

THE CITY OF EASTLAND
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

September 16, 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	Cecil Funderburgh
Commissioner	Richard Rossander
Commissioner	Zac Darr
Commissioner	Ben McNabb

PERSONNEL PRESENT:

City Manager	Ron Duncan
City Finance Director	Leslie Zander
City Secretary	Roma Holley
Chief of Police	David Hullum
Director of Planning	Tony Stubblefield
Code Enforcement	Terry Simmons

Guests: Tom Bailey, H.V. O'Brien, Frank Saylor, Julie Elrod

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chairman Larry Vernon called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Richard Rossander offered the invocation and Commissioner Zac Darr 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 from the public.

IV. Public Hearing Regarding the FY 2019-2020 Budget

Chairman Larry Vernon opened the Public Hearing at 6:05 p.m. and made the following announcement:

This hearing has been called to provide an opportunity for any person or group to express their opinion regarding the FY 2019-2020 Budget

Chairman Vernon allowed time for any comments from the Public or the City Commissioners, but there were none.

Chairman Vernon closed the Public Hearing at 6:10 p.m.

V. Approve Minutes of the August 7th, August 19th, August 29th, and September 5th, 2019 Meetings

Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Zac Darr to approve the minutes of August 7th, August 19th, August 29th, and September 5th, 2019 Meetings. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Funderburgh, Darr, Rossander, McNabb
 Nays: None
 Absent: None

Mayor Vernon briefly discussed the sales tax numbers which are on the Finance Report included in the Commissioners packets. He stated that the sales tax is the highest September on record as well as the highest year for sales tax.

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

5. Discussion and Consideration of EEDI proposal from Maverick Logistics for Purchase of Approximately 2 acres of Land

Although this item was listed as number 5, EEDI Executive Director Tom Bailey needed to leave as soon as possible and asked to move to the beginning.

Mr. Bailey addressed the commissioners and shared with them the details of this item. He stated that this property is on Joe Beaty Road, near the airport. The owner, Sean Mosher, is moving his growing business from W. Commerce to this location. Commissioner Funderburgh asked if the selling price of \$20,000 was comparable. Mr. Bailey stated that they did some research and tried to make it not only comparable but also reasonable.

Commissioner Richard Rossander made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh, to Approve the EEDI proposal from Maverick Logistics for Purchase of approximately 2 acres of land. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Funderburgh, Darr, Rossander, McNabb
 Nays: None
 Absent: None

1. Discussion and Consideration of the Second Reading of Ordinance **19-854**, ADOPTING FY 2019-2020 BUDGET

Commissioner Richard Rossander made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Zac Darr, to Approve the second reading of Ordinance **19-854** Adopting the FY 2019-2020 Budget. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Funderburgh, Darr, Rossander, McNabb
 Nays: None
 Absent: None

2. Discussion and Consideration of the First Reading of Ordinance No. **19-855**, Revising Ordinance No. 797, Adopting Water Conservation Plan

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EASTLAND,
TEXAS
REPLACING ORDINANCE NO. 797 TO ADOPT THE
REVISED WATER CONSERVATION PLAN AND
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO
IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THE WATER
CONSERVATION PLAN AND NOTIFY CUSTOMERS
OF REQUIREMENTS

City Manager Ron Duncan explained that this is a renewal of the Water Conservation Plan from 2014. TCEQ requires a renewal every 5 years. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard Rossander, to Approve the first reading of Ordinance **19-855**. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Funderburgh, Darr, Rossander, McNabb
Nays: None
Absent: None

3. Discussion and Consideration of Policy regarding Take Home Vehicles for use by Police Officers who reside outside the City Limits of Eastland

Police Chief David Hullum explained to the Commissioners about the guidelines that will be followed by Officers who take their patrol vehicles to their residence outside of the City Limits of Eastland. They will be able to take them home provided they live within a 15-minute response time. The mayor requested the Chief provide to the commissioners a policy for approval.

Commissioner Richard Rossander made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Zac Darr, to approve the Officers to take the patrol vehicles outside of the City Limits contingent upon Chief Hullum’s policy being presented. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Funderburgh, Darr, Rossander, McNabb
Nays: None
Absent: None

4. Discussion and Consideration of Resolution No. **2019-14** USDA Rural Housing Service for purchase of a Police Vehicle and Emergency Light Bar Assemblies

City Manager Ron Duncan stated that this is actually an Implementation Resolution of the USDA grant that was approved on August 29th, 2019.

Commissioner Zach Darr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh to approve Resolution **2019-14**. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Funderburgh, Darr, Rossander, McNabb
Nays: None
Absent: None

VII. City Manager's Briefing

City Manager Ron Duncan advised they have completed some of the street repairs on West Conner, North Oak and St. Charles. We anticipate more repairs to be completed when they are doing the Forced Main Project.

Our next Budget meeting will be September 19, 2019 which will be called to Discuss and Consider the first reading of the ordinance to approve the 2019 Ad Valorem Tax Rate.

Drainage Issues

TxDot is getting a contract very soon to address the drains around the courthouse and on main streets.

University Drive, which is in conjunction with the Woodland Nursing Center Expansion: This is moving forward. We are waiting on some topographical map work to be completed.

Eastland Memorial Hospital Rural Health Clinic: Still moving forward.

Waste Water Treatment Plant: Construction is ahead of schedule for the new plant and is 15% complete. On 09-27-2019 at 3:30 pm, there will be a bid opening for the Forced Main Project, TxCDBG #7218121. The City Commissioners will consider and approve an award of the contract at a Called meeting on the September 30th at noon.

Water System Improvements: The easements are complete and planning is ongoing.

Red Star Project: We are waiting on Mr. Sam Lawson to begin his part of the project.

VIII. Code Compliance Report

Code Enforcement Officer Terry Simmons presented the Code Compliance Department August Report. He reported there were 48 open cases at the beginning of the month, 39 new cases were opened and 28 cases were closed which ended the month with 54 cases open. He also issued three citations and recorded two properties for back taxes. Also, 19 annual notices were issued. Fines that were assessed were \$2451 and fines that were paid were \$407. One lien was filed for \$397 on a case that was filed in July. Attempts to get anyone to haul off the trailer from 1501 S. Seaman have been negative. Our public works crew will demolish it when the weather gets cooler. Also, the property on Bryens that has been having issues, has been sold and the new owner is already making efforts to clean it up.

IX. Monthly Police Department Report

Chief David Hullum stated the calls for service for August are still pretty high. Our officer in training will probably be released from his "ghost" training within the next week or so. The seizure of the 18-wheeler went to default judgement so there is a waiting period before we can actually get the title. At that point, a decision will be made whether to sell the tractor/trailer as a unit or sell them separately.

Investigator Weger and Sgt. McDade attended the Crimes Against Children Conference.

Contact has been made with the seller of the new police vehicle and it is being put on a car hauler to be shipped.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Zac Darr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ben McNabb, to adjourn at 7:04 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED

Larry Vernon, Chairman
Board of City Commissioners

ATTEST

Roma Holley, City Secretary