

**City of West Orange  
City Council  
Monday, December 12, 2022  
Regular Session**

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

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Randy Branch	Meritta Kennedy	Jay Odom
Michael Shugart, Sr.	Lanie Brown	Brent Dearing

**APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

Christopher Leavins	Mike Stelly	Jon Sherwin
Theresa Van Meter		

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Matt Frederick	Jane Branch	Bobby Ashworth
Gerald Thomas	Sharon Thomas	Gail Langton
James Fisette	Tammy Fisette	Sheldon LaFleur
Tyler Roberts		

**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.

**Consent Agenda**

**Discussion and Possible Action on approval of the minutes of the November 14, 2022 City Council Meeting** – Mayor Pro-Tem Kennedy made a motion that these minutes be approved as presented. Council Member Brown seconded her motion. With there being no discussion, Mayor Branch called for a vote on the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Staff Reports**

**Public Works – Jon Sherwin**

Mr. Sherwin reported the following for the month of November, 2022:

**Construction Projects**

- City Hall generator project – up to 50 weeks out
- MacArthur Drive – TxDot has said this month
- WWTP – waiting on EDA for approval

**Building Official**

- 35 permits issued
- 29 permits completed

**Sanitation**

- 17 loads of green waste collected
- 5 cubic yards (1.5 tons) curbside collected

**Animal Control**

- 51 calls
- 14 intakes
- 4 claimed/1 adopted/1 rescued/0 euthanized
- 0 citations filed with the court

**Police Department– Mike Stelly**

Chief Stelly gave the following statistics for the month of November, 2022:

- Traffic contacts: 70
- Crashes reported: 2

- Arrests: 34
- Reports: 38
- Calls for service: 350
- Miles driven: 8,805

**Code Enforcement**

- Violations investigated: 75
- Violations filed w/court: 21

**Volunteer Fire Department – Sheldon LaFleur**

Firefighter LaFleur reported that the department had responded to 19 calls during the month of November, 2022.

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**Discussion and Possible Action on an application for membership to the WOVFD submitted by Daylen Hignett** – A motion was made by Council Member Shugart to approve the application of Mr. Hignett to the WOVFD. Council Member Brown seconded his motion. With there being no questions or discussion, Mayor Branch called for a vote on the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Discussion and Possible Action on accepting into record the Quarterly Investment Report for July - September, 2022** – Mayor Pro-Tem Kennedy made a motion that the Quarterly Investment Report for July - September, 2022 be approved and accepted into record as presented. The motion received a second from Council Member Brown. A vote was cast; motion carried.

**Discussion and Possible Action on accepting into record the Annual Investment Report for the 2021-2022 fiscal year** – Council Member Brown moved that the Annual Investment Report for the 2021-2022 fiscal year be approved and accepted into record as presented. Mayor Pro-Tem Kennedy seconded her motion. A vote was cast; motion carried.

**Executive Session**

The mayor adjourned Regular Session and convened Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code – Personnel Matters - regarding deliberation on employment matter and request by Patricia Garrett at 5:08 p.m.

**Return to Regular Session**

Mayor Branch reconvened Regular Session at 5:15 p.m. Council Member Odom then made a motion that Ms. Garrett's request for her unpaid leave of absence to be extended be approved to January 9, 2023. This motion received a second from Council Member Dearing. A vote was cast; motion carried.


**Announcements**

Mayor Branch then made note of the following:

- Non-emergency departments of the City of West Orange closed in observance of Christmas on December 23 & 26, 2022 and New Year's on December 30, 2022 and January 2, 2023 (Trash pickup will run as usual both weeks.)
- Next Council meeting: Monday, January 9, 2023; 5:00 p.m.

**Adjourn**

With there being no further business before Council, Mayor Branch adjourned the meeting at 5:18 p.m.

  
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Randy Branch, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Theresa Van Meter, City Secretary

