

**City of West Orange
Monday, January 11, 2021
Regular 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
Shirley Bonnin
Michael Shugart, Sr.
Randy Branch

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dale Dardeau

APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Chris Leavins
David Roberts
Theresa Van Meter
Simmie Gibson
Mike Stelly

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dan Perrine
Kirk Roccaforte
Dave Rogers
Dustin Hartsfield
Sherry Shugart
Sheldon Lafleur

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 December 14, 2020 Council meeting and the January 4, 2021 Council workshop – Mayor Pro-Tem Bonnin made a motion to accept both sets of minutes into record as presented. A second to her motion was made by Council Member Branch. With there being no additions or corrections to these minutes, Mayor McDonald called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

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Presentation from the Texas Division of Emergency Management – Ms. Carmen Apple, District Coordinator of the Texas Division of Emergency Management, explained that the department is governed by Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code. They are a stand-alone agency and her office is in Region 2. Her department works closely with Chief Stelly not only in times of disaster, but in emergency planning and training for the community.

She reported that the state threshold for Public Assistance following a disaster has increased for FY 2021.

Ms. Apple then explained the current allocations and distributions of the COVID-19 vaccine:

- Organizations requesting to receive and administer the vaccine must enroll with the Dept of State Health Services (DSHS) and agree to CDC requirements. There is no cutoff date for enrollment.
- Vaccine allocations will be made in three phases. The phase will be determined by the amount of vaccine available.
- Texas is currently in Limited Supply-Phase 1A/1B
- CDC determines how many doses of the vaccine Texas will receive each week, based on population. Once the Texas DSHS is notified of the number of doses expected the following week, DSHS staff presents possibilities for vaccine distribution (in accordance with CDC guidelines) to the Expert Vaccine Allocation Panel (EVAP). The panel makes modifications and recommendations based on information submitted during provider

enrollment about which populations the provider will serve (i.e. how many healthcare workers, people over 65, etc.). Recommendations are then submitted to the Commissioner of Health, who makes the final decision on that week's distribution.

Discussion and Possible Action on retaining employee Matthew Bryant as a full-time City employee – A motion was made by Council Member Shugart to retain Officer Matthew Bryant as a full-time employee with the City of West Orange. His motion received a second from Council Member Branch. A vote on the motion was then cast, passing unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action on retaining employee Robert Strause as a full-time City employee - A motion was made by Council Member Shugart to retain Officer Robert Strause as a full-time employee with the City of West Orange. His motion received a second from Council Member Dearing. A vote on the motion was then cast, passing unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action on a WOVFD membership application submitted by Nevelyn Foshee - Council Member Shugart made a motion that Mr. Foshee's application for membership into the West Orange Volunteer Fire Department be approved. The motion was seconded by Council Member Branch. The mayor called for a vote on the motion, which passed unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action on a WOVFD membership application submitted by Sheldon Lafleur - Council Member Shugart made a motion that Mr. Lafleur's application for membership into the West Orange Volunteer Fire Department be approved. His motion was seconded by Council Member Dearing. The mayor called for a vote on the motion, which passed unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action on a WOVFD membership application submitted by Dustin Hartsfield - Council Member Shugart made a motion that Mr. Hartsfield's application for membership into the West Orange Volunteer Fire Department be approved. The motion was seconded by Council Member Branch. The mayor called for a vote on the motion, which passed unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action on accepting into record the 2020 Racial Profiling Report for the West Orange Police Dept. – Mayor Pro-Tem Bonnini made a motion that the 2020 Racial Profiling Report for the West Orange Police Department be accepted into record as presented. Council Member Branch seconded this motion. Council Member Shugart asked if this was an annual report. Chief Stelly responded that it was. Council Member Branch then called attention to the last page of the report showing that there had been no complaints of racial profiling filed against the department. He commended the department for this. A vote on the motion was then called by the mayor, passing unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action on a resolution authorizing the Police Department to apply for Homeland Security (Regular) funding and appointing an authorized official – A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Bonnini to pass this resolution authorizing the Police Department to apply for Homeland Security (Regular) funding and appointing Chief Stelly as the authorized official of all business pertaining to this grant. This motion received a second by Council Member Branch. Mayor McDonald called for a vote on the motion, which passed unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action on a resolution authorizing the Police Department to apply for Homeland Security (LETPA) funding and appointing an authorized official - A motion was made by Council Member Branch to pass this resolution authorizing the Police Department to apply for Homeland Security (LETPA – *Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention*) funding and appointing Chief Stelly as the authorized official of all business pertaining to this grant. This motion received a second by Council Member Dearing. The motion passed unanimously after a vote was called by the mayor.

