

THE CITY OF EASTLAND
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

January 16, 2024

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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	Richard Rossander
Commissioner	James Doyle
Commissioner	Shirley Stuart

PERSONNEL PRESENT:

City Manager	J.J. Oznick
Finance Director	Leslie Zander
City Secretary	Roma Holley
Police Chief	Tim Pitts
Planning Director	Tony Stubblefield

Guests: Julie Elrod,

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chairman Larry Vernon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Larry Vernon also called a public meeting to order. This public meeting was in response to the City of Eastland preparing an application for funding under the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development. The project will consist of the purchase of 2 police patrol Tahoe's. This meeting is held in order to give the citizenry an opportunity to become acquainted with the proposed project and to comment on such items as economic and environmental impacts, service areas and alternatives to the project.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Manager J.J. Oznick offered the invocation and Commissioner James Doyle led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY SUBJECT NOT LISTED ON THIS AGENDA (Limited to Five Minutes Per Speaker)

IV. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 18, 2023 MEETING

Commissioner Shirley Stuart made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard Rossander to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2023 Meeting.

Ayes: Commissioners Doyle, Rossander, Stuart
Nays: None
Absent: None

V. Financial Report

Finance Director Leslie Zander stated this financial report is for the end of the fiscal year 2023.

Our auditor has almost completed the 2022 audit and will be presenting it to the Commission in the near future.

No action at this time.

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

1. Discussion and Consideration of Resolution 2024-01 Ordering May General Election

City Manager J. J. Oznick stated that two (2) places are set for election for a two (2)-year term. The deadline for candidates to turn in an application to be on the ballot is February 16, 2024.

Commissioner James Doyle made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard Rossander, to approve Resolution 2024-01, Ordering the May General Election.

Ayes: Commissioners Doyle, Rossander, Stuart
 Nays: None
 Absent: None

2. Discussion and Consideration to approve 2024-02 Ordering May Special Election

City Manager J. J. Oznick stated that one (1) place is set for election to fill a vacancy. This will be a one (1)-year term. The deadline for candidates to turn in an application to be on the ballot is March 4, 2024.

Commissioner Richard Rossander made a motion, seconded by Commissioner James Doyle, to approve Resolution 2024-02 Ordering May Special Election

Ayes: Commissioners Doyle, Rossander, Stuart
 Nays: None
 Absent: None

3. Discussion and Consideration of Resolution 2024-03 continuing participation with the Steering Committee of Cities served by Oncor.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTINUED PARTICIPATION WITH THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF CITIES SERVED BY ONCOR; AND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TEN CENTS PER CAPITA TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE TO FUND REGULATORY AND LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AND ACTIVITIES RELATED TO ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY, LLC.

Commissioner Richard Rossander made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Shirley, to approve Resolution 2024-03 and continue our participation with the Steering Committee of Cities served by Oncor.

Ayes: Commissioners Rossander, Stuart, Vernon
 Nays: None
 Absent: None
 Abstain: Commissioner Doyle

VII. City Manager Report

GLO-CDBG-MIT Project Planning

Home buy-outs are still ongoing with details being finalized.

TXDOT Exit 343 Ramp and Signal Light Projects

Construction has started. Great progress is being made on constructing a turn lane. There will be signal lights on both access roads.

DAM REPAIRS

Engineers from EH&T and HDR are beginning to work through different designs for Eastland Lake and Ringling Lake dams.

VIII. Code Compliance Report

Planning and Zoning Director Tony Stubblefield reported the Code Compliance Report for December 2023. There were 19 open cases at the beginning of the month, 8 new cases were opened and 25 cases were closed, which ended the month with 2 cases open.

Planning and Zoning Director Tony Stubblefield also reported the number of Permits issued for 2023: Sign 32, Roof 17, Plumbing 70, Parking/Driveway 6, Fence 22, Additions 8, Demolition 4, Carport/Awning 17, Storage Building 8, Manufactured Homes 3, Remodel 4, New Construction Residential 5, Pool 1.

IX. Police Chief Report

Chief Tim Pitts stated there were 322 calls for service in December. 14 cases were filed with the District Attorney. There were 52 offense reports generated. He noted 9 arrests. A total of 183 traffic stops were initiated. This resulted in 125 warning citations and 58 citations issued. He also stated that 347 “business checks” were conducted. Our Animal Control Officer continues to be very active with 98 business calls. 16 animals were impounded and 10 were adopted

X. Fire Chief Report

Fire Chief Joe Williamson gave the following activity report for the month of November 2023 for the Volunteer and Paid Firefighters. Total call volume: 71 which was an average of 2.4 calls per day. 54 of these were in the City Limits and 16 of them were in the county and they responded to 1 call for mutual aid to other county fire departments. There were 12 incidents between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. There were 2 structure fires, 0 grass fire and 1 vehicle fires. They responded 40 Medical calls, 9 Motor Vehicle accidents and 8 Public Service assists and 11 false alarms/investigations.

Fire Chief Joe Williamson gave the following activity report for the month of December 2023 for the Volunteer and Paid Firefighters. Total call volume: 59 which was an average of 1.9 calls per day. 49 of these were in the City Limits and 7 of them were in the county and

they responded to 3 calls for mutual aid to other county fire departments. There were 13 incidents between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. There were 3 structure fires, 1 grass fire and 1 vehicle fires. They responded 30 Medical calls, 8 Motor Vehicle accidents and 7 Public Service assists and 7 false alarms/investigations.

XI. Adjournment

Commissioner Richard Rossander made a motion, seconded by Commissioner James Doyle, to adjourn at 6:26 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED

Larry Vernon, Chairman
Board of City Commissioners

ATTEST

Roma Holley, City Secretary