



**CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 10, 2015**

Present:

Robert Lorange, Mayor
Leo Whelchel, Mayor Pro Tem

Councilmembers:

Tammy Cowdery
Kevin Crites
Paula Coggin
Chuck Bradford

Guests:

Fred Milton
Dennis Lewis
Ronnie Little
Johnny Branson

Carl Evans
Webb Stanley
Bill Cork

City Staff:

Dessie Whelchel, City Secretary
Cindy Bartlett, Asst. 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 6:00 pm on Monday, August 10, 2015, in the community room at Redwater City Hall, 120 Redwater Blvd. W, Redwater, TX. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance led by Kevin Crites.

Public Comments – Open Forum

None

Presentations and recognitions

- (a) Dennis Lewis presented information to the Council and RIDC regarding Red River Army Depot
- (b) Recognition of years of service to the city was awarded to staff members by Mayor Lorange. Leo Whelchel (10), and Chuck Bradford (16) years
- (c) Recognition of (7) years of service to the city was awarded to Mayor Lorange by Mayor Pro Tem Whelchel.

Reports

- (a) Mayor-Robert Lorange
 - **Update on street repairs** - School contractor backed out of making repairs as originally agreed. Phase 1 repaired and concreted the damaged portion of Church & Short Street. The hole on Firehouse Rd. has also been repaired.
 - (b) Public Works Director -Tom Townsend
 - David Ballard was dismissed in July. New hire is Ray Valzano, he is working out well
 - Victor Constantine passed the "C" water test
 - Mowing is slowing down, Atticus has been doing a good job of staying ahead
 - (c) Secretary - Dessie Whelchel
 - **Financial reports** - Council reviewed financial reports included in packets
 - (d) Water Department-Cindy Bartlett
 - **Monthly RVFD water usage** - 4800 gallons
 - **Cut off list** - reviewed by Council
 - **ACH processing** - \$15,090.88
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MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Cowdery and a second by Councilmember Crites, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve and adopt the consent agenda as follows:

- (a) **Approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting on July 13, 2015**
- (b) **Approval of accounts payable for July 2015**

The motion carried.

Authorizations by Council

- (a) **Approve Certified Appraisal Roll**

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Whelchel and a second by Councilmember Cowdery the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve the 2015 Certified Appraisal Roll. The motion carried.

- (b) **Discuss and Adopt Proposed Property Tax Rate for 2015**

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Crites and a second by Councilmember Bradford the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve the proposed rate of \$0.188931/\$100 for 2015. The motion carried.

- (c) **Discuss and Adopt Proposed Budget for FY 2015/2016**

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Whelchel and a second by Councilmember Coggin the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to adopt the Proposed 2015/2016 Budget and place on file with the City Secretary until Public Hearing in September. The motion carried.

- (d) **Approval of Joint Election Agreement between City of Redwater and Bowie County, Texas**

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MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Cowdery and a second by Councilmember Coggin the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve a joint election agreement between the City Of Redwater and Bowie County, Texas.

(e) Order Election to be held November 3, 2015

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Cowdery and a second by Councilmember Whelchel the Council voted (5) for and none (0) opposed to Order an Election to be held on November 3, 2015.

(f) Discuss and Approve Interlocal Cooperation Agreement by and between the City of Redwater, Texas and Riverbend Water Resource District

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Crites and a second by Councilmember Bradford the Council voted (5) for and none (0) opposed to Approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement by and between the City of Redwater and Riverbend Water Resource District.

(g) Consider and Approve opening a new "Capital Funds" checking account at Guaranty Bank & Trust for General Fund; and designate signators on account

MOTION: Upon a motion by Councilmember Cowdery and a second by Councilmember Coggin the Council voted (5) for and none (0) opposed to opening a new "Capital Funds" checking account at Guaranty Bank and Trust. Signators to be the same as General Fund account.

Ordinances and Resolutions

(a) Review and Approve Ordinance No. 15-23-32, prescribing the rates to be charged for services furnished by the Water and Sewer System.

Ordinance will increase water rates inside and outside the city by \$3.50 per meter. This increase will be added to the minimum charge billed to all meters.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-23-32: AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWATER, TEXAS, PRESCRIBING THE RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR SERVICES FURNISHED BY THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM OWNED AND OPERATED BY SAID CITY; IMPOSING A 10% PENALTY FOR LATE PAYMENTS, A \$35 PENALTY FOR SHUT-OFFS, A \$27 RETURN CHECK FEE, A \$10 LOCK CHARGE, A \$25 METER REINSTALLATION FEE, A \$250 PENALTY FOR TAMPERING; A \$600 WATER TAP FEE, A \$450 SEWER TAP FEE, AND ADDING AN ADDITIONAL \$100 TO RENTERS' DEPOSIT; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES, ORDERS OR RESOLUTIONS PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Cowdery and a second by Councilmember Crites, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve Ordinance No. 15-23-32, Prescribing the Rates to be Charged for Services Furnished by the Water & Sewer System, effective from and after the September 2015 billing. The motion carried.

(b) Review and Approve Ordinance No. 15-02-20, adjusting and amending the city's Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget

ORDINANCE NO. 15-02-20: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REDWATER, TEXAS, ADOPTING A BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING RESOURCES FOR FISCAL YEAR

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2014-2015, BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2014, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2015;
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 Cowdery, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve Ordinance No. 15-02-20, adopting a budget and appropriating resources for FY 2014/2015. The motion carried.

Other Business

- (a) **Discuss and take action on employee health insurance coverage for FY 2015/2016**

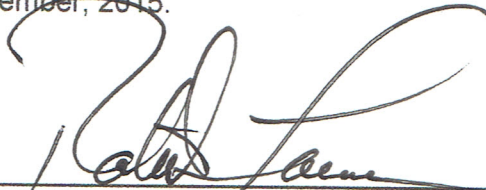
MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Crites and a second by Councilmember Bradford, the Council voted five (5) for, none (0) opposed, to approve keeping the Blue Cross Blue Shield policy currently in place, with the rate increase of 11%. The motion carried.

- (b) **Set date for the Annual Fall Clean Up - 2015 Fall Clean Up will be held on October 24.**
- (c) **Set amount to be transferred from General Fund Operating Account into General Fund Capital Funds Account monthly - Item tabled until later meeting.**

Adjournment

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Bradford and a second by Councilmember Crites, the Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to adjourn the regular meeting of the Redwater City Council at 8:17 pm on Monday, August 10, 2015. The motion carried.

These minutes approved on the 21 day of September, 2015.



Robert Lorange, MAYOR

ATTEST:



Dessie Whelchel, CITY SECRETARY, TRMC

