



**CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
August 13, 2012**

Present:

Robert Lorange, Mayor
Leo Whelchel, Mayor Pro Tem

Councilmembers:

Paula Coggin
Tammy Cowdery
Kevin Crites
Chuck Bradford

Guests:

James Black
Sid Young

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 6:00 pm on Monday, August 13, 2012, 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

James Black addressed the Council regarding the grinder pump installed on his property at the time his house was connected to the City sewer system during a grant funded sewer expansion project. Mr. Black stated that when the grinder pump malfunctioned recently, he contacted a city employee who informed him that the pump belongs to him and it is his responsibility, not the city's, to have repairs done. Mr. Black said that he then inquired about who was qualified to repair the pump and was told that any plumber can do it. After calling several local plumbers who stated they knew nothing about the grinder pumps, Mr. Black obtained the services of Central Heat & Air. According to the invoice, Central Heat & Air had to ship out the motor to be rebuilt and billed Mr. Black over \$4,000. Mr. Black contends that the City did not inform him of his ownership of the grinder pump when it was installed and feels the City should be responsible for maintaining it. Mayor Lorange stated that he needed to do some research and will get back with Mr. Black on the matter.

Sid Young of Sid & Sons submitted a new bid for seal coating the City Hall parking lot. Council will decide whether or not to have the seal coat done at a later meeting; then will choose who to hire from the companies that bid the project.

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Reports

- (a) Mayor – Robert Lorance
 - **TexAmerica Road** – Officially opened Sunday at 12:01. County Commissioners adopted the road in their August 13, 2012 meeting.
 - **Re-applying for TxCDBG** – if awarded, grant will pay to redo manholes on Fagan Lane, lay sewer line down Jones & Taylor Streets, resurface Taylor Street, and include 6 grinder pumps for residents on Taylor Street plus 6 spare pumps
 - **City Hall parking lot bids** – received 3 or 4 bids for seal coating the parking lot
- (b) Mayor Pro-Tem – Leo Whelchel
 - **Update on recycling project** – going about the same.
- (c) Public Works Director – Tom Townsend:
 - Distributed 20 bottles for sample collection in the City for lead & copper testing
 - Had a couple of new water taps in past month
 - Bradford is running
- (d) City Secretary – Dessie Whelchel
 - **Monthly General Fund Financial Report** – Council reviewed reports included in packet
 - **Monthly Water/Sewer Financial Report** - Council reviewed reports included in packet
 - **Investment and Fund Balance Reports** – Council reviewed reports included in packet
- (e) Water Department – Cindy Bartlett
 - **Vehicle Maintenance/Repairs** – none
 - **Monthly RVFD water usage report** – 360 gallons for July
 - **Cut Off list** – Council reviewed cut off list
 - **ACH processing** – \$12,813.58 for July 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 July 16, 2012 regular meeting**
- (b) **Approval of minutes of the July 30, 2012 public hearing**
- (c) **Approval of minutes of the July 30, 2012 special called meeting**
- (d) **Approval of accounts payable for July 2012**

The motion carried.

Authorizations by Council

- (a) **Approve Certified Appraisal Roll**

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 approve Certified Appraisal Roll for 2012. The motion carried.

Other Business

- (a) **Finalize Proposed Budget for FY 2012/2013**

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Council finalized Proposed Budget for FY 2012/2013 and delivered to City Secretary for display at City Hall for public viewing

- (b) **Set date for Fall Clean Up**
Council set October 13, 2012 as the date for Fall Clean Up

Future Agenda Items / Future Business

- (a) **Discuss new business to place on future agenda**
- Cindy presented more information on an electronic sign for City Hall.
 - Councilmember Crites asked about obtaining a nice map of City streets and a map of the City's water lines to hang in Council Chambers

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 7:40 pm on Monday, August 13, 2012. The motion carried.

These minutes approved on the 10 day of September, 2012.



Robert Lorance, MAYOR

ATTEST:



Dessie Whelchel, CITY SECRETARY