

THE CITY OF EASTLAND
CITY COMMISSION CALLED MEETING

August 30, 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 prior to the meeting.

CITY COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Commissioner	Cecil Funderburgh
Chairman	Larry Vernon
Commissioner	Richard Rossander
Commissioner	Zac Darr

CITY COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Commissioner	Ben McNabb
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PERSONNEL PRESENT:

City Manager	J. J. Oznick
City Secretary	Roma Holley
Finance Director	Leslie Zander

Guests: Terry Simmons

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chairman Larry Vernon called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh offered the invocation and Commissioner Zac Darr 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 at this time.

IV. Public Hearing FY 2022-2023 Budget

Commencement: 12:02 P.M.

Conclusion: 12:07 P.M.

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

1. Discussion and Consideration of Second Reading of Ordinance **22-887** *An Ordinance Annexing the hereinafter described territory to the City of Eastland, Eastland County, Texas; Extending the boundary limits of said City to include said property within said City Limits; and granting to all the inhabitants of said Property all the Rights and Privileges of other citizens and binding said inhabitants by all off the acts, ordinances, Resolutions and Regulations of said City.*

Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard Rossander, to approve the second reading of Ordinance **22-887**. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Darr, Funderburgh, Rossander

Nays: None

Absent: McNabb

2. Discussion and Consideration of Second Reading of Ordinance **22-888**, *an Ordinance of the City Commission 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 2022 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 attachment establishing a benchmark for pensions and retiree medical benefits; 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.*

Commissioner Richard Rossander made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh, to approve the second reading of Ordinance **22-888**. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

3. Discussion and Consideration of First Reading of Ordinance **22-889** An Ordinance approving the annual budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022, as submitted by the City Manager of the City of Eastland.

City Manager J.J. Oznick stated that as has been discussed, this is a very conservative budget that will keep us in a comfortable position in case of a recession. The only Capital Outlay is for a new commercial lawnmower for the Parks Department.

Commissioner Zac Darr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard Rossander, to approve the first reading of Ordinance **22-889**. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

Commissioner Richard Rossander made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh, to Ratify the property tax increase contained in the budget. The budget proposes a tax rate of .523057 which is above the No New Revenue Rate of .515380.

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

4. Discussion and Consideration to Approve Eastland Historic Board Request to spend remaining 2021-2022 Grant Funds

Terry Simmons, Ex-Officio of the Eastland Historic Preservation Board informed the Commissioners that funds remaining in the 2021-2022 budget are \$7,700.

The Eastland Fine Arts/Majestic Theatre has requested assistance with an urgent structural repair on the south wall along the alley. When some of the shrubbery was removed it was discovered that a portion of the masonry wall had bowed out. Upon further examination it was determined that the brick structure of the wall in a section has failed and was being held

by the stucco façade. Due to the damage to the structural integrity to the building, the EFAA requested assistance. The EHP Board recommend that the remainder of \$7,700 in the 2021-2022 grant, be awarded to the EFAA.

Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Zac Darr, to approve the expenditure of the remaining grant funds of \$7,700 to the Eastland Fine Arts Association / Majestic Theater. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

5. Discussion and Consideration to begin Bid process for the property at 1501 S. Seaman

City Manager J.J. Oznick informed the Commissioners that this property was seized due to back property taxes in 2018. The City cleaned the property by removing all buildings and debris in 2019. The City has maintained this property since that time and is ready for it to be returned to the tax rolls. The bid process requires us to print the advertisement for bids for property. This has to be printed twice. The advertisement will contain the description of the property as well as where to send the sealed bids and when the bids will be opened.

Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh stated that we also have to disclose to potential buyers that this property is in the Flood Plain.

Commissioner Zac Darr stated and City Manager Oznick agreed, that when the GLO-MIT project is complete, we will probably have a new Flood Plain Map.

Commissioner Zac Darr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard Rossander, to approve beginning the bid process for 1501 S. Seaman. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Richard Rossander made a motion, seconded Commissioner Zac Darr to adjourn at 12:21 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED

Larry Vernon, Chairman
Board of City Commissioners

ATTEST

Roma Holley, City Secretary