

THE CITY OF EASTLAND
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

November 15, 2021

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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	J.J. Oznick
Finance Director	Leslie Zander
Planning & Zoning Director	Tony Stubblefield
City Secretary	Roma Holley
Police Chief	David Hullum
Fire Chief	Joe Williamson

Guests: Julie Elrod, H.V. O'Brien, Sam Williams, Wes Bishop, Andy Hansen, Laura Hobbs, Kathy Marler

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 Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

No comment

IV. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 18, 2021 and OCTOBER 25, 2021 MEETINGS

Commissioner Zac Darr made a motion, seconded by Richard Rossander, to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2021 and October 25, 2021 meetings.

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

V. Financial Report

Finance Director Leslie Zander stated that the sales tax continues to rise and Eastland appears to be prospering!

No action at this time.

VI. Eastland Chamber of Commerce Information by Laura Hobbs

Chamber of Commerce Director Laura Hobbs gave an overview of what they are planning for 2022.

Rip’s Ribs Cookoff – Saturday, April 9, 2022. Mrs. Hobbs spoke regarding: Tent placement on the intersection of Lamar and Mulberry; Wine Festival under the Tent, will need an approval from the City and a letter to be turned into TABC. May also need a variance regarding consumption of Wine on the square.

RipFest – Saturday, October 1, 2022. Mrs. Hobbs spoke regarding approval for a Carnival to be held in the First Baptist Church parking lot or the EMH empty field. If approved by the city we will first obtain approval from owners of lots before proceeding.

Mrs. Hobbs stated that they will need barricades for both events, if approved.

Both the Winefest and the Carnival were approved by the Commission in 2020 but were cancelled due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

VII. Public Hearing Annexation

Commencement: 6:16 p.m.

City Manager J.J. Oznick introduced Andy Hansen, who is the developer of Maverick Townhomes who would be willing to answer any questions regarding the voluntary annexation.

Conclusions: 6:18

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

1. Discussion and Consideration of **P&Z case 21-009**: Applicant Kathy Marler is requesting to rezone her property located at 305 N Hillcrest, Lots 22-24, Blk 2, Hillcrest Addition, Eastland, TX, from SF Single Family Zoned District to MH Manufactured Home Zoning District in order to place a new manufactured home on where a manufactured home currently sits.

Planning & Zoning Director Tony Stubblefield informed the Commission that the Planning & Zoning Board met and have made the following recommendation:

Request: To Rezone entire parcel from SF-Single Family to MH-Manufactured Home Zoning in order to place a new manufactured home on property to replace existing manufactured home that is severely dilapidated.

History: Property currently has a manufactured home on the property that is in a severe state of disrepair. Property has been unoccupied since September of 2019 and has been a problem for code enforcement since.

Staff Report: There are some zoning districts that were placed in 2007 that do not correspond with their current use. When these are found they are to be brought forward to be rezoned to correct the issues. This is one of those times. The MH zoning is in place on the east side of this block, right behind the property requesting the change.

P & Z Board Recommendation: P & Z Board recommends to approve the rezone of the parcel to MH – Manufactured Home zoning district.

Commissioner Richard Rossander made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Zac Darr, to accept the recommendation of the P & Z board to approve the rezone MH – Manufactured Home zoning district. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

- 2. Discussion and Consideration of First Reading to Approve **Ordinance 21-881**
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EASTLAND, TEXAS CHANGING THE ZONING USE DESIGNATION OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS LOTS 22 – 24 OF BLOCK 2 OF THE HILLCREST ADDITION TO THE CITY OF EASTLAND FROM SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT (“SF”) TO MANUFACTURED HOUSING DISTRICT (“MH”); AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP FOR THE CITY OF EASTLAND TO REFLECT SUCH CHANGE; AND ADOPTING THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP SO AMENDED.

Commissioner Zac Darr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ben McNabb, to approve **Ordinance 21-881**. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

- 3. Discussion and Consideration **Resolution 2021-16** A Resolution Approving a Grant Agreement in the Amount of \$405,000 with a Local Match of \$45,000 and an Escrow Agreement Relating thereto; Authorizing the Mayor, City Manager, and City Secretary, or their Designees, to Execute any and All Documents Related Thereto; and other matters in Connection Therewith.

City Manager J. J. Oznick advised the Commission that this is the grant that will fund the H & H Study which is in connection with the GLO-MIT-FIF grant.

Commissioner Richard Rossander made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh, to approve **Resolution 2021-16** as presented. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

4. Discussion and Consideration **Resolution 2021-17** A Resolution supporting in its entirety and hereby adopts the allocation method for opioid settlement proceeds as set forth in the State of Texas and Texas Political Subdivisions Opioid Abatement Fund Council and Settlement Allocation Term Sheet

City Manager J. J. Oznick told the Commission the City of Eastland will receive \$15, 896 as part of the proceeds as set forth in the State of Texas and Texas Political Subdivisions Opioid Abatement Fund Council and Settlement Allocation Term Sheet that was included in their packet.

