



City of West Orange

City Hall
2700 Western Avenue
West Orange, TX 77630

City Council Special Session Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 15, 2024

4:00 p.m.

Council Chamber

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Pro-Tem Meritta Kennedy
Brent Dearing

Michael Shugart, Sr.

Jay Odom

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mayor Randy Branch

Lanie Brown

APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Theresa Van Meter

Jon Sherwin

Christopher Leavins

OTHERS PRESENT:

Michael Corbett

Pam Cooper

Amy Bland

Call to Order

Mayor Pro-Tem Kennedy called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Council Member Shugart gave the invocation. The mayor pro-tem then led in the Pledges of Allegiance to both the United States and Texas flags.

Public Comments

Ms. Cooper addressed Council with her concerns regarding the city's lack of ordinances for fences. The ordinance that the city does have does not address how close a privacy fence can be built up to a road. Her neighbor is putting up a fence along the side of his house, between their properties – all the way to the street. It will block her house from emergency vehicles who may be looking for it.

Ms. Cooper's daughter, Amy Bland, also addressed Council, presenting pictures of how this fencing will affect their home. She stated that if this begins happening around the city, curb appeal and property values will go down.

Ms. Cooper and Ms. Bland encouraged Council to look into passing an ordinance restricting fencing in front of homes, and near roads that would block their neighbors.

Special Session

Discussion and Possible Action to approve a Resolution rescinding Orders by Resolution issued on July 8, 2024 to either repair, remove or demolish the following structures:

- 2610 Tanglewood** – Council Member Dearing made a motion that Council rescind the Order by Resolution issued on July 8, 2024 to either repair, remove or demolish the structure located at 2610 Tanglewood. Council Member Odom seconded his motion. With there being no discussion, a vote was cast, with the motion passing unanimously.
- 2713 Stevenson** – Council Member Shugart made a motion that Council rescind the Order by Resolution issued on July 8, 2024 to either repair, remove or demolish the structure located at 2713 Stevenson. Council Member Odom seconded his motion. With there being no discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Kennedy called for a vote, with the motion passing unanimously.
- 2832 Bonham** – Council Member Odom made a motion that Council rescind the Order by Resolution issued on July 8, 2024 to either repair, remove or demolish the structure located at 2832 Bonham. Council Member Shugart seconded his motion. As there was no discussion on the matter, a vote was cast, with the motion passing unanimously.

Adjournment

With there being no further business before Council, Mayor Pro-Tem Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 4:12 p.m.

R.R. Branch
Randy Branch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Theresa Van Meter
Theresa Van Meter, City Secretary

