

THE CITY OF EASTLAND
CITY COMMISSION CALLED MEETING

August 3, 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 prior to the meeting.

CITY COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Commissioner	Cecil Funderburgh
Chairman	Larry Vernon
Commissioner	Richard Rossander

CITY COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Commissioner	Zac Darr
Commissioner	Ben McNabb

PERSONNEL PRESENT:

City Manager	J. J. Oznick
City Secretary	Roma Holley
Finance Director	Leslie Zander

Guests: Terry Simmons, Julie Elrod

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chairman Larry Vernon called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Manager J. J. Oznick offered the invocation and Chairman Larry Vernon 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 at this time.

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

1. Discussion and Consideration of Eastland Historic Preservation Board request to utilize a portion of the remaining 2021-2022 grant funds.

Terry Simmons, Eastland Historic Preservation Board Ex-Officio, shared with the Commissioners the amount of funds still available for the 2021-2022 Historic Preservation Grant. That amount being \$11,138.50. He also told the Commissioners that EHP Board had met and discussed the applications for this upcoming years grant. Bear Creek Taphouse had applied for the 2022-2023 Historic Preservation Grant to assist with the replacement of the back door which is not in compliance with the Health Department and could cause the business to be closed. The EHP Board decided to recommend that, since we had enough funds left in the current grant year, to ask the Commissioners to approve awarding the full amount of \$3,680 to Bear Creek Taphouse.

Cecil Funderburgh made a motion, seconded by Richard Rossander, to approve awarding \$3,680 in Historic Preservation Grant funds to Bear Creek Taphouse. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

2. Discuss Tax Rate and Take Record Vote

Chairman Larry Vernon announced this agenda item and stated that we will be taking a Record Vote at this time. Chairman Vernon turned the discussion over to City Manager J.J. Oznick who introduced the proposed tax rate information and recommendations as follows:

Based on this year’s figures, the No New Revenue Tax Rate (formerly known as effective tax rate) determined by the Tax Appraisal District is .515380, the Voter Approval Tax (formerly known as Rollback Tax) rate is .53073 and the current tax rate is .615380. City Manager Oznick provided budgeting and tax base information for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and discussion centered around the fact that inflation is currently very high and that by using the NNR we would not be in a good position if sales taxes decreased. A compromise was sought that would be amenable to all concerned. City Manager Oznick reminded the City Commission this decision is a proposed tax rate and can be adjusted before the hearings and adoption of a tax rate by ordinance, which will take place as previously scheduled in the budgeting process.

All commissioners discussed the compromise and determined that by asking the tax rate be set at .523057, this would allow the city to operate easier.

Cecil Funderburgh made a motion, seconded by Richard Rossander, to set the Tax Rate at .523057. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

3. Executive Session in Accordance with Local Government Code §551.074
– Personnel Matters: Police Chief Position

Commence: 12:50 p.m.
Conclusion: 1:02 p.m.

No Action necessary

V. Budget Workshop #2 to Discuss Budget Draft for FY 2022-2023

City Manager J.J. Oznick stated that he had no further business to discuss regarding the Budget Draft. Mayor Larry Vernon stated that everything had already been stated in the previous discussion item.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard Rossander, to adjourn at 1:04 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED

Larry Vernon, Chairman
Board of City Commissioners

ATTEST

Roma Holley, City Secretary