

City of Redwater

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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING March 11, 2013

Present:

Robert Lorange, Mayor
Leo Whelchel, Mayor Pro Tem

Councilmembers:

Paula Coggin
Chuck Bradford
Tammy Cowdery

Guests:

Webb Stanley

City Staff:

Dessie Whelchel, 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 6:00 pm on Monday, March 11, 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 work at City Park** – Parking lot looks good; added some curb stops.
 - **Kruse Ln repair** – Still waiting to hear back from Sam Robbins
 - **Water line map update** – Kyron dropped off some of the maps; forgot to bring them to meeting.
 - **New oil & gas ordinance** – Working on a new ordinance pertaining to oil & gas drilling in the City limits.
- (b) Mayor Pro-Tem – Leo Whelchel
- **Update on Recycle Program** – Still having recycle bin emptied every 2 weeks. Signs have helped some.
- (c) Public Works Director – Tom Townsend:
- Water Leaks:**
- Hwy 67 W between creeks – 2" line
 - Firehouse Rd, 1 3/8" line
 - Morghan Ln – landscape workers pulled meter and tap out of 6" main
 - Commercial Park Dr – contractor cut 4" main with backhoe
- Sewer stoppages:**

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- Manhole adjacent to Hwy 67 – odor present
- Firehouse Rd – called for jet machine
- Fagan manhole adjacent to liftstation – jet machine assisted

City Park:

- Purchased and placed concrete curb stops around the parking lot to deter kids from making donuts and throwing gravel everywhere. They were painted yellow to enhance their visibility.

Wastewater Plant Inspection Report

- TCEQ sent our inspection report and we were happy to learn they found no violations during the visit. This was a very intense six hour inspection by three inspectors.

New employee:

- Hired a new crew member for Public Works team. Joe Snyder started on the 5th of March and is coming along well. Joe is local and is happy to be able to work for us.

Other:

- The crew repaired the roof of the wastewater shop and underpinning for the office that occurred during the high winds we experienced.

- (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
 - **Certification of Unopposed Candidates** – All three seats up for election in 2013 were unopposed and no other propositions were to appear on the ballot.
- (e) Water Department – Cindy Bartlett
Cindy Bartlett was not present – no report.

Consent Agenda

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 consent agenda as follows:

- (a) **Approval of minutes of the February 11, 2013 regular meeting**
(b) **Approval of accounts payable for February 2013**

The motion carried.

Authorizations by Council

- (a) **Consider and take action on engaging the firm of Wilf & Henderson, P.C., for purposes of performing FY 2011/2012 Audit**
The previous accounting firm, Williams & Co., P.C., is unable to perform the City's audit this year.

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 engage the firm of Wilf & Henderson, P.C., for purposes of performing FY 2011/2012 Audit. The motion carried.

- (b) **Review and adopt Standard Operating Procedures for Emergency Notification System as set forth by the Redwater Volunteer Fire Dept**

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Bradford and a second by Councilmember Cowdery, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to adopt the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for the City's Emergency Notification System.

The motion carried.

Ordinances and Resolutions

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- (a) **Approve Ordinance No. 13-05-34, Declaring unopposed candidates in the May 11, 2013 joint election elected to office and canceling the election**

ORDINANCE NO. 13-05-34: AN ORDINANCE DECLARING UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES IN THE MAY 11, 2013 JOINT ELECTION, ELECTED TO OFFICE; CANCELING THE ELECTION; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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 Ordinance No. 13-05-34, canceling the City Election for 2013. The motion carried.

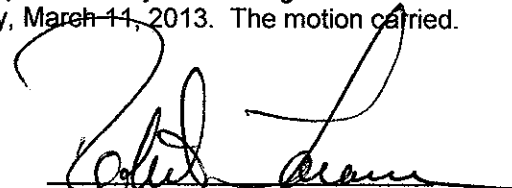
Future Agenda Items / Future Business

- (a) **Discuss new business to place on future agenda**
- Possible ordinance regulating oil & gas drilling within the City limits
 - Looking into upgrading water line on Spencer St.

Adjourn

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Bradford and a second by Councilmember Cowdery, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to adjourn the regular session of the Redwater City Council at 6:33 pm on Monday, March 11, 2013. The motion carried.

These minutes approved on the 8 day of April, 2013.


Robert Lorange, MAYOR

ATTEST:


Dessie Wheelchel, CITY SECRETARY