

**City of West Orange
Monday, November 1, 2021
Public Hearing**

**West Orange Community Center
2700 Western Avenue (rear entrance)
West Orange, Texas
5:00 p.m.**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Randy Branch
Michael Shugart, Sr.

Meritta Kennedy

Dale Dardeau

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Shirley Bonnin

Brent Dearing

APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Mike Stelly
Chris Leavins

Theresa Van Meter

Jon Sherwin

Call to Order

Mayor Branch called the public hearing to order at 5:00 p.m. Council Member Shugart gave the invocation. The mayor then led in the Pledges of Allegiance to the American and Texas flags.

Public Hearing

The mayor then explained that the purpose of this hearing was to introduce annexation to enlarge and extend the current boundaries of the City of West Orange. He further stated that a map and a service plan have been prepared and were available.

He then asked for comments from those present.

Mr. Leavins noted the following for the record:

- The Municipal Service Plan was prepared by city staff and is available at this time for any interested party.
- The notice of this hearing was published in a paper of general circulation in the City of West Orange on October 16, 2021.
- He (Mr. Leavins) sent a Notice of Intent to Annex the property to Eagle Railcar Services, LLC, the current owner of the property according to the records of the Orange County Appraisal District.
- On October 12, 2021 he also sent Notice to Annex to Union Pacific Railroad, who may have railroad lines running through this property.
- Also on October 12, 2021, he sent notice of these hearings to Eagle Railcar Services, LLC;
- West Orange-Cove CISD;
- Bridge City ISD;
- County of Orange;
- West Orange Volunteer Fire Department;
- Orange County Navigation & Port District;
- Orange County Drainage District;
- Orange County Appraisal District;
- Orange County Water Control & Improvement District #2;
- Acadian Ambulance Service.
- The map referenced earlier by Mayor Branch is posted on the City's website.
- The notices of both public hearings are also posted on the City's website.

Adjourn

Mayor Branch asked if there were any other comments or questions. With there being none, he adjourned the meeting at 5:03 p.m.



Randy Branch

 Randy Branch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Theresa Van Meter

Theresa Van Meter, City Secretary