



**CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
September 19, 2016**

**Present:**

Robert Lorange, Mayor  
Leo Whelchel, Mayor Pro Tem

**Councilmembers:**

Tammy Cowdery  
Paula Coggin  
Ronnie Starkey

**Guests:**

Cary Rochelle  
Frank Estes  
Wilma Gerald  
Kiron Browning

Carey Ezell  
Frank & Lisa McCloskey  
Tyler & Diane Johnson  
Ed & Phyllis Allison

Doug Rochelle  
Sean Hirsh  
Kim Williams  
Wendy Satterfield

**City Staff:**

Dessie Whelchel, City Secretary  
Cindy Bartlett, Assistant City Secretary  
Tom Townsend, Public Works Supervisor  
Adam Ezell, Water/Wastewater Operator

**Call to Order and Announce a Quorum is Present**

With a quorum of the Council members present, the special called meeting of the Redwater City Council was called to order by Mayor Lorange at 6:05 pm on Monday September 19, 2016, in the Council Chambers at Redwater City Hall, 120 Redwater Blvd. W, Redwater, TX. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance led by Ronnie Starkey.

**Public Comments – Open Forum**

**Tyler Johnson**-Questioned the Mayor's explanation of the cause of the low chlorine residuals that resulted in a boil advisory issuance and disagreed with the solutions the city is putting into place to resolve the issues. He also questioned the decision to shut down the wells.

**Doug Rochelle**-Questioned the policies and procedures incorporated to prevent this type of problem from occurring in the future. He also questioned who was and will be held accountable.

**Kim Williams**-Questioned why the chlorine residuals were still low at her residence. She stated they are experiencing a massive mosquito infestation due to the line flushing and the wet ground is preventing them from being able to mow.

**Wendy Satterfield**-Questioned whether city hall employees or the mayor or council had anything to do with the blank form she received when she requested a copy from Robbie Caudle of the order issued to her son banning him from Redwater City Hall.

### Reports

- (a) Mayor-Robert Lorance
  - **New Employee**-Adam Ezell started August 15. Already has Class C Water & Wastewater licenses and working on his Class B license.
  - **Purchase of new equipment for water system to help correct problems**- Purchase includes a Cycle Stop Valve and a Scada System
  - **Need for additional water & sewer department employee** – in the future, all new water/sewer employees will be required to have experience working in a water/sewer department
- (b) Secretary - Dessie Whelchel
  - **Financial Reports** - Council reviewed reports included in packets.
- (c) Water Department
  - **Monthly RVFD usage** – 5200 gallons
  - **Cut-off list** - Council reviewed cut off list.
  - **ACH processing** - \$22,374.68 for September billing

### Consent Agenda

**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Councilmember Cowdery and a second by Councilmember Whelchel, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to approve and adopt the consent agenda as follows:

- (a) **Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting on August 8, 2016**
- (b) **Approval of accounts payable for August 2016**

The motion carried.

### Authorizations by Council

- (a) **Approve Finalized Budget (Exhibit A) for FY 2015/2016**

**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Councilmember Whelchel and a second by Councilmember Cowdery the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to approve the finalized budget (Exhibit A) for FY 2016/2017. The motion carried.

- (b) **Take action on Zoning Change Request regarding 131 Red River Rd S, request to change from Commercial to Residential 2 zoning in order to simplify the process of selling the property.**

**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Councilmember Cowdery and a second by Councilmember Coggin the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to approve the request to change the zoning at 131 Red River Rd S from Commercial to Residential 2. The motion carried.

- (c) **Take action on request to purchase “Boil Advisory” banners and place in strategic locations during a Boil Advisory.**

**MOTION:** Action item died due to lack of motion.

**Ordinances and Resolutions**

- (a) **Approve Ordinance No. 16-02-24, adopting a budget and appropriating resources for Fiscal Year 2015/2016, beginning October 1, 2016, and ending September 30, 2017**

**ORDINANCE NO. 16-02-24:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REDWATER, TEXAS, ADOPTING A BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING RESOURCES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016, BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2016, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2017; REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Councilmember Cowdery and a second by Councilmember Whelchel, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to approve Ordinance No. 16-02-24, adopting a budget and appropriating resources for FY 2016/2017. The motion carried.

Council voted on the adoption of the budget as follows:

FOR: Councilmember Starkey, Councilmember Coggin, Councilmember Cowdery, & Councilmember Whelchel

AGAINST: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Bradford

- (b) **Review and Approve Ordinance No. 16-20-28, Levying a Property Tax Rate for the City of Redwater for the Tax Year 2016**

**ORDINANCE NO. 16-20-28:** AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A TAX RATE FOR THE CITY OF REDWATER, TEXAS, FOR THE TAX YEAR 2016

**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Councilmember Whelchel and a second by Councilmember Coggin, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed approve and adopt Ordinance No. 16-20-28, Levying a Property Tax Rate for the City of Redwater at \$0.188931 per \$100 valuation. The motion carried.

Council voted on the 2016 Tax Rate as follows:

FOR: Councilmember Whelchel, Councilmember Cowdery, Councilmember Starkey, & Councilmember Coggin

AGAINST: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Bradford

- (c) **Review and Approve Resolution No. R-16-09-7, Adopting the City’s Investment Policy**

**RESOLUTION NO. R-16-09-7:** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWATER, TEXAS, ADOPTING THE CITY’S INVESTMENT POLICY

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**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Councilmember Cowdery and a second by Councilmember Coggin, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to approve Resolution No. R-16-09-7, Adopting the City's Investment Policy. The motion carried.

**Other Business**

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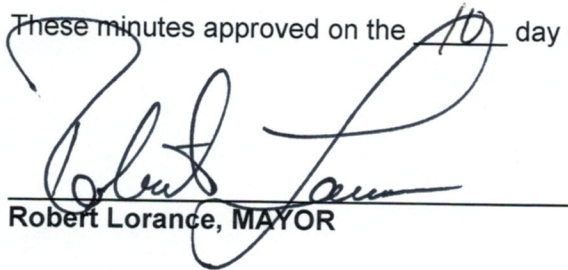
NONE

**Adjournment**

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**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Councilmember Cowdery and a second by Councilmember Coggin, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to adjourn the regular meeting of the Redwater City Council at 7:26 pm on Monday, September 19, 2016. The motion carried.

These minutes approved on the 10 day of October 2016.



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Robert Lorance, MAYOR

ATTEST:



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Dessie Whelchel, CITY SECRETARY, TRMC