



**CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
June 11, 2012**

**Present:**

Robert Lorange, Mayor  
Leo Whelchel, Mayor Pro Tem

**Councilmembers:**

Paula Coggin  
Tammy Cowdery  
Kevin Crites

**Guests:**

**City Staff:**

Dessie Enns, 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 6:04 pm on Monday, June 11, 2012, 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

**Presentations and Recognitions**

Dessie Enns administered Oath of Office to Tammy Cowdery, Council Place 2.

**Reports**

- (a) Mayor – Robert Lorange
  - **Riverbend Update** – no new news.
  - **Storm siren grant update** – waiting on a price from electrician; Bowie Cass will set poles at no charge; considering solar panels to keep batteries charged; Redwater Volunteer Fire Department will operate sirens
  - **Possible part time police officer** – Maud Mayor is working on cost of sharing a police officer between the two cities.
  
- (b) Mayor Pro-Tem – Leo Whelchel
  - **Update on recycling project** – going about the same.

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- (c) Public Works Director – Tom Townsend:
  - Completed several water taps and have three more to do before they guys start reading meters
  - Sewer problem at AccuGraphics; a good plumber should be able to fix it
  - Staying caught up on mowing
- (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  
Cindy was not present; but left bank draft totals with Dessie to report.
  - **Vehicle Maintenance/Repairs** – none
  - **Cut Off list** – Council reviewed cut off list
  - **ACH processing** – \$9,592.82 for May billing

**Consent Agenda**

**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Councilmember Whelchel 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 May 14, 2012 regular meeting**
- (b) **Approval of accounts payable for May 2012**

The motion carried.

**Authorizations by Council**

- (a) **Discuss and take action on increasing charges for water tap fees, sewer tap fees, customer deposits, and late and shut off fees**  
Council discussed and decided to increase water tap fee from \$400 to \$600; sewer tap fees from \$150 to \$450; customer deposits will remain \$100, however renters will pay an additional \$100; late fee will change from flat \$5 fee to 10% of outstanding bill; and shut off fees will increase from \$20 to \$35.

**MOTION:** Action to be taken in approval of Ordinance No. 12-23-29; Item 7(b) on this month's Agenda.

- (b) **Discuss and take action on increasing CPI for refuse service**  
Council discussed amount to increase; decided twenty-five cents per customer per month would be sufficient.

**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 CPI increase of twenty-five cents per refuse customer per month. The motion carried.

**Ordinances and Resolutions**

- (a) **Consider and approve Ordinance No. 12-16-14, Regulations for City Park**

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**ORDINANCE NO. 12-16-14:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWATER, TEXAS, PROVIDING REGULATIONS FOR THE USE OF CITY PARK; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING A PENALTY OF NO MORE THAN \$500 FOR VIOLATION; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Councilmember Whelchel and a second by Councilmember Cowdery, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) pass and approve Ordinance No. 12-16-14. The motion carried.

(b) **Consider and approve Ordinance No. 12-23-29, Water Rates; amending Ordinance No. 09-23-28**

**ORDINANCE NO. 12-23-29:** AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWATER, TEXAS, PRESCRIBING THE RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR SERVICES FURNISHED BY THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM OWNED AND OPERATED BY SAID CITY; IMPOSING A 10% PENALTY FOR LATE PAYMENTS, A \$35 PENALTY FOR SHUT-OFFS, A \$27 RETURN CHECK FEE, A \$10 LOCK CHARGE, A \$25 METER REINSTALLATION FEE, A \$250 PENALTY FOR TAMPERING; A \$600 WATER TAP FEE, A \$450 SEWER TAP FEE, AND ADDING AN ADDITIONAL \$100 TO RENTERS' DEPOSIT; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES, ORDERS OR RESOLUTIONS PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH

**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Councilmember Crites and a second by Councilmember Cowdery, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to pass and approve Ordinance No. 12-23-29, effective July 1, 2012. The motion carried.

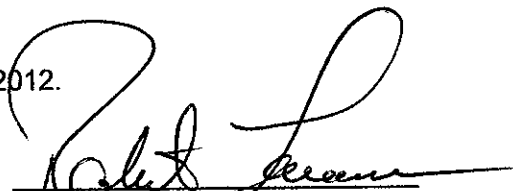
**Future Agenda Items / Future Business**

(a) **Discuss new business to place on future agenda**  
None.

**Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Councilmember Crites and a second by Councilmember Coggin the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to adjourn the regular session of the Redwater City Council at 7:16 pm on Monday, June 11, 2012. The motion carried.

These minutes approved on the 16 day of July, 2012.

  
Robert Lorange, MAYOR

**ATTEST:**

  
Dessie Whelchel, CITY SECRETARY