

THE CITY OF EASTLAND
CITY COMMISSION CALLED MEETING

September 10, 2024

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The City Commission of the City of Eastland, Texas, met in Open Session at Eastland City Hall as scheduled, and notice was posted 72 hours prior to the meeting.

CITY COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Chairman	Larry Vernon
Commissioner	Shirley Stuart
Commissioner	Carol Jones

CITY COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Commissioner	Richard Rossander
Commissioner	James Doyle

PERSONNEL PRESENT:

City Manager	Savannah Fortenberry
City Secretary	Roma Holley
Finance Director	Leslie Zander

Guests:

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chairman Larry Vernon called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Carol Jones offered the invocation and Chairman Larry Vernon led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge

III. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY SUBJECT NOT LISTED ON THIS
AGENDA (Limited to Five Minutes Per Speaker)

There were no comments from the public at this time.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET

Chairman Vernon opened the Public Hearing at 12:02 p.m.
Chairman Vernon closed the Public Hearing at 12:07 p.m.

V. The Board of City Commissioners May Discuss and Take Action on
the following Agenda Items:

1. Discussion and Consideration of First Reading of Ordinance **24-905**
adopting budget by record vote.

Commissioner Shirley Stuart made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Carol Jones to approve the first reading of Ordinance 24-905, adopting the Budget.

Record Vote:

Ayes:	Commissioners Jones
Ayes:	Commissioners Stuart
Ayes:	Chairman Vernon
Nays:	None
Absent:	Commissioners Doyle, Rossander

At this time Commissioner Shirley Stuart made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Carol Jones to Ratify the property tax increase in the 2024-2025 Budget.

Record Vote:

Ayes:	Commissioners Jones
Ayes:	Commissioners Stuart
Ayes:	Chairman Vernon
Nays:	None
Absent:	Commissioners Doyle, Rossander

- 2. Discussion and Consideration of First Reading of Ordinance **24-906** setting the Tax Rate on All Taxable Property in the City of Eastland for the year 2024 and for the Expenses of the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2025

This item was tabled to the next meeting.

- 3. Discussion and Consideration of the 2024-2025 Contract with Eastland County for Ambulance Services.

Chairman Vernon stated the reason for this item is the fact that the Eastland Memorial Hospital has asked for an increase in funding for the Ambulance Service from \$87,000 to \$104,000.

Discussion followed by the commissioners about how the Ambulance Service is funded by the citizens through City Taxes, County Taxes, Hospital Taxes, Sales Taxes and when we send our firemen on the first responder calls.

Chairman Vernon shared with the commissioners that in the budget that we just approved on first reading, we did not increase the funding for the Ambulance Service. It will remain at \$87,000 per year. This is what will be in the contract when it comes from the Eastland Memorial Hospital next month.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Carol Jones made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Shirley Stuart to adjourn at 12:23 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED

 Larry Vernon, Chairman
 Board of City Commissioners

ATTEST

 Roma Holley, City Secretary