

**City of West Orange
City Council
Wednesday, February 1, 2023
Special Session**

**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
Brent Dearing

Lanie Brown

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jay Odom

APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Christopher Leavins
Theresa Van Meter

Mike Stelly

Jon Sherwin

OTHERS PRESENT:

Matt Frederick

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 Agenda

Discussion and Possible Action on acceptance and approval of the amended contract with Arceneaux Wilson & Cole LLC for engineering services under EDA grant #08-79-05323 for wastewater treatment plant improvements – Mayor Pro-Tem Kennedy made a motion that the EDA grant for engineering services #08-79-05323 for wastewater treatment plant improvements be amended as presented. Council Member Brown seconded her motion.

Mayor Branch explained that, by passing these amendments, this will get the project to the point that work can begin on the plant. The engineering is complete. There were some items within the contract that needed to be cleared up, and these amendments will do that.

Chief Stelly added that, basically, EDA is holding back their approval until these contract revisions are done. Once they are done, it can move forward and “we can go out for bids.” Council Member Dearing asked when construction could be expected to begin on the project. Chief Stelly replied that he would expect soon after the bids are awarded. The timeline would then begin.

Executive Session

At 5:08 p.m., the mayor adjourned the Special Session and convened Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code – Consultation with Attorney.

Return to Regular Session

Mayor Branch reconvened Regular Session at 5:35 p.m. No action was warranted from the Executive Session.

Announcements

Mayor Branch then made note of the following:

- Next Council meeting – Monday, February 13, 2023 – 5:00 p.m.
- Last day to file application for place on May 6, 2023 General Election Ballot – Feb. 17, 2023
- City offices closed in observance of Presidents’ Day – Monday, Feb. 20, 2023

Adjourn

With there being no further business before Council, Mayor Branch adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.



Randy Branch, Mayor

ATTEST:



Theresa Van Meter, City Secretary

