

THE CITY OF EASTLAND
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

December 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 prior to the meeting.

CITY COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Chairman	Larry Vernon
Commissioner	Cecil Funderburgh
Commissioner	Zac Darr
Commissioner	Richard Rossander

CITY COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

Commissioner	Ben McNabb
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PERSONNEL PRESENT:

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

Guests: Julie Elrod

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

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

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Larry Vernon 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. Approve Minutes of the November 18, 2019 Meeting.

Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Zac Darr to Approve Minutes of the November 18, 2019 Meetings.

Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

V. Financial Report

The sales tax has increased substantially over the previous year. Finance Director Zander explained that the sales tax for November was 25% more than November 2018.

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

1. Discussion and Consideration of ORDINANCE NO. 19-858

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EASTLAND, TEXAS ADDING CHAPTER 13, SOLID WASTE TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF EASTLAND; REQUIRING CITY RESIDENTS TO HAVE SOLID WASTE SERVICES; ESTABLISHING RULES REGARDING DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; REQUIRING PUBLICATION; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Vernon advised that there are two main reasons for this ordinance. The first reason is to help stop people from putting trash in commercial dumpsters that do not belong to them. The second reason is to require people who have a water account through the city, that live in the city, to pay for garbage collection services. The contract between the City and Waste Connections states that if you pay for a water connection you will also pay for garbage collection.

Discussion among the commissioners centered around the additions/changes to the existing ordinance.

Commissioner Richard Rossander made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 19-858.

Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

VII. City Manager's Briefing

Downtown Sidewalk Repairs: City Manager Ron Duncan advised that his basic report is the same as last month's. However, he added this section.

1. We are currently doing a project on the West Side of the square on the 100 block of S. Lamar Street. The contractor has much finishing work to do before this project is complete.
2. We have to tackle a larger project on the 200 block of Main Street adjacent to the County Courthouse Annex. This project will involve possibly removing 2 trees, as well as replacement of approximately 980 Square feet of damaged sidewalk. The sidewalk has been heavily damaged by tree roots under the pavement. This problem is particularly severe due to the section of the building's basement located directly under the sidewalk. There is only 12 inches of distance between the sidewalk and the roof of the basement.

City Manager Duncan advised that he is recommending removal of the trees and repair the sidewalk. The Public Works department will be removing the trees and a contractor will be pouring a new sidewalk.

Waste Water Treatment Plant: Construction is still ahead of schedule for the new plant and is 36.37% complete.

VIII. Code Compliance Report

Code Enforcement Officer Terry Simmons presented the Code Compliance Department November Report. He reported there were 38 open cases at the beginning of the month, 16 new cases were opened and 18 cases were closed which ended the month with 36 cases open. He also issued three citations. \$4,636 in fines were assessed and \$0 fines were paid. One case was reported for Back Taxes. 3 annual notices were issued. One property was abated in September and one lien was filed in excess of \$242.63.

IX. Monthly Police Department Report

Chief David Hullum stated there were 180 calls for service in November which is higher than normal. There were 7 cases filed with the District Attorney along with 1 case filed with the Juvenile Authority. There were 40 offense reports generated.

He stated the Animal Control Officer issued 8 citations and 7 warnings.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Richard Rossander made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh, to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED

Larry Vernon, Chairman
Board of City Commissioners

ATTEST

Roma Holley, City Secretary