

City of Redwater

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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING September 10, 2012

Present:

Robert Lorange, Mayor
Leo Whelchel, Mayor Pro Tem

Councilmembers:

Paula Coggin
Tammy Cowdery

Guests:

James Black

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 6:05 pm on Monday, September 10, 2012, in the Council Chambers at Redwater City Hall, 120 Redwater Blvd. W, Redwater, TX. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance led by Paula Coggin.

Public Comments – Open Forum

James Black was present to follow up on the situation with his grinder pump. Mayor Lorange stated that what he had found out in the past month was that since the City was able to obtain a grant for first-time sewer customers back when Mr. Black's sewer line was ran, that meant Mr. Black was able to connect to City sewer at no charge whatsoever. The grant paid for the extension down Red River Rd S, for the sewer tap, for the line to his house, and for the grinder pump which was necessary for his sewer to function properly. Mr. Black continued to maintain he was never told the grinder pump was his responsibility. Mayor Lorange informed him that the City is in the process of applying for another sewer grant, and, if awarded, the City will have extra grinder pumps on hand to swap out with any malfunctioning grinder pump in the future.

Reports

- (a) Mayor – Robert Lorange
 - **Moving forward with storm siren grant** – no definite date yet, but still working on it
 - **Meeting with Andy Franks** – engineer for sewer project; will send in information to Traylor & Associates tomorrow (Sept. 11)
 - **City Hall parking lot** – Sid & Sons did parking lot over the weekend and it looks good.
- (b) Mayor Pro-Tem – Leo Whelchel
 - **Update on recycling project** – going about the same.
- (c) Public Works Director – Tom Townsend:
 - Major leak beside the Country Store a couple of weeks back. Lost a lot of water but got it repaired.

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- Aerator at plant messed up – is being repaired.
 - Bought two new tires for the side by side
 - TCEQ sent a letter saying the elevated storage tank on Ware St. needs to be repainted inside and out, and the Tri-State ground storage tank needs repairs as well. Cost estimate on elevated is \$13K inside and \$24K outside; and for ground storage it is \$3,200 inside and \$4,600 outside.
 - Tried to sell a gooseneck trailer last year but it didn't sell; Jim is going to convert it to a pull-behind trailer
 - Abandoned pressure station off Inwood Rd needs to be torn down and removed. Instead of contracting it out, Jim got a bigger cutting torch and is going to do it himself.
- (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
- (e) Water Department – Cindy Bartlett
- **Vehicle Maintenance/Repairs** – starter for side by side: \$500
 - **Monthly RVFD water usage report** – 310 gallons for July
 - **Cut Off list** – Council reviewed cut off list; \$700 in fees
 - **ACH processing** – \$11,840.83 for August billing

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Whelchel and a second by Councilmember Cowdery, the Council voted three (3) for and none (0) opposed to approve and adopt the consent agenda as follows:

- (a) **Approval of minutes of the August 13, 2012 regular meeting**
- (b) **Approval of accounts payable for August 2012**

The motion carried.

Authorizations by Council

- (a) **Consider and Approve employee health insurance policy for FY 2012-2013**
Mayor Lorange met with all employees and everyone agreed to stay with Blue Cross Blue Shield but switch to a policy with a higher deductible to keep premiums down. Deductible will increase from \$2,500 to \$5,000; premium will change from \$455.10 per employee to \$452.77 per employee (monthly).

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Whelchel and a second by Councilmember Cowdery, the Council voted three (3) for and none (0) opposed to approve switching from Plan RS24 to Plan RS31 with Blue Cross Blue Shield. The motion carried.

- (b) **If employee health insurance policy approved in Item 6(a) on Agenda is TML IEBP: Approve and Adopt Interlocal Agreement between the City of Redwater and TML Intergovernmental Employees Benefits Pool**

No action needed/taken.

Ordinances and Resolutions

- (a) **Consider and Approve Resolution No. R-12-09-4, amending the City's Investment Policy**

RESOLUTION NO. R-12-09-4: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWATER, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CITY'S INVESTMENT POLICY

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MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Whelchel and a second by Councilmember Cowdery, the Council voted three (3) for and none (0) opposed to approve Resolution No. R-12-09-4, amending the City's Investment Policy. The motion carried.

(b) Review and Approve Ordinance No. 12-20-24, Levying a Tax Rate for the City of Redwater for the Tax Year 2012

ORDINANCE NO. 12-20-24: AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A TAX RATE FOR THE CITY OF REDWATER, TEXAS, FOR THE TAX YEAR 2012

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Cowdery and a second by Councilmember Whelchel, the Council voted three (3) for and none (0) opposed approve and adopt Ordinance No. 12-20-24, Levying a Tax Rate for the City of Redwater at \$0.188931 per \$100 valuation. The motion carried.

(c) Review and Approve Ordinance No. 12-02-12, adopting a budget and appropriating resources for Fiscal Year 2012-2013, beginning October 1, 2012, and ending September 30, 2013

ORDINANCE NO. 12-02-12: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REDWATER, TEXAS, ADOPTING A BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING RESOURCES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013, BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2012, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2013; REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Cowdery and a second by Councilmember Coggin, the Council voted three (3) for and none (0) opposed approve Ordinance No. 12-02-12, adopting the FY 2012/2013 Budget. The motion carried

Other Business

(a) Change date of October 2012 City Council meeting due to holiday (Columbus Day)
Council set October meeting for Tuesday, October 9, 2012


Future Agenda Items / Future Business

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

Adjourn

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Cowdery and a second by Councilmember Coggin, the Council voted three (3) for and none (0) opposed to adjourn the regular session of the Redwater City Council at 7:05 pm on Monday, September 10, 2012. The motion carried.

These minutes approved on the 9 day of October, 2012.


Robert Lorange, MAYOR

ATTEST:


Dessie Whelchel, CITY SECRETARY