

THE CITY OF EASTLAND
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

May 16, 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	Richard Rossander
Commissioner	Zac Darr
Commissioner	Ben McNabb

PERSONNEL PRESENT:

City Manager	J.J. Oznick
Finance Director	Leslie Zander
City Secretary	Roma Holley
Fire Chief	Joe Williamson
Planning Director	Tony Stubblefield
Police Lieutenant	Dan Wilson

Guests: Tom Bailey, Sharon Harper, Julie Elrod, Peyton Cox, Lesa Thomas, George Falk, Jr.

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 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)**

No comment

IV. Administer Oath of Office to Elected Officials

City Secretary Roma Holley Administered the Oath of Office to Larry Vernon and Richard Rossander

V. Approve Minutes of the April 18, 2022 Meeting

Commissioner Richard Rossander made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh, to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2022 meeting. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

VI. Financial Report

Finance Director Leslie Zander stated the sales tax continues to increase. Our budget is seeing the effect of inflation. The price increases of fuel and chemicals may lead us to a budget amendment at the end of this budget year.

No action at this time.

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

1. Election of City Officers:

CHAIRMAN / MAYOR: Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh nominated **Commissioner Larry Vernon** and Commissioner Richard Rossander seconded. The nominations ceased. The motion prevailed with Chairman Vernon abstaining from the vote.

CHAIRMAN PRO TEM: Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh nominated **Commissioner Richard Rossander** and Commissioner Ben McNabb seconded. The nominations ceased. The motion prevailed with Commissioner Rossander abstaining from the vote.

TREASURER: Commissioner Zac Darr nominated **Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh**. Commissioner Ben McNabb seconded and nominations ceased. The motion prevailed with Commissioner Funderburgh abstaining from the vote.

ASSISTANT TREASURER(s): Commissioner Richard Rossander nominated **Commissioners Ben McNabb and Zac Darr**. Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh seconded and nominations ceased. The motion prevailed

2. Executive Session In Accordance with Texas Government Code, §551.072, Deliberation about Real Property:

Commence: 6:11 p.m.

Conclude: 6:30 p.m.

ACTION TAKEN AFTER COMING OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Zac Darr, to accept the property described as .35 acres from the John House Survey A-159, from EEDI to the City of Eastland. This will be adopted as a portion of Terri Street. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

3. Discussion and Consideration of Second Reading of Ordinance **22-885** Use of RV's in City Limits

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EASTLAND, TEXAS AMENDING CHAPTER 5, "BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY TO ADD DIVISION VII, "RECREATIONAL VEHICLES" TO REGULATE THE USE OF

RECREATIONAL VEHICLES AS TEMPORARY RESIDENCES WITHIN THE CITY; PROVIDING REPEALER AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Planning and Zoning Director Tony Stubblefield stated that currently, according to our ordinances (Zoning Chapter 19-11, Permitted Uses), a recreational vehicle may not be used as a permanent residence in the city limits. It was determined that the Ordinance should be amended to add it. The process will include obtaining a Permit for this particular use for 6 months.

Commissioner Zac Darr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard Rossander to approve upon second reading, Ordinance **22-885**. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

4. Discussion and Consideration of second reading of Ordinance **22-886** to Update Fee Schedule

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EASTLAND, TEXAS REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE NO. 21-882; ADOPTING AN AMENDED COMPREHENSIVE RATE AND FEE SCHEDULE ESTABLISHING RATES AND FEES TO BE CHARGED FOR CITY SERVICES; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Manager JJ Oznick advised the Commission that any time a fee is added or changed, the fee schedule has to be amended. This amended schedule has the new permit fee regarding the use of an RV as a temporary residence. The first permit will cost \$10 and each renewal will be \$20 each.

Regarding last month’s discussion concerning the City of Eastland Convenience Center Fees, City Manager Oznick also showed the Commissioners the update which is Table 1300-1a. The fee charged for trailers (used to haul debris and/or trash) has been updated to a flat \$4 per foot, per length of the trailer.

Commissioner Zac Darr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ben McNabb, to approve upon second reading, Ordinance **22-886**. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

VIII. 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. We will be hosting the first of three public hearings regarding this project on May 25, 2022 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Waste Water Improvements

The Texas Hwy 6 South Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project is close to being completed following a few setbacks.

TXDOT Exit 343 Ramp and Signal Light Projects

This project has been put on hold and will be rebid in six months. This is due to bids coming in at over 70% higher than the budget.

Dam Repairs

As part of the dam repair project, Texas State University will be doing a small archaeological study on the dam. At this time, it is unclear what the scope of the dig will be.

Eastland Municipal Airport Update

Airport personnel met with engineers and TXDOT on the final design of the project. All parties agreed on the design. This project began in 2018 and prices have increased dramatically since that time. Now, we are in the bid process and must wait to see if we can continue with this project.

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.

IX. Code Enforcement Report

Planning and Zoning Director Tony Stubblefield reported the Code Compliance Report for April 2022. There were 30 open cases at the beginning of the month, 26 new cases were opened and 17 cases were closed which ended the month with 39 cases open. 1 citation was issued. 4 annual notices were sent with fines paid of \$412.

X. Police Report

Police Lieutenant Dan Wilson stated there were 268 calls for service in April. 32 cases were filed with the District Attorney. There were 37 offense reports generated. He noted 13 arrests with 22 charges. A total of 657 traffic stops were initiated. This resulted in 533 warning citations and 124 citations issued. He also noted 132 “business checks” were conducted. Lt. Wilson stated the department investigated 10 Thefts, 2 DWI and 3 cases of Drug Possession. He also told the Commission that our new Animal Control Officer, Cathy Perry, issued 32 citations while responding to 119 calls. She was extremely busy in April. Lt. Wilson said that we are now fully staffed with no one in the Field Training Module.

XI. Fire Chief Report

Fire Chief Joe Williamson began by introducing and welcoming our newest staff firefighter, Peyton Cox. He stated that Cox is learning quickly and eager to be a part of our community.

Williamson then gave the following activity report for the month of April for the Volunteer and Paid Firefighters. He began by stating the total call volume of 60 which was an average of 2 calls per day. 45 of these were in the City Limits and 13 of them were in the county. They responded to 2 calls for mutual aid to other county fire departments. There were 11 incidents between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. There were 3 structure fires, 4 grass fires and 0 vehicle fires. They responded to 25 Medical calls, 6 Motor Vehicle accidents, 8 Public Service assists and 14 false alarms/investigations. Volunteer hours logged were 525 which includes staffing Battalion 6 24 hours per day.

Chief Williamson then gave a very detailed report of the Response to the “Eastland Complex” fires, including a slide presentation.

XII. Adjournment

Commissioner Zac Darr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard Rossander, to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Roma Holley
City Secretary

Larry Vernon, Chairman
Board of City Commissioners