

**City of West Orange
Tuesday, September 20, 2022
Special-Called Council Meeting**

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Randy Branch
Michael Shugart, Sr.

Meritta Kennedy
Lanie Brown

Jay Odom

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Brent Dearing

APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Chris Leavins
Theresa Van Meter

Mike Stelly

Jon Sherwin

OTHERS PRESENT:

Coyolyn Hammett
Dustin Hartsfield
Jessie Romero
Richard Jones

Mary Odom
Alecia Odom
Matt Frederick

Gideon Robertson
Carl Thibodeaux
Rusty Lanicek

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.

Special Session

Discussion and Possible Action on a budget amendment to provide funds to purchase the pending order of a fire truck. Funds will be deducted from the Capital Improvement account and transferred to the General Fund. Payment is necessary until reimbursement funds are received from the State.

Mayor Branch explained that this transfer was necessary in order to pay for the new fire truck, which was to be delivered the next day, and receipt of the grant funds to pay the balance were approximately 30-days out. The City would be paying for the amount being funded by the grant, and then when the grant funds arrive, City funds would be reimbursed. He did add that he was disappointed that the City had not been given at least a thirty-day notification by Deep South or Fire Trucks of Texas so that the grant draw could have been requested earlier, thereby alleviating the necessity of the City being put in this position.

Council Member Shugart then made a motion that the \$386,000 balance due on the fire truck be transferred from the City's Capital Improvement Fund to pay upon delivery, with said funds being reimbursed upon receipt of grant. Mayor Pro-Tem Kennedy seconded his motion. With there being no discussion on the matter, Mayor Branch called for a vote on his motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn

With there being no further business before Council, Mayor Branch adjourned the meeting at 5:02 p.m.



RR Branch
Randy Branch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Theresa Van Meter
Theresa Van Meter, City Secretary