



**CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
January 14, 2013**

Present:

Robert Lorange, Mayor
Leo Whelchel, Mayor Pro Tem

Councilmembers:

Paula Coggin
Kevin Crites
Chuck Bradford
Tammy Cowdery

Guests:

City Staff:

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

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 6:10 pm on Monday, January 14, 2013, in the Council Chambers at Redwater City Hall, 120 Redwater Blvd. W, Redwater, TX. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance led by Chuck Bradford.

Public Comments – Open Forum

None

Reports

- (a) Mayor – Robert Lorange
- **Storage tank update** - Still working on elevated storage exterior; should be finished soon.
 - **Siren update** - Still waiting on SOP from fire chief; fire department tested sirens January 5 and they were working.
 - **ATM update** – Doing good; first weekend had over 100 hits.
- (b) Mayor Pro-Tem – Leo Whelchel
- **Update on Recycle Program** – Going about the same, majority of boxes not being broken down. Will have magnetic signs made to put on sides of bin to remind people to break down boxes.
 - **Quarterly Investment Report** – After moving all investments to Guaranty Bond Bank, have earned \$46.65 in interest.
- (c) Public Works Director – Tom Townsend:
- **Water line repairs** –
 - 104 Hickory: 4" PVC Tee slipped out of joint
 - Corner of Taylor & FM 991S: 4" AC hydrant line broke at bowl connection

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- **Liftstation** – Shiloh liftstation filled up with grease due to heavy rains flushing the sewer mains. Crew manually removed the material and added degreaser solution to wetwell.
 - **Ware Street Elevated Storage Tank Renovation** –
 - The contractors have completed the inside portion of tank. This consisted of washing down, sandblasting, priming and painting the inside with AWWA approved primer and epoxy.
 - After a 10 day cure time, we refilled the tower and switched back to our groundwater system.
 - Inclement weather has delayed the work on the outside portion, but they are working this week and should finish pressure washing it by Sunday, January 13th.
 - Weather permitting, they should be finished with the outside by the end of January.
- (d) City Secretary – Dessie Whelchel
- **Monthly General Fund Financial Report** – Council reviewed reports included in packet
 - **Quarterly General Fund financial report** – Council reviewed reports included in packet
 - **Monthly Water/Sewer Financial Reports** - Council reviewed reports included in packet
- (e) Water Department – Cindy Bartlett
- **Vehicle Maintenance/Repairs** – none
 - **Monthly RVFD water usage report** – 40 gallons
 - **Cut Off list** – Council reviewed cut off list
 - **ACH processing** – \$10,519.15 for December billing

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Whelchel and a second by Councilmember Crites, 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 December 10, 2012 regular meeting**
- (b) **Approval of accounts payable for December 2012**

The motion carried.

Authorizations by Council

- (a) **Consider and take action on possible new employment position(s) in Water & Sewer department**

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 hiring another employee for the Water & Sewer Department. The motion carried.

Executive Session

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Bradford and a second by Councilmember Coggin, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to adjourn regular session and go into closed session in accordance with Texas Government Code 551.074. The motion carried.

At 6:54 pm, Council adjourned into a closed session in accordance with the Texas Government Code 551.074: Discussion on pay increases for City Employees.

Reconvene

Council reconvened in open session at 7:44 pm.

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MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Bradford and a second by Councilmember Cowdery, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed, with Leo Whelchel abstaining, to approve pay increases for employees as follows:

- Tom Townsend** – no increase
- Dessie Whelchel** – 2% increase
- Cindy Bartlett** – 4% (.50/hr) increase
- Michael Kirby** – 2% increase
- Jim Smith** – 2% increase
- Victor Constantine** – 2% increase

The motion carried. Conflict of Interest statement for Leo Whelchel is on file.

Future Agenda Items / Future Business

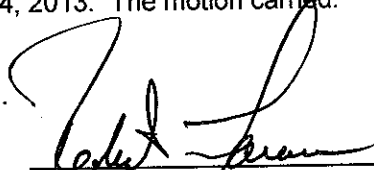
Discuss new business to place on future agenda

- None

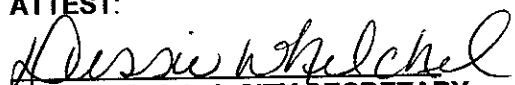
Adjourn

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 7:49 pm on Monday, January 14, 2013. The motion carried.

These minutes approved on the 11 day of February, 2013.



Robert Lorange, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Dessie Whelchel, CITY SECRETARY