

City of Redwater

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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING August 8, 2011

Present:

Robert Lorange, Mayor
Leo Whelchel, Mayor Pro Tem

Councilmembers:

Paula Coggin
Kevin Crites
Tammy Cowdery

Guests:

Merle Luster, Asst. Fire Chief, RVFD

City Staff:

Dessie Enns, City Secretary
Tom Townsend, Public Works Director
Cindy Bartlett, Assistant to City Secretary

Call to Order and Announce a Quorum is Present

With a quorum of the Council members present, the Regular meeting of the Redwater City council was called to order by Mayor Lorange at 6:00 pm on Monday, August 8, 2011, in the Council Chambers at Redwater City Hall, 120 Redwater Blvd. W, Redwater, TX. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance led by Kevin Crites.

Public Comments – Open Forum

None

Reports

- (a) Mayor – By Pro Tem Leo Whelchel
- **Riverbend Update** – TCEQ working with Riverbend; still in process of sorting everything out.
 - **TexAmerica Meeting August 17 at 7:30** – at High School library
 - **Short Street** – Going to wait to see if school bond election passes before spending the money to widen the street.
 - **Grant for restaurant** – 2 types of grants available; the Texas Agricultural Grant is a loan up to \$750,000, but as funds are repaid to City they have to be repaid to Texas. The USDA grant is funds given to the City to develop commercial property, and as businesses open, the business owners pay rent to the City until the amount is paid off. Those funds are placed in a separate account and can be used to continue developing commercial property. Robert is still researching both of these options.
- (b) Mayor Pro-Tem – Leo Whelchel
- **Update on recycling project** – no more grant funding as of 7/31/11

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- **Meeting with Tom Dowdall** – met with Tom and explained the City would have no more grant funds to continue the project. Tom supposed to get back with Leo to let him know if Waste Management can work out something with the City on the recycle project.
 - **Update on Memorial Wall**- brick work should be done Friday. Cindy is working on wording for sign.
- (c) Public Works Director – Tom Townsend:
- Dennis Conkleton terminated 7/22/11
 - Hired Cal Stone – has 9 years experience working for Willis Point and a Class D license
 - Hauled 3 trailer loads of metal to Tri-State; approximately 1 ½ more loads to go
 - Completed 2 water taps & 1 sewer tap in the last month
- (d) City Secretary – Dessie Enns
- **Monthly General Fund Financial Report** – Council reviewed reports included in packet
 - **Monthly Water/Sewer Financial Report** - Council reviewed reports included in packet
- (e) Water Department – Cindy Bartlett
- **Vehicle Maintenance/Repairs** – none
 - **Cut Off list** – Council reviewed cut off list for July: 31 customers
 - **ACH processing** - \$11,816.74 for July billing

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Whelchel and a second by Councilmember Cowdery, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to approve and adopt the consent agenda as follows:

- (a) **Approval of minutes of the July 11, 2011 regular meeting**
- (b) **Approval of accounts payable for July 2011**

The motion carried.

Authorizations by Council

- (a) **Consider/Approve adopting private road off of Red River Road South that gives access to Redwater Volunteer Fire Department station**
Council discussed options on adopting the road and decided to seek advice from attorney regarding deeding property over to City before pursuing any further.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Cowdery and a second by Councilmember Whelchel the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to postpone this item pending advice from attorney. The motion carried.

- (b) **Approve Certified Appraisal Roll**

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Whelchel and a second by Councilmember Cowdery the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to approve Certified Appraisal Roll as presented by Bowie Central Appraisal District. The motion carried.

Other Business

- (a) **Discuss City property tax rate**

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Council discussed property tax rate and decided to leave rate the same for FY 2011-2012. Will take action on Tax Rate Ordinance in September meeting.

- (b) **Finalize Proposed Budget for FY 2011-2012**
 Council discussed FY 2011-2012 Budget items and finalized a proposed budget to be handed over to City Secretary until Public Hearing in September.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Cowdery and a second by Councilmember Coggin, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to approve and adopt the Proposed Budget for FY 2011-2012 as follows:

City of Redwater Fiscal Year 2011/2012
 REVENUE & GENERAL FUND *PROPOSED* BUDGET

CASH ON HAND \$ 166,928.32
 Invested:

Proposed Income:

Administration Fees: Water/Sewer	\$9,000.00
Animal Licenses	\$20.00
Bank Interest	\$120.00
Beautification Income	\$500.00
Bowie County Fire & Rescue	\$6,000.00
Franchise Fees	\$20,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$1,000.00
Permits	\$200.00
Property Tax	\$44,000.00
Sales Tax	\$45,000.00
Waste Management	\$19,000.00
Website Income	\$270.00

TOTAL \$145,110.00

Proposed Expenses:

Accounting Fees	\$2,000.00
Administrative Exp pd by Water Co.	\$3,800.00
Administration	\$33,000.00
Animal Control	\$1,000.00
Appraisal Fees	\$1,800.00
Awards, Dues, Fees, Publications	\$1,000.00
Beautification	\$1,000.00
City Park	\$2,000.00
City Emergency Management	\$3,000.00
City Maintenance pd by W/S	\$2,700.00
Contract Labor	\$300.00
Election Expense	\$700.00
Fire & Rescue	\$6,000.00
Health Insurance: City Secretary	\$5,000.00
Inspection Costs	\$450.00
Insurance: Building	\$3,500.00
Legal Fees	\$1,500.00
Miscellaneous	\$3,070.00
Office Equipment/Maintenance	\$3,500.00
Office Supplies/Postage	\$2,500.00

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Ordinance Enforcement	\$300.00
Remodeling City Hall	\$3,000.00
Retirement Plan Contributions (City Sec)	\$3,000.00
RIDC (1/3 sales tax)	\$15,000.00
Service Charges (Bank)	\$850.00
Street Repair: Contracted & Misc.	\$35,000.00
Training/Travel/Mileage	\$4,500.00
Utilities	\$5,500.00
Website	\$140.00

TOTAL \$145,110.00

The motion carried.

Adjourn

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Cowdery and a second by Councilmember Crites the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to adjourn the regular session of the Redwater City Council at 7:27 pm on Monday, August 8, 2011. The motion carried.

These minutes approved on the 12 day of September, 2011.


Robert Lorange, MAYOR

ATTEST:


Dessie Enns, CITY SECRETARY