THE CITY OF EASTLAND CITY COMMISSION CALLED MEETING

August 26, 2020

EASTLAND, TEXAS

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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	Zac Darr
Commissioner	Ben McNabb
CITY COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:	
Commissioner	Richard Rossander
PERSONNEL PRESENT:	
City Manager	Ron Duncan
Director of Finance	Leslie Zander
Code Enforcement	Terry Simmons

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GUESTS: Jerry Maston, Levi Freeman

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

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

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Ben McNabb offered the invocation and Mayor 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.

IV. Public Hearing #1 FY 2020-2021 Budget Draft

Chairman Larry Vernon opened the Public Hearing at 12:01 p.m. and made the following announcement:

This hearing has been called to provide an opportunity for any person or group to express their opinion regarding the FY 2020-2021 Budget

This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$44, 872, an increase of 3.494%. Of that amount, \$2,909 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

City Manager Ron Duncan stated that this years budget has been reduced by more than \$300,000 from last 2019-2020. This is about a 4% reduction

Chairman Vernon allowed time for any comments from the Public or the City Commissioners, but there were none.

Chairman Vernon closed the Public Hearing at 12:06 p.m.

V. Public Hearing Regarding the 2020 Proposed Tax Rate

Chairman Larry Vernon opened the Public Hearing at 12:06 p.m. and made the following announcement:

The proposed 220 Ad Valorem Property Tax Rate for 2020 for the City of Eastland is .6070 per \$100 valuation. This rate would provide:

Maintenance & Operations	.586183	\$1,165,342
Debt Service	.020817	\$41,487*
	.067000	\$1,206,829

The 2019 Tax Rate is: .6090 The 2020 No New Revenue tax rate is .590791 The 2020 Voter Approval Tax Rate is .607382 The 2020 Proposed Tax Rate is .6070

The City Commission will conduct the record vote to approve the Ad Valorem Tax Rate at called meetings to be held on at noon in the Commission Chambers at 114 E. Commerce Street on

> September 24th (1st Reading) September 28th (2nd Reading)

Chairman Vernon closed the Public Hearing at 12:09 p.m.

- VI. The Board of City Commissioners May Discuss and Take Action on the Following Agenda Items:
 - 1. Discussion and Consideration for Approval of an Easement Agreement with Jerry and Janice Maston for Utilities Right of Way for Construction and Maintenance of Water Lines.

The City of Eastland is paying Jerry and Janice Maston \$12,000 for the easement on Pogue Avenue. There is also a drainage agreement that will address the issues of the water that doesn't drain properly due to the height of Lago Vista Blvd.

Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ben McNabb, to approve the Easement Agreement with Jerry and Janice Maston for Utilities Right of Way for Construction and Maintenance of Water Lines Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes:Commissioners Funderburgh, McNabb, VernonNays:NoneAbsent:Commissioner RossanderAbstainedCommissioner Darr

 Discussion and Consideration for Approval of an Easement Agreement with the River of Life Church of Eastland for Utilities Right of Way for Construction and Maintenance of Water Lines

Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ben McNabb, to approve the Easement Agreement with the River of Life Church of Eastland for Utilities Right of Way for Construction and Maintenance of Water Lines

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

3. Discussion and Consideration of Resolution 2020-08 TxDOT Aviation Capital Improvement Program

Commissioner Zac Darr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh, to approve Resolution 2020-08 TxDOT Aviation Capital Improvement Program

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

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Zac Darr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh, to adjourn at 12:30 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED

Larry Vernon, Chairman Board of City Commissioners

ATTEST

Roma Holley, City Secretary