



City of West Orange

City Hall
2700 Western Avenue
West Orange, TX 77630

City Council Special Session/Public Hearing Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 20, 2026

5:00 p.m.

Council Chambers

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Randy Branch
Jay Odom

Lanie Brown
Michael Shugart, Sr.

Gail Langton

COUNCIL MEMBER ABSENT:

Merritta Kennedy

APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Jon Sherwin

Theresa Van Meter

Call to Order

Mayor Branch called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Council Member Shugart gave the invocation followed by the Mayor leading the Pledges of Allegiance to both the United States and Texas flags.

Special Session

Discussion and Possible Action on approval of a Resolution authorizing the submittal of a Small Community Grant Program application to Texas Parks & Wildlife, designating authorized representatives and committing matching funds – Council Member Brown made a motion that Council approve a Resolution authorizing the submittal of a Small Community Grant Program application to Texas Parks & Wildlife, designating authorized representatives and committing matching funds. A second to this motion was made by Council Member Odom, who then inquired as to the amount of matching funds required. Mayor Branch responded, "\$300,000."

Public Hearing

The Special Session adjourned at 5:02 p.m. to allow Council to conduct a public hearing. The purpose of this hear was to accept public comments and discuss the submittal of a Small Community Grant Program application, including any potential activities within a floodplain or wetland.

With there being no discussion brought forth regarding this grant application, the public hearing adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Special Session

Mayor Branch reconvened the Special Session at 5:03 p.m.

Announcements

The mayor announced that the next Council Meeting was scheduled for Monday, August 10, 2026; 5:00 p.m.

He also announced that the Burnett Street railroad crossing would be closed for repairs from July 22, 2026 through July 31, 2026.

Adjournment

With there being no further business before Council, Mayor Branch adjourned the meeting at 5:04 p.m.

R.R. Branch
Randy Branch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Theresa Van Meter
Theresa Van Meter, City Secretary

