



**CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
September 12, 2011**

Present:

Robert Lorange, Mayor
Leo Whelchel, Mayor Pro Tem

Councilmembers:

Paula Coggin
Kevin Crites
Tammy Cowdery
Chuck Bradford

Guests:

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 6:15 pm on Monday, September 12, 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 – Robert Lorange
- **Riverbend Update** – Robert & Leo attended a Riverbend meeting at TexAmerica Center. Robert spoke with the chairman regarding time frame for getting Redwater involved. Chairman will be working on it as soon as possible.
 - **Nuisance Ordinance letters** – Cindy mailed out some letters asking citizens to clean up property. Witterstaetter cleaned up the mobile home that burned in his park.
 - **Attended annexation class** – learned a lot. Best to hold off on plans until after school bond election in November.
 - **Macedonia-Eyleau's tie in to City's water main** – tie in complete; will send first bill this month
 - **Generator grant update** – due to engineering bid changes, the surge protector will not be included in the grant. If the City still wants the surge protector it will have to come from City funds.
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- (b) Mayor Pro-Tem – Leo Whelchel
- **Update on recycling project** – grant ended, bin full every week. Each haul costs the City \$185. Going to meet with Tom Dowdall at Waste Management to try to look at options.
 - **Update on Memorial Wall**- wall finished; waiting on signs.
- (c) Public Works Director – Tom Townsend:
- 2 new taps: Shaved Ice stand and Texana Tank Car
 - Macedonia-Eyleu finished and running water now
 - Mike attended class on Groundwater Distribution – needs 10 hours to take the test
 - Cal has D license- he is working out well
 - Citizen on CR 1230 repeatedly stealing water; warrant has been issued but no arrest yet
 - Isuzu pickup needs to be replaced; will not repair next time it breaks down
- (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** – \$614 a/c repair on Ranger
 - **Cut Off list** – Council reviewed cut off list for August: 40 customers
 - **ACH processing** - \$12,506.16 for August billing

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Whelchel and a second by Councilmember Cowdery, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve and adopt the consent agenda as follows:

- (a) **Approval of minutes of the August 8, 2011 regular meeting**
(b) **Approval of accounts payable for August 2011**

The motion carried.

Authorizations by Council

- (a) **Consider/take action on amending utility rate Ordinance No. 09-23-28, to include a small recycling fee which would be billed to all refuse customers**
Council discussed options regarding recycling costs, limiting number of hauls per month, and possibly discontinuing the recycle service. Council decided to postpone making any decisions until after meeting with Tom Dowdall to discuss options.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Cowdery and a second by Councilmember Bradford the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to postpone this item pending meeting with Tom Dowdall with Waste Management. The motion carried.

Ordinances and Resolutions

- (a) **Consider/take action on Ordinance No. 11-20-23, Levying a Tax Rate for the City of Redwater for the Tax Year 2011**

ORDINANCE NO. 11-20-23: AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A TAX RATE FOR THE CITY OF REDWATER, TEXAS, FOR THE TAX YEAR 2011

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MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Whelchel and a second by Councilmember Bradford the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed approve and adopt Ordinance No. 11-20-23, Levying a Tax Rate for the City of Redwater at \$0.188931 per \$100 valuation. The motion carried.

- (b) **Review and approve Ordinance No. 11-02-11, adopting a budget and appropriating resources for Fiscal Year 2011/2012, beginning October 1, 2011, and ending September 30, 2012**

ORDINANCE NO. 11-02-11: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REDWATER, TEXAS, ADOPTING A BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING RESOURCES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012, BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2011, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2012; REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Cowdery and a second by Councilmember Whelchel the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed approve Ordinance No. 11-02-11, adopting the FY 2011/2012 Budget. The motion carried

- (c) **Consider/take action on Resolution denying SWEPCO's request for approval of proposed rider to increase revenues**

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Cowdery and a second by Councilmember Coggin the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed approve Resolution denying SWEPCO's request for approval of proposed rider to increase revenues. The motion carried

Other Business

- (a) **Open/award bid(s) on Big Tex Trailer**
No bids received – no action taken.

- (b) **Consider/take action on employee health insurance policy**
Rates on current policy increased significantly. Council decided to switch to RS24 policy with Blue Cross/Blue Shield; with a higher deductible and lower premium.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Bradford and a second by Councilmember Cowdery, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve Blue Cross Blue Shield RS24 Policy as employee health coverage for FY 2011/2012.
The motion carried.

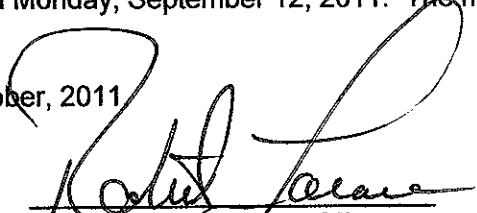
- (c) **Set date for Fall Clean Up**
After brief discussion, Council set the date for October 22, 2011

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Cowdery and a second by Councilmember Bradford, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve October 22, 2011 as date for annual Fall Clean Up. The motion carried.

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Adjourn

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Cowdery and a second by Councilmember Crites the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to adjourn the regular session of the Redwater City Council at 8:05 pm on Monday, September 12, 2011. The motion carried.

These minutes approved on the 11 day of October, 2011



Robert Lorange, MAYOR

ATTEST:



Dessie Enns, CITY SECRETARY