



**CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
December 7, 2009**

Present:

Beverly Phares, Mayor

Councilmembers:

Robert Lorange, Mayor Pro Tem
Tammy Cowdery
Leo Whelchel
Chuck Bradford

Guests:

City Staff:

Rickie Henderson, Public Works Director
Pam Green, Assistant to City Secretary

Call to Order and Announce a Quorum is Present

With a quorum of the Councilmembers present, the Regular meeting of the Redwater City council was called to order by Mayor Phares at 6:00 pm on Monday, December 7, 2009, in the Council Chambers at Redwater City Hall, 120 Redwater Blvd. W, Redwater, TX. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance led by Chuck Bradford.

Presentations and Recognitions

- (a) Dan Boyles with MTG Engineers presented future water system and water storage option ideas to the Council.

Public Comments – Open Forum

None

Reports

- (a) Mayor – Beverly Phares
- **Stimulus update** – all paperwork sent in, waiting for application to be posted on website
 - **Backflow preventer stipulation** – TCEQ recommended placing a backflow preventer stipulation notice in the water service agreement. It is now in place.
 - **Backflow preventer and water service agreement** – this item accidentally put on agenda twice
 - **Telephone lines on Shiloh** – only one line will conflict with putting in the drainage ditch. Windstream will reconnect for \$100 after City cuts the line.
 - **Report on cell phone monitoring** – Elbert charged \$24 via payroll deduction to reimburse for going over minutes; however did not use the phone excessively during work hours.

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- **Census update** – received packet from Census Bureau with deleted houses; still going over it and need to get it returned to Census Bureau soon
- **Schedule for cleaning trucks/punch list** – mayor reviewed punch list and verified with Rickie which items had been completed and which had not; also asked that all trucks be cleaned every Friday
- **Receival of Solid Waste funds** – not discussed
- **Raise in TCEQ water system fee** – raised from \$954 to \$2700 annually
- **Grease traps** – meeting scheduled with Kyle (DeLaughter's) and Lisa (Redwater Diner) for December 8.
- **Manhole repairs** – Charles Lynn Fischer repaired 3 manholes. Have some others that need to be repaired or replaced.
- **Overtime** – Rickie to clear all overtime with Mayor before it is worked

(b) Public Works – Rickie Henderson

Water

- No major leaks to report
- Water usage has fallen due to low outside activity
- New rules on groundwater testing

Wastewater

- Two manhole blockages: one at 113 Fagan; one at Red River Rd and Redwater Blvd W. Both are from the manhole replacement in that area.
- Replaced two 7' manholes at 113 Fagan right of way. Replaced one 4' manhole at the intersection of Redwater Blvd E and Fagan West.
- Two manholes in that area need attention: one needs to be resealed, the other will have to wait until the dry season.
- Three more manholes that need repair are: one on Ware St., one on Red River Road S., and one on Jones St. These are all brick manholes.
- Problem at Fagan Lift Station: replaced one float
- Problem with one of the Barnes Ecotran Systems: replaced the sealed pressure switch. Second one replaced on Red River Road S – the first was still under warranty. The stations are over two years old, and the warranty expired in September 2009. Need to replace the other two soon; will order a backup switch for one of the two stations left to replace the switch. There are four stations on Red River Rd. S.

City

- Minor pot hole patch work on Church, Ware, and Spencer. Also Post Office parking lot and Hardiman Ln.

(c) Secretary – Dessie Enns

Dessie Enns was not present - council had no questions on financial reports

- **Monthly General Fund Financial Report**
- **Monthly Water/Sewer Financial Report**

(d) Vehicle/Equipment Maintenance – Pam Green

- **Vehicle Maintenance/Repairs** – none to report
- **Cut off list** – 39 customers: \$780 in fees
- **ACH processing** – \$5,898.62

Consent Agenda

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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 and adopt the consent agenda as follows:

- (a) Approval of minutes of the November 2, 2009 public hearings
- (b) Approval of minutes of the November 2, 2009 regular meeting
- (c) Approval of minutes of the November 16, 2009 public hearings
- (d) Approval of minutes of the November 16, 2009 special meeting
- (e) Approval of accounts payable for October 26 – November 25, 2009

The motion carried.

Authorizations by Council

- (a) Consider/approve contract with Williams & Co., P.C., for purposes of performing FY 2008/2009 Audit

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Bradford and a second by Councilmember Cowdery, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed, to approve contract with Williams & Co., P.C. The motion carried.

- (b) Consider/approve awarding bid for street repair
Mayor Phares discussed the bids that had been submitted. Each company had different recommendations. Mayor suggested Council study the bids and decide at the January council meeting.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Lorange and a second by Councilmember Cowdery, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to postpone the item until the January council meeting. The motion carried.

- (c) Consider/approve changing date of January City Council meeting

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Lorange and a second by Councilmember Cowdery, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to approve setting the council meeting for January 11, 2010. The motion carried.

Ordinances/Resolutions

- (a) Review and approve Ordinance No. 09-23-28, prescribing the rates to be charged for services furnished by the water and sewer system owned and operated by the City of Redwater, repealing all ordinances, orders, or resolutions parts thereof in conflict herewith

ORDINANCE NO. 09-23-28: 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; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES, ORDERS OR RESOLUTIONS PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Bradford and a second by Councilmember Lorange, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to approve Ordinance

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No. 09-23-28, increasing the sewer rate for all residential and commercial sewer customers. The motion carried.

- (b) **Review and approve Resolution No. R-09-02-09, casting the City's two votes for election to the Board of Directors for the Bowie Central Appraisal District for the 2010-2011 term**

MOTION: No action taken.

Executive Session

At 7:55 pm Council adjourned into Executive Session in accordance with the Texas Government Code 551.074:

- Discussion on pay incentives for City Employees
- Discussion on pay increases for City Employees for 2010

Reconvene

Council reconvened into regular session at 8:50 pm.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Whelchel and a second by Councilmember Bradford, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to pay each City employee \$100 incentive pay. The motion carried.

Other Business

- (a) **Discuss Funds**
Mayor Phares presented a report on funds deposited with Edward Jones.

MOTION: No action taken.

- (b) **Discuss wording for Ordinance Sign to be placed at City limits**
After some discussion, Council determined no sign is needed at this time.

MOTION: No action taken.

- (c) **Consider/take action on Rail America invoices**
Attorney has contacted Rail America with offers for one time payment; however Rail America continues to send invoices for past due amounts.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Whelchel and a second by Councilmember Bradford, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to approve paying the 2008 invoice only. The motion carried.

- (d) **Consider/take action on maintenance to City Park**
City will mow/maintain areas that are public access: front area and area around walking track.

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 maintenance agreement with RYSA. The motion carried.

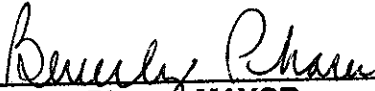
Adjourn

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MOTION: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Bradford and a second by Councilmember Lorange, the Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to adjourn the regular session of the Redwater City Council at 9:10 pm on Monday, December 7, 2009. The motion carried.

These minutes approved on the 11 day of January, 2010.


Beverly Phares, MAYOR

ATTEST:


Dessie Enns, CITY SECRETARY