

**City of West Orange
Monday, February 8, 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
Shirley Bonnin
Michael Shugart, Sr.
Brent Dearing
Randy Branch

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dale Dardeau

APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Theresa Van Meter
David Roberts
Mike Stelly
Chris Leavins
Jon Sherwin

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sheldon Lafleur
Jay Odom
James Whittington
Dan Perrine
Derek Graffagnino

Call to Order

Mayor McDonald called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m., stating that a quorum of Council was present. Council Member Branch 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 January 11, 2021 Council meeting and the January 20, 2021 Special-called Council meeting – A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Bonnin to approve both sets of minutes as presented. Her motion received a second from Council Member Branch. A vote was cast, motion carried.

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Discussion and Possible Action on retaining employee Theresa “Tessie” Clark as a full-time City employee – Council Member Shugart made a motion that Mrs. Van Meter’s recommendation to retain Theresa “Tessie” Clark as a full-time City employee be approved. Council Member Dearing seconded his motion. A vote on the motion was made, passing unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action on adoption of Ordinance No. 456, an ordinance authorizing participation with other Entergy service area cities in matters concerning Entergy Texas, Inc. at the Public Utility Commission of Texas in 2021; authorizing the hiring of lawyers and rate experts; authorizing the City’s participation to the full extent permitted by law at the Public Utility Commission of Texas; finding that the meeting complies with the Open Meetings Act and declaring an effective date – Mayor Pro-Tem Bonnin made a motion that Ordinance No. 456 be adopted as presented. Council Member Shugart seconded her motion. Council Member Branch asked if this authorization was done annually, and the mayor responded that it was presented to Council annually for a vote. With there being no further questions or discussion, the mayor called for a vote on the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Discussion and Possible Action on approval of recommendation by Arceneaux Wilson & Cole to award contract for the Emergency Generator Project for three water wells and three lift stations (HMGP DR-4332) to C.F. McDonald Electric, Inc. – contingent upon approval of the Texas Dept. of Emergency Management – Council Member Shugart made a motion that Council approve the recommendation of Arceneaux Wilson & Cole to award the contract for the Emergency Generator Project for three water wells and three lift stations (HMGP DR-4332) to C.F. McDonald Electric, Inc. (contingent upon approval of the Texas Dept. of

Emergency Management). Council Member Branch seconded this motion. With there being no discussion on the issue, Mayor McDonald called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action on entering into a Joint Election Agreement with the West Orange-Cove C.I.S.D. for the May 1, 2021 election

(Discusión y posibles acciones para celebrar un Acuerdo Electoral Conjunto con el West Orange-Cove C.I.S.D. para las elecciones del 1 de mayo de 2021) –

Mayor Pro-Tem Bonnin made a motion that the City enter into a Joint Election Agreement with the West Orange-Cove C.I.S.D. for the May 1, 2021 election. Council Member Branch seconded her motion. Mayor McDonald stated that he was pleased to be able to house multiple elections within the Community Center on Election Day for the convenience of West Orange citizens. He then called for a vote on the motion, which passed unanimously.

El alcalde Pro-Tem Bonnin hizo una moción para que la ciudad celebrara un acuerdo electoral conjunto con el West Orange-Cove C.I.S.D. para las elecciones del 1 de mayo de 2021. La Subdivisión Miembro del Consejo secundó su moción. El alcalde McDonald declaró que estaba complacido de poder albergar múltiples elecciones dentro del Centro Comunitario el día de las elecciones para la comodidad de los ciudadanos de West Orange. Luego pidió que se votara la moción, que se aprobó por unanimidad.

Discussion and Possible Action on approval of bid specifications for a fire truck – Mayor McDonald explained that there are specifications in Council packets for both a Custom and a Commercial fire truck put together by the City’s grant administration. Anyone wishing to bid can bid on one or both versions of the truck. Council Member Shugart made a motion that the City go out for bids on a new fire truck. The motion received a second from Council Member Dearing. Chief Roberts asked if the bid requests were going out on both commercial and custom trucks. The mayor responded “yes.” This allows everyone to bid both ways if they so desire. Mayor McDonald then called for a vote on the motion, which passed unanimously.

Announcements

The mayor then shared the following announcements:

- 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 el 1 de mayo de 2021 Votación de las Elecciones Generales; 13 de enero de 2021 (8:00 a.m.) – 12 de febrero de 2021 (5:00 p.m.)

- City offices closed in observance of Presidents’ Day – Monday, Feb.15, 2021
- Next Council meeting: Monday, March 8, 2021; 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment

With there being no further business before Council, the mayor adjourned the meeting at 5:11 p.m.



Roy McDonald, Mayor

ATTEST:



Theresa Van Meter, City Secretary

