

THE CITY OF EASTLAND
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

March 21, 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
Planning Director	Tony Stubblefield

Guests: Trinity Dempsey, Lorynne Benavides, Rick Wende, Jordan Pierce, Joshua Williams, Sam Williams, Sharon Harper, Brad Dantone, H.V. O'Brien, Julie Elrod

I. Meeting Called To Order

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

II. Invocation and Pledge Of Allegiance

City Manager J.J. Oznick offered the invocation and Commissioner Ben McNabb 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 February 22, 2022 Meeting

Commissioner Richard Rossander made a motion, seconded by Ben McNabb, to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2022 meetings.

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

V. Financial Report

Finance Director Leslie Zander stated the March sales tax is the highest on record.

No action at this time.

VI. Presentation of Police Commendation

This was rescheduled.

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

- 1. Discussion and Consideration of a Presentation by Lorynne Benavides & Proclamation Proclaiming the Month of April “Child Abuse Awareness & Prevention Month”

*PROCLAMATION
Proclaiming the Month of April
Child Abuse Awareness & Prevention Month*

Whereas, children are vital to our community’s future success, prosperity, and quality of life as well as being our most valuable assets;

Whereas, nearly 60,000 children receive services from a Children’s Advocacy Center in Texas annually;

Whereas, child abuse prevention is a community responsibility and finding solutions depends on involvement among all people;

Whereas, communities must make every effort to promote programs that benefit children and their families;

Whereas, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community;

Therefore, the City of Eastland Commissioners do hereby proclaim April as Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month and call upon all cities, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, elected leaders, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the community in which we live.

Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard Rossander, to Proclaim the Month of April “Child Abuse Awareness & Prevention Month.” Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

- 2. Discussion and Consideration of Second 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 second reading Ordinance **22-884**.

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

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

Commencement: 6:38 p.m.
 Conclusion: 7:13 p.m.

Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard Rossander, to give City Manager J. J. Oznick the \$1,000 from the ARPA funds, if he did not take it in December with the other employees; also, to give him the 3% pay raise, which he turned down in October; and because of the outstanding job he has done this past year, that he be given a one-time 6% additional pay. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

VIII. City Manager’s Briefing

City Manager J.J. Oznick briefly covered the report that the commissioners have in their packet. He stated that EHT began surveying both forks of the Leon River and Weaver Creek in preparation for the GLO H&H study.

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 is still projecting to have the new traffic lights installed at the intersection of E. Main and the Service Roads between October and December 2022.

IX. Code Enforcement Report

Planning and Zoning Director Tony Stubblefield reported the Code Compliance Report for February 2022. There were 10 open cases at the beginning of the month, 28 new cases were opened and 23 cases were closed which ended the month with 15 cases open. 2 citations were issued and two cases were reported for back taxes. 3 annual notices were sent with fines assessed at \$1,149.

X. Police Report

City Manager Oznick stated the Report is in the packets. Police Personnel were unavailable to be here tonight.

XI. Fire Chief Report

(This was given before Agenda Item 3, Executive Session, in order to let the Fire personnel get back to work). Fire Chief Joe Williamson gave the following activity report for the month of February for the Volunteer and Paid Firefighters. Total call volume: 85 which was an average of 3.03 calls per day. 60 of these were in the City Limits and 18 of them were in the county and they responded to 7 calls for mutual aid to other county fire departments.

There were 11 incidents between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. There was 1 structure fire, 8 grass fires and 1 vehicle fire. They responded to 24 Medical calls, 20 Motor Vehicle accidents and 8 Public Service assists and 22 false alarms/investigations. They installed 1 Smoke Detector and added one new Volunteer Fire Fighter. Chief Williamson also gave a brief summary of the Response to the “Eastland Complex” fires. He will give a complete report, along with a power point presentation, at the April Commission meeting. Chief Williamson and the firemen were given a standing ovation by the Commissioners and the audience.

XII. Adjournment

Commissioner Zac Darr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh, to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED

ATTEST:

Roma Holley
City Secretary

Larry Vernon, Chairman
Board of City Commissioners