

THE CITY OF EASTLAND
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

June 20, 2022

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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	Ben McNabb

CITY COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Commissioner	Richard Rossander
Commissioner	Zac Darr

PERSONNEL PRESENT:

City Manager	J.J. Oznick
Finance Director	Leslie Zander
City Secretary	Roma Holley
Public Works Director	Bobby Jacoby
Fire Chief	Joe Williamson
Planning Director	Tony Stubblefield
Police Chief	David Hulum
Police Lieutenant	Dan Wilson

Guests: Julie Elrod, Lesa Thomas, George Falk, Jr.

I. Meeting Called To Order

Chairman Larry Vernon called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh offered the invocation and City Manager J.J. Oznick 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 May 16, 2022 and June 1, 2022 Meetings

Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ben McNabb, to approve the May 16, 2022 and June 1, 2022 Meetings. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

V. Financial Report

Finance Director Leslie Zander stated the sales tax has decreased .12% since October 2021. However, we are still above the numbers for May of last year. She also spoke about an upcoming budget amendment at the end of this budget 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 Genesa Camacho to present the Fiscal Year 2023 contract request Eastland County Crisis Center, Inc.

Genesa Camacho, Director of the Eastland County Crisis Center and the Children’s Advocacy Center, began by expressing gratitude for the commitment of the City of Eastland over the past year.

Ms. Camacho also presented a pamphlet to the Commissioners detailing the services provided and how many clients were served in the past year.

She stated they are requesting the same amount of funds as last year.

Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ben McNabb, to approve the requested funds for both Eastland County Crisis Center and the Eastland County Children’s Advocacy Center. He asked that it be noted that they have not asked for an increase in several years. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

VII. City Manager’s Briefing

City Manager J.J. Oznick briefly covered the report that the commissioners have in their packet. He stated that EHT began surveying both forks of the Leon River and Weaver Creek in preparation for the GLO H&H study. Everything is at a stand-still until an archeological study is complete. The estimated duration of the study will be 90 days. This study will be composed of 72 samples of dirt being removed from several areas. It is unknown when this study will begin. Also, property acquisitions are moving forward.

TWDB Flood infrastructure Fund Grant

If the TWDB program is successful we would pay \$45,000 (10%) in local match for a \$450,000 project, fund a detailed study of the Leon River Watershed and the effects on our flood plain. Data is still being compiled for the study.

Durapatcher

The Street Maintenance crew has already been using the Durapatcher to repair potholes. Unfortunately, we ran out of emulsion and we are currently unable to purchase any due to the inability to store a large quantity. Currently we can only store 200 gallons and suppliers are reluctant to sell that small of an amount. We are working to find a way to store at least 600 gallons.

TCEQ Violations

City Manager Oznick also spoke about the recent letter that was sent to all City of Eastland water customers. He explained about the two violations noted by Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). Regarding the first violation: TCEQ did not receive a quarterly sample report in a timely manner. The report is on file at city hall and was completed in the time frame that we are required to do so. This violation was a recordkeeping issue and not a quality of water issue. The City of Eastland is taking steps to ensure that all sample reports are received by TCEQ in a timely manner.

The second violation: the City of Eastland had a high level of trihalomethanes (TTHM) found within the water in the first quarter of 2022. Trihalomethanes are a group of organic compounds that are formed when chlorine, added to the water during the treatment process for disinfection, reacts with naturally-occurring organic matter in the water. During the sample that was taken during the first quarter of 2022, it was found that the water was high in TTHMs. Immediately after this was reported, the City of Eastland began taking steps to reduce this number by adjusting how we apply chlorine and ammonia in our system. We are also implementing a new device that will assist in promoting healthier levels of TTHM. This has brought down the level that is acceptable by TCEQ standards.

Ensuring that the citizens of Eastland have good quality water is a high priority for the City of Eastland. This information was sent to all customers in an effort to be fully transparent.

At this time, there was also some discussion among City Manager Oznick, the Commissioners, the Chief of Police regarding the subject of Golf Carts being driven on the streets and sidewalks of Eastland. This will be discussed in greater detail at a later date.

VIII. Code Enforcement Report

Planning and Zoning Director Tony Stubblefield reported the Code Compliance Report for May 2022. There were 39 open cases at the beginning of the month, 22 new cases were opened and 31 cases were closed which ended the month with 30 cases open. 5 citations were issued. 2 annual notices were sent with fines paid of \$378.

IX. Police Report

Police Chief David Hullum stated there were 304 calls for service in May. 8 cases were filed with the District Attorney. There were 47 offense reports generated. He noted 14 arrests. A total of 746 traffic stops were initiated. This resulted in 618 warning citations and 128 citations issued. He also noted 189 "business checks" were conducted. Chief Hullum also told the Commission that our new Animal Control Officer, Cathy Perry, issued 20 citations while responding to 239 calls which continues the extremely busy load from April. He noted that 38 animals were impounded while 18 were returned to their owner before being impounded. 16 animals were adopted.

X. Fire Chief Report

Fire Chief Joe Williamson gave the following activity report for the month of May for the Volunteer and Paid Firefighters. He began by stating the total call volume of 61 which was an average of 1.96 calls per day. 39 of these were in the City Limits and 18 of them were in the county. They responded to 4 calls for mutual aid to other county fire departments. There were 10 incidents between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. There were 3 structure fires, 4 grass fires and 1 vehicle fire. They responded to 30 Medical calls, 9 Motor Vehicle accidents, 3 Public Service assists and 10 false alarms/investigations and 1 Rescue/Haz-Mat call. Volunteers logged an average of 17.8 hours per day. 1 smoke detector was installed.

XI. Adjournment

Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ben McNabb, to adjourn at 7:08p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Roma Holley
City Secretary

Larry Vernon, Chairman
Board of City Commissioners