointment of Chris Leavins of the Germer Law Firm as City Attorney, effective December 1, 2020. Mayor Pro-Tem Bonnin seconded the motion, asking if Mr. Leavins had an office in the Orange area. The mayor responded that his office was in Beaumont. Council Member Shugart asked how he was chosen. Chief Stelly stated that Mr. Leavins represents other entities in the area, including the Economic Development Corporation (EDC). Council Member Branch added that he knows him through the EDC as well, and that he “is a good guy.”

Mr. Peveto stated that the Germer Law Firm has over ninety (90) attorneys who specialize in many different areas of the law. This experience could be very beneficial to the city if needed. Chief Stelly added that it is very difficult to find an attorney in Orange County who has municipal experience, which Mr. Leavins has.

A vote on the motion to approve the appointment of Chris Leavins as the City’s Attorney, effective December 1, 2020, was unanimously passed.

Mayor McDonald, then thanked Mr. Peveto for this service to the City of West Orange, and offered his congratulations and best wishes in his future position as District Judge.

Announcements

Mayor McDonald then made note of the following dates:

- Wednesday, November 11, 2020 – All City offices closed in observance of Veterans' Day
- Thursday & Friday, November 26 & 27, 2020 – All City offices closed in observance of Thanksgiving (*Trash will be picked up in WO on Saturday that week.*)
- Next Council meeting: Monday, December 14, 2020; 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment

With there being no further business before Council, the mayor adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.


Roy McDonald, Mayor

ATTEST:


Theresa Van Meter, City Secretary

