

THE CITY OF EASTLAND
CITY COMMISSION CALLED MEETING

August 29, 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 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	Ron Duncan
City Secretary	Roma Holley

Guests:

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chairman Larry Vernon called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor 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. Public Hearing Regarding USDA Grant Applications for Financial Assistance in the Amount of \$111,400.13 to be used toward 1 vehicle for the Eastland Police Dept., 1 vehicle for the Eastland Fire Dept. and 1 vehicle for the city manager, along with emergency light bars for 4 public works vehicles.

Chairman Larry Vernon opened the Public Hearing at 12:08 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 USDA Grant Applications

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 12:13 p.m.

V. Public Hearing on the City of Eastland 2019 Ad Valorem Tax Rate Increase

Chairman Larry Vernon opened the Public Hearing at 12:13 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 proposed tax rate for Fiscal year 2019-2020.

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 12:18 p.m.

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

- 1. Discussion and Consideration of the Second Reading of Ordinance No. **19-852** AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF EASTLAND, TEXAS ADJUSTING AND AMENDING THE CITY’S FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019 BUDGET

City Manager Ron Duncan advised that there are no further adjustments at this time.

Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard Rossander, to Approve the second reading of Ordinance 19-852. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

- 2. Discussion and consideration of the first Reading of Ordinance **19-853**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EASTLAND, TEXAS, APPROVING A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE ATMOS CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE (“ACSC”) AND ATMOS ENERGY CORP., MID-TEX DIVISION REGARDING THE COMPANY’S 2019 RATE REVIEW MECHANISM FILING; DECLARING EXISTING RATES TO BE UNREASONABLE; ADOPTING TARIFFS THAT REFLECT RATE ADJUSTMENTS CONSISTENT WITH THE NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT; FINDING THE RATES TO BE SET BY THE ATTACHED SETTLEMENT TARIFFS TO BE JUST AND REASONABLE AND IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST; APPROVING AN ATTACHED EXHIBIT ESTABLISHING A BENCHMARK FOR PENSIONS AND RETIREE MEDICAL BENEFITS; APPROVING AN ATTACHED EXHIBIT REGARDING AMORTIZATION OF REGULATORY LIABILITY; REQUIRING THE COMPANY TO REIMBURSE ACSC’S REASONABLE RATEMAKING EXPENSES; DETERMINING THAT THIS ORDINANCE WAS PASSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; ADOPTING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND REQUIRING DELIVERY OF THIS ORDINANCE TO THE COMPANY AND THE ACSC’S LEGAL COUNSEL

City Manager Ron Duncan explained about this ordinance. He explained that the Steering Committee negotiated a rate increase of an average \$2.05 per month for Residential Customers. This is a savings of almost \$4 per month per customer compared to the cities who are not in the Atmos Steering Committee.

Commissioner Zac Darr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard Rossander, to Approve the first reading of Ordinance 19-853. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Zac Darr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard Rossander, to adjourn at 12:26 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED

Larry Vernon, Chairman
Board of City Commissioners

ATTEST

Roma Holley, City Secretary