

THE CITY OF EASTLAND  
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

September 19, 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
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
Planning Director	Tony Stubblefield
Police Chief	David Hullum
Code Enforcement Officer	Terry Simmons

**Guests:** Julie Elrod, Joshua Williams, Sam Williams, Tom Bailey, Tim Pitts

**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 Ben McNabb offered the invocation and Commissioner Richard Rossander 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 August 15, August 30, September 6, and  
September 8, 2022 Meetings**

Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Zac Darr, to approve minutes from the August 15, August 30, September 6, and September 8, 2022 Meetings

Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

**V. Financial Report**

Finance Director Leslie Zander spoke about the sales tax remaining steady. No action at this time.

## VI. EEDI Annual Report

Eastland Economic Development Inc. Executive Director Tom Bailey informed the board about the progress of the projects that EEDI is involved with. He also had a slide presentation of “before and after” photos:

**Bowie Street** in the Eastland Business Park has been completed. It connects the Service Road to the Old Bankhead Highway and runs between Blake Fulenwider and US Sand and Gravel. It is composed of concrete and rebar and is a great asset for the future of the business park.

**Bartee Metals** continues to grow and expand. They are currently working towards another building to be built on the land that was recently annexed. It will house the construction of metal building fabrication kits. This will be in addition to the business that is already up and running and will increase the number of employees for the company.

**US Sand and Gravel** has completed their building and is fulfilling orders. They also have their **US Rentals** available for large equipment.

**Mighty Molding** was purchased last year by Brent Kirkland. This business is growing and thriving and continuing to increase their number of employees.

The property known as **Terri Street** actually belonged to Tractor Supply. It runs between the Old Tractor Supply and Dollar General. This property was purchased by EEDI and given to the City of Eastland and has been included in the GLO Flood Mitigation project. This will be reconstructed in such a way as to divert flood waters and help them flow into Weaver Creek.

**Tractor Supply** moved into their new building and their sales tax continues to increase. Their old building is going to be a new **Harbor Freight**. This will fill a niche for consumers that have to drive to larger cities to purchase tools and other supplies. They hope to be open for business by the end of January 2023.

**Family Dollar / Dollar Tree** is planning to build a store on the lot just north of Brookshires on North Seaman Street. They plan to be open for business by the end of May 2023. Although these last couple of items are not actually EEDI projects, they do bring a lot of jobs and business to the city and we are excited about them coming to Eastland.

Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh commended Mr. Bailey for all of his hard work in promoting the City of Eastland and bringing businesses here. He stated that the general public has no idea about what goes into Economic Development.

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

### 1. Discussion and Consideration of Approving EEDI Budget

EEDI Executive Director Tom Bailey stated they used the city’s anticipated sales tax numbers in order to formulate their budget. He covered a couple of the items and stated that it is basically the same budget as last year. No amendments were necessary.

Commissioner Richard Rossander made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Zac Darr, to approve the EEDI 2023 Budget as presented. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

2. Discussion and Consideration of Approving reappointment of James Doyle to the EEDI Board for term beginning 10-01-2022 and ending 09-30-2025

City Manager Oznick stated this year is the completion of Mr. Doyle’s term and recommends that he be reappointed.

Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard Rossander, to approve the reappointment of James Doyle to the EEDI Board for another 3 years. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

3. Discussion and Consideration of first reading Ordinance **22-891** regarding 2022 Budget Amendment

City Finance Director Leslie Zander explained that due to an omission from the budget of a lease payment that was due in October 2021, an amendment was necessary to correct it. She also explained the \$8,000 consultant fee which necessitated an amendment.

Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard Rossander, to approve the first reading of Ordinance 22-891 regarding the 2022 Budget Amendment. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

4. Discussion and Consideration of 2023 Eastland Historic Preservation Board Grant Applications

Eastland Fine Arts Association: The Majestic Theatre is applying for assistance with the cost of new Fire Exit doors. They have received a bid for \$22,763 and the EFAA requested grant assistance of \$11,336.

First Baptist Church / Prairie Oil and Gas Company Building: The First Baptist Church is applying for assistance in refurbishing original “Front Doors”, Replace Back Door and repaint outside of window frames. Total cost of project is \$22,750 and FBC is requesting grant assistance of \$11, 375.

Commissioner Zac Darr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh, to approve both of the applications for the Eastland Historic Grant. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

**City Manager’s Briefing**

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

### **GLO-CDBG-MIT Project Planning**

The August 23, 2022 meeting regarding the GLO-MIT Buyout of Residential property was a success. The Grant Administrators from Langford and Associates were in attendance to answer the questions of several property owners.

### **HWY 6 Sewer Improvements**

This project has been completed.

### **DAM REPAIRS**

The scope of the archeological dig has been reduced considerably.

## **VIII. Code Enforcement Report**

Planning and Zoning Director Tony Stubblefield reported the Code Compliance Report for August 2022. There were 23 open cases at the beginning of the month, 29 new cases were opened and 24 cases were closed which ended the month with 28 cases open. 5 citations were issued. 1 annual notice was sent with fines assessed of \$3,339. Fines paid were \$899.

## **IX. Police Report**

Police Chief David Hullum stated there were 286 calls for service in August. 10 cases were filed with the District Attorney. There were 39 offense reports generated. He noted 14 arrests with 27 charges. A total of 475 traffic stops were initiated. This resulted in 378 warning citations and 97 citations issued. He also noted 209 “business checks” were conducted. Our Officers continue to make arrests for DWI and Narcotics. One traffic stop and investigation resulted in the seizure of 14 ½ ounces of methamphetamine. Our Animal Control Officer is continuing to do an outstanding job. 32 Animals were impounded while 8 were returned to their owner before being impounded. 13 animals were adopted.

## **X. Fire Chief Report**

Assistant Fire Chief Sam Williams gave the following activity report for the month of August for the Volunteer and Paid Firefighters. He began by stating the total call volume of 61 which was an average of 1.97 calls per day. 41 of these were in the City Limits and 19 of them were in the county. They responded to 1 call for mutual aid to other county fire departments. There were 7 incidents between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. There were 2 structure fires, 4 grass fires and 1 vehicle fire. They responded to 23 Medical calls, 8 Motor Vehicle accidents, 5 Public Service assists and 17 false alarms/investigations. We now have a total of 29 Volunteer Firefighters.

The Fire Department will be having an Open House on October 8, 2022 at 9 a.m. We invite the public and will be serving breakfast and giving tours of the facility. We will also give hands-on demonstrations.

We continue to be proactive in seeking Volunteers for our Fire Department. We want to build our numbers to ensure that we will always have enough firefighters to rise to the challenges ahead.

## **XI. Adjournment**

Commissioner Richard Rossander made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ben McNabb, to adjourn at 6:40p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:

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Larry Vernon, Chairman  
Board of City Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Roma Holley  
City Secretary