

**City of West Orange
Thursday September 8, 2022
Budget 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
Jay Odom

Lanie Brown

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Brent Dearing

APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Mike Stelly

Theresa Van Meter

Jon Sherwin

OTHERS PRESENT:

Matt Frederick

James Fisette

Call to Order

Mayor Branch called the meeting 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

Mayor Branch reported that there had been one change made to the proposed budget since the last meeting. An increase of \$11,384 was made to the "Net Current Property Tax" revenue budget line. Mrs. Van Meter explained that the increase was made so that the budget numbers would match with the computations and publications done from the "Truth-in-Taxation" software purchased by the City in 2021. This software uses actual, hard numbers when computing taxable value times tax rate, where, in past years, the City has deducted some from that total for budgeting purposes, as 100% of taxes are never paid in a budget year. However, in order for the publications and City budget to match, this had to change.

The mayor then explained that the purpose of this hearing was to discuss the proposed budget for the upcoming year and answer any questions citizens may have pertaining to said budget.

There was no discussion, and no questions were brought forth.

Council Member Brown then made a motion to postpone the final vote on the budget until the regular City Council meeting scheduled for Monday, September 12, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Council Member Shugart seconded her motion. With there being no discussion on the motion, Mayor Branch called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn

Mayor Branch stated that the Public Hearing on the proposed tax rate would begin at 5:15 p.m. He then adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.



Randy Branch, Mayor

ATTEST:



Theresa Van Meter, City Secretary

