



**CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
December 9, 2013**

Present:

Robert Lorange, Mayor
Leo Whelchel, Mayor Pro Tem

Councilmembers:

Paula Coggin
Tammy Cowdery
Kevin Crites
Chuck Bradford

Guests:

Beverly Phares

City Staff:

Dessie Whelchel, City Secretary
Cindy Bartlett, Assistant 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 6:06 pm on Monday, December 9, 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
 - **Update on street repair** – finished except for sealcoating Ware St. Waiting on a weekend of good weather.
- (b) Mayor Pro-Tem – Leo Whelchel
 - **Update on Recycling** – not filling up as quickly since we moved the container. Emptying about ever two weeks.
 - **Update on Gas Well site inspections** – Red Water Resources sent a letter refusing to pay for the inspection. We responded and cited the section of the Ordinance stating RWR's responsibility to pay the Inspector, Larry O. Hulseley. John Archer, attorney for RWR, emailed letters responding to violations cited and stated what has been corrected and what they feel they do not need to correct. We received the field inspector's response to this today, and will send this response to John Archer.
- (c) Public Works Director – Tom Townsend:
 - Well rehabbed & back up and running. Having problems with the auto switch on both wells; currently the guys have to keep the storage tank filled manually.

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- Small water leak on Hwy 67 – repaired.
- Minor sewer problems

- (d) City Secretary – Dessie Whelchel
 - **Monthly 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
 - **Cut off list** – Council reviewed cut off list - \$2,065 in fees
 - **ACH processing** - \$11,504.00 for October billing
 - **RVFD water usage** – 300 gallons in November

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 November 12, 2013 special called meeting**
- (b) **Approval of accounts payable for November 2013**

The motion carried.

Authorizations by Council

- (a) **Consider and take action on monthly water & sewer charge amount for Redwater Volunteer Fire Department**
Beverly Phares with the Bowie County Emergency Services District #1 addressed the Council regarding the financial condition of BCESD and RVFD.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Bradford and a second by Councilmember Cowdery, the Council voted five (5) for, none (0) opposed, to table this item until further information can be obtained. The motion carried.

- (b) **Review responses to Depository RFP's and select official City Depository**
Received bids from First National Bank of Hughes Springs and Guaranty Bond Bank.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Cowdery and a second by Councilmember Coggin, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to select Guaranty Bond Bank as official Depository for the City's General Fund account and Water & Sewer operating account, and to leave remaining accounts with First National Bank of Hughes Springs in Redwater. The motion carried.

Executive Session

Council adjourned into Executive Session at 7:09 pm in accordance with the Texas Government Code 551.074: Discussion of compensation for Tom Townsend, Dessie Whelchel, Cindy Bartlett, Tina Maxwell, Victor Constantine, Jim Smith, Joe Snyder, and David Ballard.

Reconvene

- (a) **Take action on items discussed in Executive Session**

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Coggin and a second by Councilmember Cowdery, the Council voted four (4) for, none (0) opposed, with Councilmember Whelchel abstaining, to issue checks to Tom Townsend, Dessie Whelchel, Cindy Bartlett, Victor Constantine, Jim, Smith, Joe

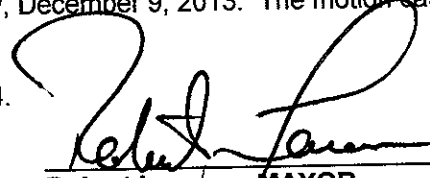
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Snyder, and David Ballard in the amount of \$550, minus FICA and Medicare taxes, as incentive pay for full time employees. The motion carried.

Adjourn

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 adjourn the regular session of the Redwater City Council at 7:34 pm on Monday, December 9, 2013. The motion carried.

These minutes approved on the 13 day of January, 2014.


Robert Lorañce, MAYOR

ATTEST:


Dessie Whelchel, CITY SECRETARY