

THE CITY OF EASTLAND  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING

January 22, 2019

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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 in advance and prior to the meeting.

**CITY COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Chairman	Larry Vernon
Commissioner	John Bird
Commissioner	Richard Rossander
Commissioner	Zac Darr

**CITY COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:**

Commissioner	Frank Saylor
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**PERSONNEL PRESENT:**

City Manager	Ron Duncan
City Secretary	Shirley Stuart
City Secretary (in training)	Roma Holley
City Finance Director	Leslie Zander
Director of Planning/Zoning	Bill Dolen
Code Enforcement Officer	Terry Simmons
Chief of Police	David Hullum

Guests: Cecil Funderburgh, Steve Gerdes, Don Griffin, H. V. O'Brien, Laura Hobbs, Tom Bailey, Ben Bird

**I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Chairman Larry Vernon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Zac Darr offered the invocation and City Manager Ron Duncan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

There were no comments.

**IV. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 17, 2018 MEETING**

Commissioner John Bird made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard Rossander, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on December 17, 2018. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Rossander, Bird, Darr  
Nays: None  
Absent: Commissioner Saylor

**V. FINANCIAL REPORT**

City Manager Ron Duncan reported that the Sales Tax is continuing on a positive trend.

**VI. THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS MAY DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS:**

**1. EASTLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL REPORT PRESENTED BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TOM BAILEY**

Chairman Larry Vernon introduced Tom Bailey who reviewed the handout of the EEDI Annual Report

Mr. Bailey reported that the \$500,000 Texas Community Block Development grant has been approved for the Rural Health Clinic. He also spoke about the addition of the Nursing Home to the Woodlands Retirement Center. The EEDI will be assisting in funding some of the infrastructure, specifically, putting in the street named University Drive.

Mr. Bailey also talked about Blake Fulenwider buying property from EEDI to build a new dealership near the Interstate. Mr. Bailey also talked about the EEDI purchasing more property on the north service road for future development.

Mr. Bailey then explained about the Red Star Pipeline being a joint effort between the City of Eastland and the Eastland Industrial Foundation. This is in support of the new and improved complex being built on the site of the current Red Star Truck Stop.

Mr. Bailey discussed the joint efforts being put forth to help remodel the old Victor Cornelius building into a new satellite campus of Ranger College. Ranger College owns the two-story portion of this building along with the parking lot. Central Texas Opportunities and Workforce Solutions have expressed an interest in occupying offices in this building. Eastland Memorial Hospital has also approached the idea of a nurses training program being held in this building.

Mr. Bailey also explained about the future of the Morgan Building property. He spoke about Ronnie Harris bringing in Kevco Industries, a recycling equipment repair shop. He will be refurbishing the north end of the building by exchanging his employees labor for the materials provided by EEDI.

Mr. Bailey concluded his presentation by expounding about the great opportunities that the airport and its updated terminal bring to the community. The job fair that was held there in 2018 was just the beginning. He finished by presenting the sales tax revenue and projecting an upward trend with all of the new businesses and new jobs coming to town. All projects combined should create between 70-80 new jobs in 2019.

No action was required.

**2. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SUPPORT OF FUTURE PROJECT PROPOSED BY EASTLAND COUNTY WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT**

Chairman Larry Vernon introduced Steve Gerdes of the ECWSD. Mr. Gerdes explained that they are currently building the new water treatment plant which is scheduled to go online around the first of March.

Mr. Gerdes gave information about a proposed project which will consist of the following:

- \* convert the existing temporary potassium permanganate feed system to a permanent feed system and add a flow meter at the raw water pump station to improve the water accountability and allow for flow pacing of the potassium permanganate feed system.

- \* Relocate the current chlorine dioxide application point from the present location near the raw water pump station to a point closer to the WTP along the raw water pipeline and relocate the chlorine dioxide generator to the WTP.

- \* Permanently remove the existing underground concrete clearwells from service and utilize the new above-ground clearwell that was installed in an earlier phase of the current DWSRF project.

- \* Installation of aeration stripping with venting the head space inside the new above-ground

clearwell to remove volatilized TTHMs from the tank head space and prevent TTHMs from resolubizing in the moisture inside the tank head space and returning to the treated water.

\* Mr. Gerdes provided and explained the application to the TWDB and the amortization schedule for review. Mr. Gerdes encouraged the City to take advantage of the terms of the proposed loan that is outlined.

No action was required.