Discussion and Possible Action on a resolution authorizing the Police Department to apply for Justice Assistance Grant funding and appointing an authorized official - A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Bonnini to pass this resolution authorizing the Police Department to apply for Justice Assistance Grant funding and appointing Chief Stelly as the authorized official of all business pertaining to this grant. This motion received a second by Council Member Shugart. Mayor McDonald called for a vote on the motion, which passed unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action on a resolution authorizing the Police Department to apply for Rifle Resistant Body Armor grant funding and appointing an authorized official - A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Bonnini to pass this resolution authorizing the Police Department to apply for Rifle Resistant Body Armor grant funding and appointing Chief Stelly as the authorized official of all business pertaining to this grant. This motion received a second by

Council Member Shugart, who also stated that he wanted to offer Chief Stelly a “pat on the back” for applying for all of these grants for the police department. He added that, because of the Chief’s efforts, this department is one of the best equipped in the area. Mayor McDonald agreed with Council Member Shugart and offered his appreciation, as well. The motion then passed unanimously after a vote was called by the mayor.

Discussion and Possible Action on Ordinance No. 455, an Ordinance calling the General Election to be held in the City of West Orange, Texas on May 1, 2021 to fill the offices of Mayor and two Aldermen; stating the location of the polling place and designating the City of West Orange as one voting precinct; making certain provisions related to the manner of voting in the conduct of the election; prescribing the form of ballot to be used; providing that this ordinance shall constitute an order for such election and that proper notice thereof shall be given -

Discusión y posible acción sobre la Ordenanza No. 455, una Ordenanza que convoca a la Elección General que se celebrará en la Ciudad de West Orange, Texas, el 1 de mayo de 2021 para llenar las oficinas del Alcalde y dos concejales; indicando la ubicación del lugar de votación y designando a la Ciudad de West Orange como un recinto electoral; hacer ciertas disposiciones relacionadas con la forma de votar en la conducción de la elección; prescribir la forma de papeleta a utilizar; siempre que esta ordenanza constituya una orden para tal elección y que se le dé aviso apropiado de ello

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Bonnin that Council adopt Ordinance No. 455, which would call the General Election to be held in the City of West Orange, Texas on May 1, 2021 to fill the offices of Mayor and two Aldermen; state the location of the polling place and designate the City of West Orange as one voting precinct; makes certain provisions relating to the manner of voting in the conduct of the election; prescribes the form of ballot to be used; provides that this ordinance constitutes an order for such election and that proper notice thereof shall be given. Her motion received a second from Council Member Shugart. The positions of Council Members Branch and Dearing, along with Mayor McDonald are up for election in May. Mayor McDonald then called for a vote on this motion. Ordinance No. 455 was unanimously adopted.

El Alcalde Pro-Tem Bonnin hizo una moción para que el Concejo adoptara la Ordenanza No. 455, que convocaría a las Elecciones Generales que se llevarían a cabo en la Ciudad de West Orange, Texas, el 1 de mayo de 2021 para llenar los cargos de Alcalde y dos Concejales; indicar la ubicación del lugar de votación y designar a la Ciudad de West Orange como un distrito electoral; establece ciertas disposiciones relativas a la forma de votar en la conducción de la elección; prescribe la forma de voto que se utilizará; establece que esta ordenanza constituye una orden para dicha elección y que se dará la notificación correspondiente. Su moción recibió una segunda del concejal Shugart. Los cargos de la rama de miembros del consejo y Dearing, junto con el alcalde McDonald, serán elegidos en mayo. El alcalde McDonald luego pidió una votación sobre esta moción. La Ordenanza No. 455 fue adoptada por unanimidad.

Announcements

Mayor McDonald then made note of the following dates:

1. Period to file for place on May 1, 2021 General Election ballot: January 13, 2021 (8:00 a.m.) - February 12, 2021 (5:00 p.m.)

Periodo para solicitar el lugar en la boleta de las elecciones generales del 1 de mayo de 2021: 13 de enero de 2021 (8:00 a.m.) – 12 de febrero de 2021 (5:00 p.m.)

2. Next Council meeting: Monday, February 8, 2021; 5:00 p.m.
3. City Hall closed in observance of Presidents’ Day – Monday, February 15, 2021

Adjournment

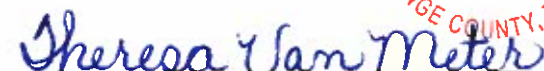
With there being no further business before Council, the mayor adjourned the meeting at 5:22 p.m.



Roy McDonald, Mayor



ATTEST:



Theresa Van Meter, City Secretary