

THE CITY OF EASTLAND
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

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

PERSONNEL PRESENT:

City Manager	Ron Duncan
City Secretary	Roma Holley

Guests: Julie Elrod, Laura Hobbs, Joe Williamson

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 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. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 19th, 2021 and
FEBRUARY 2nd, 2021 and FEBRUARY 9, 2021 Meetings

Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard Rossander, to approve the January 19th, 2021 and February 2nd, 2021 and February 9, 2021 Meetings

Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

V. FINANCIAL REPORT

City Manager Ron Duncan stated that we still have a positive trend for our sales tax which is just \$2,000 less than this month last year.

No action at this time.

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

- 1. Discussion and Consideration of Requests by Eastland Chamber of Commerce Director Laura Hobbs

Chamber of Commerce Director addressed the Board that this is the same request that was made last year with the exception of not hosting a wine festival. They will be hosting Old Rip in October along with a Carnival.

Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard Rossander, to Approve the Requests of Eastland Chamber of Commerce. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

- 2. Discussion and Consideration of Approval of EEDI Development Agreement with MIRA Enterprises

City Manager Ron Duncan expressed regret on behalf of EEDI Director Tom Bailey who was unable to attend due to the weather. Mr. Duncan explained that this is the former Morgan Building Property and that EEDI has fashioned a Development Agreement with Mike Batteas of MIRA Enterprises. Mr. Batteas has desired to come into the city limits of Eastland for some time. He wants to purchase the Morgan Building Property and turn it into a manufacturing facility that will produce equipment for the Sonic Restaurants. This will be a great asset to the citizens of Eastland in that it will not only create jobs, but it will bring a large amount of tax income to the city. It will also clean up that area of the city.

The current occupants who are leasing portions of the building will be allowed to continue with their leases.

Commissioner Zac Darr asked to see the Development Agreement before he voted on it. It was provided to him by the City Secretary.

Commissioner Richard Rossander made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Zac Darr, to Approve the EEDI Development Agreement with MIRA Enterprises. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

3. Discussion and Consideration of **RESOLUTION 2021-02**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTINUED PARTICIPATION WITH THE ATMOS CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE; AND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF FIVE CENTS PER CAPITA TO THE ATMOS CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE TO FUND REGULATORY AND RELATED ACTIVITIES RELATED TO ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION

Chairman Vernon advised the Board that this is the annual agreement we make with the Atmos Steering Committees in order to remain a part of their group which works on our behalf.

Commissioner Zac Darr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard Rossander, to Approve RESOLUTION 2021-02. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

4. Discussion and Consideration of **RESOLUTION 2021-03**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTINUED PARTICIPATION WITH THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF CITIES SERVED BY ONCOR; AND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF SIX CENTS PER CAPITA TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE TO FUND REGULATORY AND LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AND ACTIVITIES RELATED TO ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY, LLC.

Chairman Vernon advised the Board that this is the annual agreement that we make with the Oncor Steering Committees in order to remain a part of their group which works on our behalf.

Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Zac Darr, to Approve RESOLUTION 2021-03. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

5. Discussion and Consideration **RESOLUTION 2021-04**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF EASTLAND, TEXAS APPROVING SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION, FOR THE PD TO 21ST CENTURY (PHASE 2) CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION GRANT PROGRAM

City Manager Ron Duncan told the Board that this is a Zero Match grant from the Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division for the updating of the computer system for the Eastland Police Department.

Commissioner Richard Rossander made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Zac Darr, to Approve RESOLUTION 2021-04. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

6. Discussion and Consideration of 3% Cost of Living Increase for All City Employees Effective March 14, 2021

City Manager Ron Duncan stated that this was accounted for in the budget. The COLA had been deferred for six months to make sure that we had the funds, which we do.

Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh made a motion, seconded by Richard Rossander, to Approve the 3% Cost of Living Increase for All City Employees Effective March 14, 2021. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

7. Discussion and Consideration of Employment Offer to City Manager Applicant

Executive Session in Accordance with Local Government Code §551.074 – Personnel Matters

Commencement of Executive Session: 6:18 p.m.
Conclusion of Executive Session; 6:25 p.m.

8. Discussion and Consideration of any action to be taken as a result of the Executive Session.

Commissioner Richard Rossander made a motion, seconded by Zac Darr, to extend an Employment Offer to John Oznick, Jr (JJ) to become the next City Manager of the City of Eastland. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

VII. City Manager’s Briefing

WWTP Improvements: The New Waste Water Treatment Plant project is approximately 98.94% complete. City Manager Duncan provided a short slide presentation with information about the new plant.

GLO-CDBG-MIT Project Planning We are getting closer to beginning this project.

EASTLAND MUNICIPAL AIRPORT UPDATE: We are awaiting the packets from TxDOT Aviation on extending our Request For Qualifications for the Engineers of the next Airport project.

I-20 WATER PUMP STATION REPAIRS: This week has shown us the importance of obtaining this next CDBG grant in order to ensure that we can make more improvements. Mr. Duncan said he would like to see us put in a new # 1 Pump with a variable frequency drive and a new backup power system so that we will NEVER go without water because of loss of power. We will also need the ECWSD to obtain a backup power system. There will be a meeting this week of the ECWSD and that will be discussed.

VIII. Code Enforcement Report

This report was included in the packet

IX. Police Report

This report was included in the packet

X. Fire Chief Report

Fire Chief Joe Williamson gave the following activity report for the month of January for the Volunteer and Paid Firefighters. Total call volume: 60 which was an average of 1.93 calls per day. 46 of these were in the City Limits, 13 of them were in the county and one was in Ranger. We installed 2 Smoke Detectors through our Smoke Detector Installation program. There were 7 incidents between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. They responded to 1 vehicle fire, 6 grass fires and had 8 Investigations. They responded to 27 Medical calls, 10 Motor Vehicle accidents and 7 Public Service assists. They also responded to one Elevator rescue. Captain David Branch passed the TCFP Fire Inspector examination. The Fire Department participated in a Fire Drill at Seibert Elementary along with the Eastland Police Department. Also, 4 new members were added to the Volunteer Fire Department: Lucas Wilson, Jesse Taylor, Jason (JJ) Knight, Chris Salinas.

XI. Adjournment

Commissioner Zac Darr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard Rossander, to adjourn at 6:52 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED

Larry Vernon, Chairman
Board of City Commissioners

ATTEST

Roma Holley, City Secretary