- 3. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING ORDINANCE NO 18-844, INCORPORATING ALL AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE INTO A COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE ON THE SECOND READING

Commissioner John Bird made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard Rossander, to approve the second reading of Ordinance 18-844. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Rossander, Bird, Darr  
 Nays: None  
 Absent: Commissioner Saylor

- 4. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO CHANGE SIGNATURE CARDS AT FIRST FINANCIAL BANK

Finance Director Leslie Zander explained that the bank needs a letter authorizing them to remove Shirley Stuart from the City Hall accounts and replacing her with Roma Holley and removing Roma Holley from the Police Department accounts and replacing her with Temi Nichols effective February 8, 2019

Commissioner John Bird made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard Rossander, to approve the changes to these accounts. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Rossander, Bird, Darr  
 Nays: None  
 Absent: Commissioner Saylor

- 5. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER AND ALTERNATE MEMBER OF BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Director of Planning and Development Bill Dolen recommended Norman Owen to be appointed to the Board of Adjustment effective immediately and Shirley Stuart be appointed as an alternate effective February 14, 2019

Commissioner Richard Rossander made a motion, seconded by Commissioner John Bird, to approve Norman Owen to be appointed effective immediately and Shirley Stuart be appointed as an alternate effective February 14, 2019. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Rossander, Bird, Darr  
 Nays: None  
 Absent: Commissioner Saylor

- 6. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SUPPORT OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPCOMING EVENTS AS REQUESTED BY LAURA HOBBS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Chairman Larry Vernon introduced Executive Director Laura Hobbs, who began by inviting everyone to the groundbreaking ceremony for the nursing home addition to the Woodlands on Thursday at noon.

Mrs. Hobbs asked permission to include a Winefest, to be held inside the Lyric Theater in conjunction with Rip’s Ribs Cookoff, on April 13, 2019. She explained how it would work, by adhering to the rules set out by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC). Each wine vendor will have a certificate specific to the event issued from TABC. Mrs. Hobbs said that this would be a “tasting only” and would not be full glasses of wine. No one will be allowed to leave the premises with it. The liability would be the Chamber of Commerce and the Center for the Arts, which owns the Lyric Theater. This still has to go before the Board for the Center for the Arts.

Mrs. Hobbs also wants to host a Sanctioned Corn Hole Tournament along with the cookoff as something else for people to do while waiting for the cookoff.

Commissioner Richard Rossander made a motion, seconded by Commissioner John Bird, to approve this request for permission to include the Winefest along with a Corn Hole Tournament at the Rip’s Ribs Cookoff on April 13, 2019. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Rossander, Bird, Darr  
 Nays: None  
 Absent: Commissioner Saylor

Mrs. Hobbs also informed the commission that the Chamber would like to implement an “Adopt-a-Block” Campaign to take place in March. This will be an initiative to start a mass clean up day in the middle of March. The Chamber would be asking various service organizations and groups to help clean an area on or around Main Street.

Commissioner Richard Rossander made a motion, seconded by Commissioner John Bird, to approve this request for permission to schedule an “Adopt-a-Block” clean up in March. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Rossander, Bird, Darr  
 Nays: None  
 Absent: Commissioner Saylor

**VII. CITY MANAGER’S BRIEFING**

2019 Streets / The City, in conjunction with EEDI, Eastland Community Foundation and Eastland Industrial Foundation will assist with infrastructure as part of the major expansion project of the Woodlands Assisted Living Facility and the Trinity Nursing System. University Drive, which will serve this expansion, will be the last street on the left as you head west towards Cisco on Hwy 6. Cost estimates have been received and this will be moving forward as soon as possible.

Mental Health Transport Officer / The Texas Department of Health Grant has been approved for the MHMR officer position which is now in operation. Former Sheriff Deputy Josh Nichols began working this month and is assigned to the Cisco Police Department but provides services to Eastland and Ranger as well.

Eastland Municipal Airport Game Fence / Construction of the Game Fence surrounding Eastland Municipal Airport should begin next month.

Waste Water Treatment Plant / We are in the process of receiving sealed bids for construction of the improvements to the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

2018 Water System Improvements / This project is in the process of receiving the final validation of the surveyed route this week.

Pump Station / The pump station repairs are almost complete.

**VIII. CODE COMPLIANCE REPORT**

Code Enforcement Officer Terry Simmons presented the Code Compliance Report for December.

He reported there were 46 open cases at the beginning of the month, 14 new cases were opened and 26 cases were closed, ending the month with 34 open cases. He also issued one annual notice.

**IX. MONTHLY POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Copies of the written Police Department Report were included in the meeting packets.

Chief Hullum spoke about a meeting that took place on December 16, 2018. The local police chiefs met together to discuss common procedures and protocols.

Chief Hullum also addressed upcoming traffic concerns at the intersection of the frontage roads and E. Main Street.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Zac Darr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner John Bird, to adjourn at 7:19 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVED**

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Larry Vernon, Chairman  
Board of City Commissioners

**ATTEST**

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Roma Holley, City Secretary