

THE CITY OF EASTLAND
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

December 19, 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	Ben McNabb
Commissioner	Richard Rossander
Commissioner	Zac Darr

CITY COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Commissioner	Cecil Funderburgh
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PERSONNEL PRESENT:

City Manager	J.J. Oznick
Finance Director	Leslie Zander
Planning Director	Tony Stubblefield
Police Chief	Tim Pitts

Guests: 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

Commissioner Ben McNabb offered the invocation and City Manager J.J. Oznick led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

**III. Public Comment on Any Subject Not Listed On This Agenda
(Limited to Five Minutes Per Speaker)**

No comment

IV. Approve Minutes of the November 21, 2022 Meeting

Commissioner Richard Rossander made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ben McNabb, to approve minutes from the November 21, 2022 Meeting

Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

V. Financial Report

Finance Director Leslie Zander stated that, based on the Sales Tax Report, we are experiencing real growth. 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 the Second Reading of Ordinance 22-892 to Update Fee Schedule

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EASTLAND, TEXAS REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE NO. 22-886; ADOPTING AN AMENDED COMPREHENSIVE RATE AND FEE SCHEDULE ESTABLISHING RATES AND FEES TO BE CHARGED FOR CITY SERVICES; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Manager J.J. Oznick stated the Eastland County Water Supply District has increased its water rates by 12% and it is only prudent that we also increase ours so that we are not losing money. Also, Waste Connections is increasing their rates by 9.17%. The combination of these two increases will increase our base monthly bills from \$114.30 to \$121.59.

Commissioner Zac Darr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ben McNabb, to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 22-892, Updating the Fee Schedule. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

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

EH&T are beginning the design phase of the first section of the GLO project. The first stage will be channel improvements, followed by dam and spillways. The last part will be streets.

At this time, discussion was held regarding the timeline chart that was included with the report. City Manager Oznick stated that they are now moving forward with the design phase of the Flood Mitigation.

TWDB Flood infrastructure Fund Grant

HDR is still working on completing the study that will be used in conjunction with the GLO project.

HWY 6 Sewer Improvements

The project is almost complete and the city is beginning to serve customers.

Downtown Sidewalk Repairs

Unknown time frame,

TXDOT Exit 343 Ramp and Signal Light Projects

This project will be rebid in March or April of 2023 if not sooner. TexDot is watching the price of materials closely. They are also looking at other cost cutting options to get within the price range that is needed to complete the project.

DAM REPAIRS

The archaeological dig took place on October 11 & 12. Texas State did find a couple of things. They are working with the Texas Historic Commission to get the final results. Texas State does not see any need for further digging.

VIII. Code Enforcement Report

Planning and Zoning Director Tony Stubblefield reported the Code Compliance Report for November 2022. There were 29 open cases at the beginning of the month, 14 new cases were opened and 9 cases were closed which ended the month with 34 cases open. 2 citations were issued. Fines assessed of \$212

IX. Police Report

Police Chief Tim Pitts stated there were 217 calls for service in November. 18 cases were filed with the District Attorney. There were 26 offense reports generated. He noted 24 arrests. A total of 559 traffic stops were initiated. This resulted in 444 warning citations and 115 citations issued. He also noted 89 “business checks” were conducted. Our Officers made Narcotics cases and Corporal Joiner responded to a call on the interstate regarding someone pointing a gun at other drivers. He stopped the vehicle and recovered firearms and marijuana. Our Animal Control Officer responded to 78 calls with 7 Animals were impounded and 3 animals were adopted.

X. Fire Chief Report

Fire Chief Joe Williamson gave the following activity report for the month of November for the Volunteer and Paid Firefighters. Total call volume: 56 which was an average of 1.08 calls per day. 28 of these were in the City Limits and 27 of them were in the county and they responded to 1 call for mutual aid to other county fire departments. There were 8 incidents between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. There were 2 structure fires, 0 grass fires and 4 vehicle fires. They responded to 25 Medical calls, 16 Motor Vehicle accidents and 2 Public Service assists and 7 false alarms/investigations.

Chief Williamson stated that Cheyanne Trevino was honored as Rookie of the Year and Sam Williams was honored as Firefighter of the Year.

XI. Adjournment

Commissioner Zac Darr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ben McNabb, to adjourn at 6:53p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:

Larry Vernon, Chairman
Board of City Commissioners

ATTEST:

Roma Holley
City Secretary