Commissioner Richard Rossander made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh, to approve **Resolution 2021-17**. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

5. Discussion and Consideration of First Reading to Approve **Ordinance 21-880** *AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF EASTLAND, EASTLAND COUNTY, TEXAS; EXTENDING THE BOUNDARY LIMITS OF SAID CITY TO INCLUDE SAID PROPERTY WITHIN SAID CITY LIMITS; AND GRANTING TO ALL THE INHABITANTS OF SAID PROPERTY ALL THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF OTHER CITIZENS AND BINDING SAID INHABITANTS BY ALL OF THE ACTS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, AND REGULATIONS OF SAID CITY.*

City Manager J.J. Oznick advised the Commissioners this is in relation to the Public Hearing held earlier regarding the voluntary annexation of property to the south of Maverick Townhomes. Andy Hansen, developer of the Maverick Townhomes, spoke and commended the Commission for their forethought and insight into this venture. He stated that because of the success of the initial phase of Townhome development, they would like to build another complex south of the current site. He also stated that almost all of the current tenants are not Eastland natives, but people who are moving to Eastland to work and go to school in the neighboring colleges. He believes this is another reason the sales tax continues to increase.

Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Zac Darr, to Approve the first reading of **Ordinance 21-880** granting annexation. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

6. Discussion and Consideration to Approve the Award of a Contract for the sewer lines along Hwy 6.

City Manager J. J. Oznick stated that sealed bids had been accepted until November 11, 2021. On that day, Enprotec Hibbs & Todd Engineer Scott Hay opened and made notations of the contents of three bids. After considering all of the bids, it was decided to tentatively accept the bid from Dorado Construction Group, pending Commission approval. They provided the lowest bid and Engineer Hay said he is aware of their work and it is acceptable.

Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh, made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ben McNabb to approve awarding the Contract to Dorado Construction Group to complete the sewer lines along Hwy 6. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

IX. City Manager's Briefing

City Manager J.J. Oznick briefly covered the report that the commissioners have in their packet.

Mr. Oznick stated the representatives from Texas Government Land Office (GLO), along with Grant Administrators Langford and Associates, will be here tomorrow to meet with the Commissioners and anyone else who would like to know how this Flood Mitigation grant will be administered. This is the official starting point of the Grant.

X. Code Enforcement Report

Planning and Zoning Director Tony Stubblefield reported the Code Compliance Report for October 2021. There were 40 open cases at the beginning of the month, 28 new cases were opened and 44 cases were closed which ended the month with 24 cases open. Fines paid was \$2,022 with \$300 paid by being in jail. Liens were paid in the amount of \$294.67.

XI. Police Report

Chief David Hullum stated there were 242 calls for service in October. 17 cases were filed with the District Attorney. There were 44 offense reports generated. He noted 20 arrests with 56 charges. A total of 618 traffic stops were initiated. This resulted in 443 warning citations and 175 citations issued. He also stated that 43 "business checks" were conducted. Chief Hullum also stated that our part time Animal Control officer is now certified. Sgt. McDade is now a Certified Radar Instructor which means we do not have to contract with an outside company to certify our Officers and Radars.

Chief Hullum stated there were no issues with Halloween and that 475 glow sticks were given away at the "Boo in the Garden". Chief Hullum also advised the Commission that we provided extra officers for security at the recent Eastland vs Millsap football game due to some concerns about possible unrest. He received commendations and appreciation from the Millsap School District for the show of force which kept order.

XII. Fire Chief Report

Fire Chief Joe Williamson gave the following activity report for the month of October for the Volunteer and Paid Firefighters. Total call volume: 80 which was an average of 2.58 calls per day. 54 of these were in the City Limits and 24 of them were in the county and they responded to 2 calls for mutual aid to other county fire departments. There were 16 incidents between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. There were no structure fires, 1 grass fire and 0 vehicle fires. They responded to 34 Medical calls, 13 Motor Vehicle accidents and 13 Public Service assists and 19 false alarms/investigations. They installed 3 Smoke Detectors.

He stated that after all of the activity of October with Fire Prevention month, it was decided to move the Citizen Fire Academy to the spring. More information will be forthcoming. He encouraged everyone to watch the Fire Department's FACEBOOK page for more news and happenings.

XIII. Adjournment

Commissioner Zac Darr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh, to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED

Larry Vernon, Chairman
Board of City Commissioners

ATTEST

Roma Holley, City Secretary