

THE CITY OF EASTLAND  
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

October 17, 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	Ben McNabb
Commissioner	Richard Rossander
Commissioner	Zac Darr

**PERSONNEL PRESENT:**

City Manager	J.J. Oznick
Finance Director	Leslie Zander
City Secretary	Roma Holley
Public Works Director	Bobby Jacoby
Planning Director	Tony Stubblefield
Police Chief	David Hullum
Code Enforcement Officer	Terry Simmons

**Guests:** Julie Elrod, Sam Williams, Tim Pitts

**I. Meeting Called To Order**

Chairman Larry Vernon called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Commissioner Richard Rossander 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)**

No comment

**IV. Approve Minutes of the September 19, 2022 and September 29, 2022 Meetings**

Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ben McNabb, to approve minutes from the September 19, 2022 and September 29, 2022 Meetings

Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

**V. Financial Report**

Finance Director Leslie Zander spoke about the sales tax remaining steady. No action at this time.

**VI. Presentation of 2021-2022 Audit**

Mike Vail of Vail & Park P.C. presented the 09/30/2021 Audit and stated that everything was compliant and looked good.

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

1. Discussion and Consideration to appoint a new member to the Eastland Historic Board

City Manager J.J. Oznick asked Terry Simmons to speak regarding this item. Mr. Simmons advised that the members of the Eastland Historic Board met on September 21, 2022 and discussed the applications of two individuals. After discussion, it was decided to recommend Gary Peak to be appointed to the Place 1 position for a term of 3 years.

Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ben McNabb, to approve the appointment of Gary Peak to the Eastland Historic Board. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

2. Discussion and Consideration to approve Resolution 2022-13 to Deny the Rate Change Application Proposed by Oncor.

City Manager Oznick stated the Steering Committee recommended that we deny the rate change application proposed by Oncor because it is unreasonable.

Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard Rossander, to approve Resolution 2022-13 Denying the Rate Change Application Proposed by Oncor. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

3. Discussion and Consideration to approve the 2022 Contract with Eastland County for Dispatch Services.

City Manager J. J. Oznick stated that our portion of the funding increased by \$10,000. He stated that he will make sure to have the Dispatch Services budget by July of next year as is stated in their contract.

Commissioner Richard Rossander, made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ben McNabb, to approve the 2022 Contract with Eastland County for Dispatch Services. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

Absent: None

4. Discussion and Consideration to approve the 2022 Contract with Eastland County for Firefighting Services

City Manager J. J. Oznick stated that our portion of the funding remained the same as last year. The City did ask the County Commissioners to clarify the wording of firefighting services not just fire suppression services.

Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh, made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard Rossander, to approve the 2022 Contract with Eastland County for Firefighting Services Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

5. Discussion and Consideration to approve the 2022 Contract with Eastland County for Ambulance Services.

City Manager J. J. Oznick stated that our portion of the funding remained the same as last year.

Commissioner Zac Darr, made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard Rossander, to approve the 2022 Contract with Eastland County for Ambulance Services. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

6. Discussion and Consideration to accept a bid for the property at 1501 S. Seaman

City Manager J. J. Oznick stated that only one bid had been received. The bid was for \$100 by Rhyne Hobbs.

Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Zac Darr, to accept the bid of \$100 for the purchase of the property at 1501 S. Seaman. 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.

**GLO-CDBG-MIT Project Planning**

The first phase of the home buyout phase is underway and the applications are under review.

**TWDB Flood infrastructure Fund Grant**

We will be hosting another town meeting on November 1, 2022 at 10:00 am. HDR is moving along in the process and will have some preliminary findings and resolutions to the issues.

### **HWY 6 Sewer Improvements**

EH&T's inspector came on site when the improvement was completed. They found a few issues that need corrected.

### **DAM REPAIRS**

The scope of the archeological dig took place on October 11 & 12. Waiting on the results.

## **IX. Code Enforcement Report**

Planning and Zoning Director Tony Stubblefield reported the Code Compliance Report for September 2022. There were 28 open cases at the beginning of the month, 24 new cases were opened and 19 cases were closed which ended the month with 33 cases open. 2 citations were issued. 2 annual notice was sent with fines assessed of \$412.

## **X. Police Report**

Police Chief David Hullum stated there were 261 calls for service in September. 16 cases were filed with the District Attorney. There were 42 offense reports generated. He noted 16 arrests with 20 charges. A total of 369 traffic stops were initiated. This resulted in 293 warning citations and 76 citations issued. He also noted 216 "business checks" were conducted. Our Officers continue to make arrests for DWI and Narcotics. Our K-9 Officer conducted 9 searches resulting in 7 cases. Our Animal Control Officer is continuing to do an outstanding job. 18 Animals were impounded while 7 were returned to their owner before being impounded. 6 animals were adopted.

## **XI. Fire Chief Report**

Assistant Fire Chief Sam Williams gave the following activity report for the month of September for the Volunteer and Paid Firefighters. He began by stating the total call volume of 63 which was an average of 2.1 calls per day. 38 of these were in the City Limits and 25 of them were in the county. They responded to 0 calls for mutual aid to other county fire departments. There were 10 incidents between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. There was 1 structure fire, 8 grass fires and 0 vehicle fires. They responded to 20 Medical calls, 9 Motor Vehicle accidents, 4 Public Service assists and 19 false alarms/investigations. We continue to receive applications for Volunteer Firefighters.

The Open House on October 8, 2022 was well attended. They fed the public and gave tours of the facility. They also provided hands-on demonstrations.

He stated that Chief Williamson is recovering well and hopes to give the commission a Summary of the year's activities at the next Commission Meeting.

## **XII. Adjournment**

Commissioner Richard Rossander made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh, to adjourn at 7:01p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:

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Larry Vernon, Chairman  
Board of City Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Roma Holley  
City Secretary