

THE CITY OF EASTLAND  
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

October 21, 2019

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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:

Chairman	Larry Vernon
Commissioner	Cecil Funderburgh
Commissioner	Zac Darr
Commissioner	Ben McNabb (arrived 6:07)

CITY COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

Commissioner	Richard Rossander
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PERSONNEL PRESENT:

City Manager	Ron Duncan
City Secretary	Roma Holley
Director of Planning	Tony Stubblefield
Code Enforcement	Terry Simmons
Chief of Police	David Hullum

Guests: Tom Bailey, H.V. O'Brien, Julie Elrod

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chairman Larry Vernon called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Larry Vernon offered the invocation and Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh 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 September 16<sup>th</sup>, September 19<sup>th</sup>, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, and September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Meetings

Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Zac Darr to Approve Minutes of the September 16<sup>th</sup>, September 19<sup>th</sup>, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, and September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Meetings.

Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

## V. Financial Report

This year's sales tax data is the highest in the last 10 years and this month of October is a great beginning to the fiscal year. The sales tax is trending upward and is higher than our best year which was 2018/2019.

## VI. Eastland Economic Development Annual Report

Director Tom Bailey directed the Commissioners attention to the Power Point presentation. He guided them through each project as follows:

**Maverick Logistics** – EEDI is selling 2 acres in the Airport Business Park to Maverick Logistics for an office and truck facility. Sean Mosher, owner of Maverick Logistics, reports they currently have 7 employees, 30 plus contractors and he expects to expand to 12-18 local employees and 60 contractors next year.

**El Reno Energy** – Nathaniel Leverton, local manager for El Reno, said they currently have 23 employees in Eastland expanding to 30 by the end of this year. These employees are on the construction phase of their business which he supervises. The oilfield phase of their business will primarily use the local yard to park vehicles and stage jobs with most of the actual labor taking place elsewhere

**Bartee Metals, LLC.** – Bartee Metals is making metal building products with production increasing steadily. They currently employ 3 workers in Eastland, as required in their agreement, with hopes of increasing staff over time.

**Kevco** – All of the exterior on the West and North side of Kevco has been replaced so it has a clean appearance from the highway. The electricity has been installed including new lighting and wall plugs. Ronnie Harris is enjoying the space and is exploring other ventures to further utilize the facility. One employee works primarily at the Eastland Kevco facility, but the company has 6 employees traveling around the country.

**Morgan Roof** – This has been completed and the large gutter that connects the Kevco section to the Bartee section has been successfully replaced.

**Blake Fulenwider - Dodge** – The Dodge dealership is expected to open the new location by January 1<sup>st</sup> and will add 17 new jobs, bringing their total to 40 full-time positions within 24 months.

**Blake Fulenwider - Chevrolet, Buick, GMC** -Blake Fulenwider purchased the Fullen Motor Co. and now operates the dealership in addition to their Dodge location.

**Trinity Health Care/ The Woodlands**- The new nursing home is becoming a reality! Ryan Herrington, CEO of Trinity Health Care, said they expect to add 10-20 new jobs once the larger facility is complete.

**Rural Health Clinic** – The Rural Health Clinic construction is proceeding rapidly. The clinic is expected to begin operation with 3 full-time employees.

**Ranger College/Victor Cornelius Building** – Central Texas Opportunities moved into the building and promptly changed their name to Cornerstone Community Action Agency. New name, but same great services. Ranger College continues to work diligently with Ted Matthews and the hospital folks to bring nurse and medical training to Eastland. At this time, Cornerstone employs 1 employee.

**Red Star** – Communication with the owner indicated that an agreement is near with Oncor to provide electrical service to the new facility. Once that is in place, the project will move

forward. Red Star’s contract requires they employ 30 new employees, but those jobs will be counted when they are filled.

**Total new jobs created in 2019: 48**  
**Total new jobs scheduled 2019 & 2020: 119**

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

1. Discussion and Consideration of EEDI 2019-2020 Budget

Director Tom Bailey directed the Commissioners attention to the Budget included in their packet. He stated that he will be happy to answer any questions.

Commissioner Zac Darr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ben McNabb, to approve the EEDI 2019-2020 Budget.

Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

2. Discussion and Consideration to Approve EEDI Lease/Purchase of Property to El Reno Energy

This item was discussed in the EEDI Director’s Annual Report and expounded upon at this time.

Commissioner Zac Darr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh, to approve the Lease/Purchase of Property to El Reno Energy.

Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

3. Discussion and Consideration of reappointment of James Doyle to EEDI board for full term.

Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ben McNabb, to Approve reappointment of James Doyle to the EEDI for a full term.

Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

4. Discussion and Consideration of Ordinance **19-857**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EASTLAND, TEXAS CLOSING PORTIONS OF LINDA, SHERRY, AND CAROL STREETS IN THE POGUE INDUSTRIAL PARK; FINDING THAT THE PORTIONS OF STREETS TO BE CLOSED ARE NO LONGER NECESSARY FOR USE AS PUBLIC THOROUGHFARES; RESERVING ANY EXISTING UTILITY EASEMENTS; AND PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE**

Planning Director Tony Stubblefield directed the Commissioners attention to the Power Point presentation. He explained the reasoning behind the request from J.D. May and Fred Winkler. This is part of the Pogue Industrial Park addition that was annexed in the 1980's. The plans for development never materialized. At this time, a developer is interested in purchasing the property and would like the roads and rights-of-way closed in order to increase the amount of property. These roads were platted but never built. The city has no objection to granting this request.

Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Zac Darr, to Approve the First Reading of Ordinance **19-857**.

Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

5. Discussion and Consideration of the Resignation of Bill Dolen from the Planning and Zoning Board

Director of Planning and Zoning Tony Stubblefield stated that Bill Dolen was appointed to complete the term left vacant by Cecil Funderburgh when he resigned in March in order to accept the position of City Commissioner. Bill Dolen resigned because he moved.

Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Zac Darr, to Accept the resignation of Bill Dolen from the Planning and Zoning Board.

Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

6. Discussion and Consideration of the Appointment of Julie Elrod to the Historical Preservation Board

Terry Simmons stated that Patti Dolen resigned because she moved and her term does not expire until September 2021. The Eastland Historical Preservation Board met and discussed several applications. It is their recommendation that Julie Elrod be appointed.

Commissioner Zac Darr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh, to approve the appointment of Julie Elrod to the Eastland Historical Preservation Board.

Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

7. Discussion and Consideration to approve an additional \$1,323.00 for the Eastland Centre for the Arts 2020 Historic Preservation Grant

Terry Simmons explained that the Eastland Centre for the Arts had the final meeting with Airtite Windows. He stated that Airtite wanted to make the windows look more original and that to do so would cost an additional \$1323. The original quote was \$17,813, and the new quote is \$19,136.

Commissioner Zac Darr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ben McNabb, to approve the additional funds for the Eastland Centre for the Arts 2020 Historic Preservation Grant.

Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

8. Discussion and Consideration to Approve the Eastland County Cooperative Dispatch Interlocal Agreement

Ron Duncan stated that there were no changes to the Agreement from the last year.

Commissioner Zac Darr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh, to approve the Eastland County Cooperative Dispatch Interlocal Agreement

Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

9. Discussion and Consideration to Approve Fire Fighting Contract with Eastland County

Ron Duncan stated that there were no changes to the Fire Fighting Contract from the last year.

Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ben McNabb, to Approve the Fire Fighting Contract with Eastland County.

Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

10. Discussion and Consideration to Approve ERCOT Membership Application & Agreement for Membership Year 2020

Ron Duncan advised the Commissioners that this is the same Application and Agreement that we have been using since the beginning of the ERCOT process. The application fee is \$100. Mr. Duncan recommends approval.

Commissioner Zac Darr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh, to approve the Approve ERCOT Membership Application & Agreement for Membership Year 2020

Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

### VIII. City Manager's Briefing

City Manager Ron Duncan advised the report in front of the Commissioners has the most current completion of work on the streets.

#### Drainage Issues

There is no change in this category.

#### University Drive, which is in conjunction with the Woodland Nursing Center Expansion:

This is moving forward. We are waiting on some topographical map work to be completed.

Eastland Memorial Hospital Rural Health Clinic: Still moving forward.

#### Eastland Municipal Airport Update:

The Beacon is being installed this week.

Waste Water Treatment Plant: Construction is ahead of schedule for the new plant and is 21% complete.

TxCDBG Project. This project will replace the Forced Main Project between the Cemetery and the WWTP. Contractors are due to arrive next week and begin work on the new forced main along Broughter Street.

#### Dam Repairs

TCEQ Dam Safety Inspections are scheduled for tomorrow 10/22/2019.

### IX. Code Compliance Report

Code Enforcement Officer Terry Simmons presented the Code Compliance Department September Report. He reported there were 54 open cases at the beginning of the month, 22 new cases were opened and 31 cases were closed which ended the month with 45 cases open. He also issued one citation. Also, 4 annual notices were issued. Fines that were assessed were \$839 and fines that were paid were \$648. One lien was filed in excess of \$900.

### X. Monthly Police Department Report

Chief David Hullum stated the calls for service for September are the second highest of the year. The cases filed with the District Attorney is a little low due to the amount of time spent on clearing a couple of Sexual Assault Cases, one here and one in Cisco. The case count for October is already higher. Arrests and citations have also increased this month. Officer Evilsizer has completed his Field Training and has been released to operate on his own.

The numbers for the fiscal year are impressive. Total citations are 1,132 and total warnings issued are 4,477 which is a ratio of almost 4 warnings to 1 citation. There was also a total of 205 arrests for the year. Chief Hullum stated that the emphasis is not revenue but compliance and that this goal is being achieved.

He stated that Old Rip went off without any problems besides the three EMT calls.

### XI. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Zac Darr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh, to adjourn at 7:22 p.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