CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
September 16, 2024

Present:

Leo Whelchel, Mayor Pro Tem

Councilmembers:

Ronnie Starkey
Donavan Owens
Kelly Gerber

Guests:

Bobbie and Jeffrey Ashcraft and Daughter
David and Krystal Ousley
Jennifer Snyder and Dustin

City Staff:

Dessie Whelchel, City Administrator / Finance Director
Anita Griffith, City Secretary
Joe Snyder, Public Works Director

Call to Order and Announce a Quorum is Present

With a quorum of the Council members present, the regular called meeting of the Redwater City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Whelchel at 6:01 pm on Monday, September 16, 2024, in the Community Center at Redwater City Hall, 120 Redwater Blvd. W, Redwater, TX. Invocation and Pledge led by Councilmember Ronnie Starkey.

Public Comments—Open Forum

None

Reports

(a) City Administrator / Finance Director – Dessie Whelchel

- **Monthly Financial Reports** – Council reviewed financial reports included in Council Packet

(b) Public Works Director – Joe Snyder
Brief update on Sonic line work
Continuing to work with TCEQ to bring Wastewater Plant up to required standards.

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Gerber and a second by Councilmember

Starkey, 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 Regular Meeting on August 12, 2024**
(b) **Approval of accounts payable for August 2024**

The motion carried

Authorization by Council

(a) **Consider and take action on Bobbie and Jeffrey Ashcraft's ongoing issue with their water meter**

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Gerber, and a second by Councilmember Owens, the Council voted three (3) for and none (0) opposed to bill the Ashcraft's for 6,282 gallons of water The motion carried.

(b) **Consider and take action on David and Krystal Ousley's water meter and the readings**

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Starkey, and a second by Councilmember Owens, the Council voted three (3) for and none (0) opposed to credit balance of $128.16.

(c) **Consider and take action on Jennifer Snyder's water payment options**

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Gerber and a second by Councilmember Starkey, the Council voted three (3) for and none (0) opposed to allow the Snyder's one year to pay out their water balance of $2,004.63 with the understanding that they keep their current balance paid as well. The motion carried.

(d) **Ratify the property tax increase of $4,014 reflected in the proposed budget for FY 2024/2025**

MOTION: Upon a motion by Councilmember Starkety, and a second by Councilmember Gerber, the Council voted three (3) for and none (0) opposed to ratify the property tax increase of $4,014 reflected in the proposed budget for FY 2024/2025. The motion carried.

(e) **Discuss and appoint officials to serve on Selection Review Committee to determine the criteria to select and rate competing Respondents, for purposes of procurement of Administration Services for the upcoming TxCDBG process.**

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Starkey, and a second by Councilmember Owens, the Council voted three (3) for and none (0) opposed to appoint Mayor, Clay Parker, City Administrator/Finance Director, Dessie Whelchel, City Secretary, Anita Griffith, and Public Works Director, Joe Snyder. The motion carried.

(f) **Discuss and approve Texarkana Water Utilities Amendment to water purchase contract**

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Starkey, and a second by Councilmember Owens, the Council voted three (3) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

Ordinances and Resolutions

(a) Approve Ordinance No 24-02-47

ORDINANCE NO. 24-02-47: AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWATER, TEXAS; SAID ORDINANCE ADJUSTING AND AMENDING THE CITY'S FISCAL YEAR 2023.2024 BUDGET.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilman Starkey, and a second by Councilman Owens, the Council voted three (3) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

(b) Approve Ordinance No 24-02-48

ORDINANCE NO. 24-02-48; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REDWATER, TEXAS, ADOPTING A BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING RESOURCES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025, BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2024 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025; REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Whelchel, and a second by Councilmember Starkey, the Council voted three (3) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

Council voted on the adoption of the budget as follows:
FOR: Councilmembers Starkey, Owens, and Gerber
AGAINST: None
PRESENT and not voting: None
ABSENT: Mayor Parker, and Coggin

(c) Approve Ordinance No. 24-20-36

ORDINANCE NO. 24-20-36: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REDWATER, TEXAS, LEVYING AND ADOPTING THE RATE ON $100 VALUATION FOR THE CITY OF REDWATER, TEXAS, FOR THE TAX YEAR 2024

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Starkey, and a second by Councilmember Gerber, the Council voted three (3) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.
Council voted on the adoption of the tax rate for the year 2024 as follows:
FOR: Councilmember Starkey, Owens, and Gerber
AGAINST: None
PRESENT and not voting: None
ABSENT: Mayor Parker, and Coggin

(d) Approve Ordinance No. 24-23-40

ORDINANCE NO. 24-23-40: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REDWATER, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE 23-23-39, INCREASE CERTAIN RATES; PRESCRIBING THE RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR SERVICES FURNISHED BY THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM OWNED AND OPERATED BY SAID

CITY; DECLARING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFILICE AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDIANCE; AND DECLARING THAT SHOULD ANY PART OF THIS ORDINANCE BE INVALID SUCH INVALIDITY WILL NOT AFFECT THE REMAINDER OF THIS ORDIANCE.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Gerber, and a second by Councilmember Owens, the Council voted three (3) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

(e) Approve Resolution No. R-24-09-15

RESOLUTION NO. R-24-09-15: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWATER, TEXAS, ADOPTING THE CITY'S INVESTMENT POLICY

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Starkey, and a second by Councilmember Gerber, the Council voted three (3) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

(f) Approve Resolution No. R-24-06-15:

RESOLUTION NO. R-24-06-15: A RESOLUTION OF REGARDING A FINANCE CONTRACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING A "REFINANCE OF EXISTING DEBT"

Upon a motion by Councilmember by Starkey, and a second by Councilmember Gerber, the Council voted three (3) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

Adjournment

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Starkey, and a second by Councilmember Gerber, the Council voted three (3) for and none (0) opposed to adjourn the regular meeting of the Redwater City Council at 7:49 pm on Monday, September 16, 2024. The motion carried.

These minutes approved on the 14th day of November, 2024.

Clay Parker, MAYOR

ATTEST

Anita Griffith, CITY SECRETARY