

**City of West Orange
Monday, April 8, 2024
Regular Session**

**City Council Chambers
2700 Western Avenue (*rear entrance*)
West Orange, Texas
5:00 P.M.**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Randy Branch	Jay Odom	Michael Shugart, Sr.
Meritta Kennedy	Lanie Brown	

COUNCIL MEMBER ABSENT:

Brent Dearing

APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Theresa Van Meter	Jon Sherwin	Mike Stelly
Christopher Leavins		

OTHERS PRESENT:

Tremaine Wilson	James Fisette	Michael Corbett
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Call to Order

Mayor Branch called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Council Member Shugart gave the invocation. The mayor then led in the Pledges of Allegiance to both the United States and Texas flags.

Consent Agenda

Discussion and Possible Action on approval of the minutes of the March 11, 2024 Council Meeting – These minutes were approved by vote after a motion was made by Council Member Odom, with a second by Council Member Brown.

Staff Reports

Public Works – Jon Sherwin

Mr. Sherwin reported the following activities for the month of March, 2024:

- **Construction Projects**
 - Waste Water Treatment Plant contract has been awarded
 - City Hall Generator Project – Still waiting on CenterPoint Energy
 - Drainage improvement project – on-schedule
 - Acquisition grant – near completion with only demolition of structure remaining
 - Pipe-bursting project has going on throughout city
- **Building Official**
 - 26 permits issued (0 new construction)
 - 26 permits completed
 - 5 properties to be advertised for demolition:
 - 1319 E. Milam
 - 2836 Bonham
 - 914 Lansing
 - 2120 Crockett
 - 218 Katherine
- **Sanitation**
 - 17 loads of green waste collected (\$2,550 to Plessala)
 - 3 loads of C & D to landfill
 - There were 7 thirty-yard dumpsters filled during the clean-up campaign.
- **Animal Control**
 - 92 calls
 - 13 intakes
 - 4 claimed/2 adopted/6 rescued
 - 4 court filings
- **Street**
 - 6 tons of cold mix place on streets

- **Parks**
 - Litter pickup continues
 - Mowing continues
- **Shop**
 - 5 full-services performed
 - Normal repairs of city assets
 - Monthly 30-for-30 – All police and fire vehicles in good working condition
 - Mowing

Police Department – Mike Stelly

Chief Stelly gave the following statistics for the month of March, 2024:

- Traffic contacts: 172
- Crashes reported: 8
- Arrests: 53
- Reports: 30
- Calls for service: 415
- Miles driven: 10,798

New officer hired: Eugene Summage

Code Enforcement

Violations Investigated: 87

General Administration – Theresa Van Meter

Mrs. Van Meter reported to Council that, as the ¼% sales tax had gone into effect on April 1st, the City had been receiving numerous calls questioning the additional \$0.05 charge on the trash bill. The ladies have been explaining that the charge for the trash service has not gone up...the extra charge is the additional sales tax.

Mrs. Van Meter wanted Council to be aware of this, should they have any questions, or hear any complaints, regarding this issue, they would know how to respond.

Volunteer Fire Department – James Fisette

Firefighter James Fisette reported the following activity for the department during the month of March, 2024:

- Structure fires: 2
- Outside rubbish fires: 7
- Medical assist calls: 1
- Public assist calls: 1
- MVA: 1
- "Good intent" calls: 1
- False Alarms: 1
- Dispatched and canceled, enroute: 2
- Stand by: 1
- Mutual aid given: 1

Regular Session

Discussion and Possible Action on allowing the Chief of Police to execute a contract for disaster-related services between the City of West Orange and DRC Emergency Services LLC – A motion was made by Council Member Odom to allow Chief Stelly to execute a contract for disaster-related services between the City of West Orange and DRC Emergency Services LLC. This motion received a second from Council Member Brown. Chief Stelly explained that this is a supplemental, or backup, contract, that will be in place for use if needed. As there were no questions nor discussion on the issue, the mayor called for a vote on the motion, which passed unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action on a request from Mr. Hai Tran of Dieci Real Estate Investment, LLC to subdivide parcel of land at 1023 Lansing into two parcels - Council Member Odom made a motion that Mr. Hai Tran's request to subdivide parcel of land at 1023 Lansing into two parcels be approved as presented. His motion was seconded by Council Member Brown. Mr. Corbett explained that subdividing this parcel of land will allow Mr. Tran to sell one of these houses/pieces of land without having to sell both. With there being no further discussion, a vote was called; motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Action on a request from Ms. Jennie Scalfano of Moore-Odom Wildlife Foundation for Odom Acres on SH 87 to be platted back to one parcel of land – A motion to approve Ms. Scalfano's request to plat back her property on SH 87 from two parcels to

one parcel was made by Council Member Brown. A second to this motion was made by Council Member Odom. With there being no discussion on the issue, the mayor called for a vote. Motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Action on an Interlocal Agreement with the OCWCID #2 detailing consideration and conditions for wastewater improvements under the FY 2018 EDA Disaster Supplemental appropriation - Council Member Brown made a motion that Council enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the OCWCID #2 detailing consideration and conditions for wastewater improvements under the FY 2018 EDA Disaster Supplemental appropriation. This motion was seconded by Council Member Odom. Mayor Branch called for a vote on the motion after determining that there were no questions nor discussion on the matter. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action on a Resolution regarding the Texas Department of Transportation's "Municipal Maintenance Agreement" – A motion to pass this Resolution regarding the Texas Department of Transportation's "Municipal Maintenance Agreement" was made by Council Member Odom followed by a second from Mayor Pro-Tem Kennedy. This Resolution was then unanimously passed by Council vote.

Announcements

Mayor Branch then announced that the Council Meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, May 7, 2024; 5:00 p.m. He added that Oaths of Office will be administered at this meeting for new terms of office for Council.

Adjournment

With there being no further business before Council, Mayor Branch adjourned the meeting at 5:17 p.m.



Randy Branch, Mayor

ATTEST:



Theresa Van Meter, City Secretary

