

THE CITY OF EASTLAND
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

February 22, 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
Police Chief	David Hullum
Fire Chief	Joe Williamson
Public Works Director	Bobby Jacoby

Guests: Julie Elrod, Tom Bailey, Terry Slavens, Joshua Williams

I. Meeting Called To Order

Chairman Larry Vernon called the meeting to order at 6:00 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)**

No comment

IV. Approve Minutes of the January 18, 2022 Meeting

Commissioner Richard Rossander made a motion, seconded by Ben McNabb, to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2022 meetings.

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

V. Financial Report

Chairman Vernon stated, and Finance Director Leslie Zander agreed that the sales tax is continuing to increase. This gives us great hope for the economic 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 to approve Appointment of Terry Slavens to the EEDI Board to fill an unexpired term left by Jason Cochran.

City Manager J.J. Oznick explained that Jason Cochran has taken another position and is leaving Eastland. The EEDI Board met and discussed several applicants and selected Terry Slavens for Consideration by the Commission.

Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard Rossander, to Approve the appointment of Terry Slavens to the EEDI Board. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

- 2. Discussion and Consideration of First Reading to Approve Ordinance **22-884** *AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EASTLAND, TEXAS AMENDING CHAPTER 1 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF EASTLAND, TEXAS TO ADD SECTION 1-16, "OFFICES ON BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS"; ESTABLISHING A CHAIRMAN PRO TEMPORE AND OTHER OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS; PROVIDING REPEALER AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.*

Commissioner Richard Rossander made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh to approve upon first reading Ordinance **22-884**.

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

- 3. Discussion and Consideration **Resolution 2022-02** Canceling May General Election

City Manager Oznick stated that only the two incumbents filed for the two Commission places and therefore no election is necessary.

Commissioner Zac Darr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ben McNabb to approve Resolution **2022-02**

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

- 4. Discussion and Consideration of Atmos Resolution **2022-03**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTINUED PARTICIPATION WITH THE ATMOS CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE; AND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF FIVE CENTS PER CAPITA TO THE ATMOS CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE TO FUND REGULATORY AND RELATED ACTIVITIES RELATED TO ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION

City Manager Oznick stated we pay this Steering Committee to be our “voice” among the Regulatory Commission. This is the Resolution that is made each year that keeps us participating with the Steering Committee.

Commissioner Zac Darr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard Rossander to approve Resolution **2022-03**.

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

5. Discussion and Consideration of Oncor Resolution 2022-04

A 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

City Manager Oznick stated we pay this Steering Committee to be our “voice” among the Regulatory Commission. This is the Resolution that is made each year that keeps us participating with the Steering Committee.

Commissioner Funderburgh noted that the payment had increased from last year.

Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard Rossander to approve Resolution **2022-04**.

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

6. Discussion and Consideration of CJD Grant Resolution 2022-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF EASTLAND, TEXAS, APPROVING SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION, FOR THE PD TO 21ST CENTURY (PHASE 2) CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION GRANT PROGRAM.

This resolution was passed February 16, 2021 with Ron Duncan as a signatory. Because we have a new City Manager, the resolution had to be passed again with J.J. Oznick being a signatory.

Commissioner Zac Darr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh to approve Resolution **2022-05**.

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

7. Discussion and Consideration of Resolution 2022-06

WHEREAS, the City Commission now intends to execute that certain “Texas Subdivision and Special District Election and Release Form”, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, adding entity Endo/Par as a Defendant in the Global Opioid Settlement pursuant to the Texas Term Sheet, and releasing Endo/Par from claims outside of the Global Opioid Settlement

City Manager Oznick stated this Resolution adds Endo/Par as a Defendant in the Global Opioid Settlement and it also gives the City Manager the authority to execute and submit any future related Global Opioid Settlement release forms for further Defendants.

Commissioner Zac Darr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard Rossander to approve Resolution **2022-06**

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

8. Discussion and Consideration of **Resolution 2022-07**

A RESOLUTION REGARDING A FINANCE CONTRACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROCURING A “*DURAPATCHER*”

City Manager Oznick stated that this was put into the 2021/2022 Budget and that we will not be making a payment on it until November 2022. BuyBoard meets all of our procurement criteria and Government Capital will be financing the \$95,200 for five years.

Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard Rossander to approve Resolution **2022-07**

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

9. Executive Session in Accordance with Local Government Code §551.074 – Personnel Matters

Commencement: 6:22 p.m.
Conclusion: 7:18 p.m.

No Action was taken

10. Executive Session in Accordance with Local Government Code §551.087 – Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations

Commencement: 6:22 p.m.
Conclusion: 7:18 p.m.

No Action was taken.

VII. City Manager’s Briefing

City Manager J.J. Oznick briefly covered the report that the commissioners have in their packet.

GLO-CDBG-MIT Project Planning

Mr. Oznick stated we are waiting the results of the H&H study that Texas Government Land Office (GLO) is conducting and should be complete in early 2023.

WWTP Improvements

The Texas Hwy 6 South Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project is in progress and should be completed in a couple of months.

TXDOT Exit 343 Ramp and Signal Light Projects

Texas Department of Transportation will begin surveying soon and hope to have the new traffic lights installed at the intersection of E. Main and the Service Roads between October and December.

VIII. Code Enforcement Report

City Manager J. J. Oznick reported the Code Compliance Report for January 2022. There were 19 open cases at the beginning of the month, 21 new cases were opened and 30 cases were closed which ended the month with 10 cases open. 1 citation was issued and one Case was reported for back taxes. 2 annual notices were sent with fines assessed at \$437.

IX. Police Report

Chief David Hullum stated there were 233 calls for service in January. 33 cases were filed with the District Attorney. There were 44 offense reports generated. He noted 12 arrests with 16 charges. A total of 661 traffic stops were initiated. This resulted in 529 warning citations and 132 citations issued. He also stated that 206 "business checks" were conducted. Chief Hullum also stated that a Theft of \$16,000 worth of Jewelry from Wal-Mart was solved.

X. Fire Chief Report

Fire Chief Joe Williamson gave the following activity report for the month of January for the Volunteer and Paid Firefighters. Total call volume: 75 which was an average of 2.43 calls per day. 58 of these were in the City Limits and 13 of them were in the county and they responded to 4 calls for mutual aid to other county fire departments. There were 12 incidents between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. There were 5 structure fires, 7 grass fire and 0 vehicle fires. They responded to 32 Medical calls, 8 Motor Vehicle accidents and 7 Public Service assists and 16 false alarms/investigations. They installed 1 Smoke Detector.

XI. Adjournment

Commissioner Richard Rossander made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh, to adjourn at 6:33 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED

ATTEST:

Roma Holley
City Secretary

Larry Vernon, Chairman
Board of City Commissioners