

THE CITY OF EASTLAND
CITY COMMISSION CALLED MEETING

January 30, 2023

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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:

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| Commissioner | Cecil Funderburgh |
| Chairman | Larry Vernon |
| Commissioner | Richard Rossander |

CITY COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

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| Commissioner | Zac Darr |
| Commissioner | Ben McNabb |

PERSONNEL PRESENT:

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| City Manager | J. J. Oznick |
| City Secretary | Roma Holley |
| Chief of Police | Tim Pitts |
| Police Captain | Dan Wilson |

Guests:

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

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

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Manager J. J. Oznick offered the invocation and Commissioner Richard Rossander 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. The Board of City Commissioners May Discuss and Take Action on
the Following Agenda Items

1. Discussion and Consideration of Purchase of Police Vehicle using ARPA funds.

City Manager J.J. Oznick introduced the item and recommended that the Commissioners approve the bid submitted by Hanner Supercenter in Baird. He then asked Chief of Police Tim Pitts to continue with more information.

Chief Pitts informed the Commissioners of the reasoning behind this request.

1. We have three unmarked units in our police fleet. These vehicles are all issued to the department supervisors. These vehicles are used for administrative duties and investigations where it may be necessary to not be seen in a marked police unit:

- Chief of Police
- Captain
- Lieutenant / Investigator

2. All the other units in the Police Department are marked police package vehicles. (Black and white striped)

3. Reasons we decided on the pickups:

● Cost - The pickups are running on average about \$10,000 less than the SUV's. We also have found there is no real reason to have a police package vehicle for the unmarked units. These units will rarely be involved in a vehicle pursuit and should only be used to block intersections and deploy stop sticks.

● Multi-use of the pickup compared to an SUV - We are able to move large items of evidence, road cones and barriers with the bed of the pickup.

● Future use as a replacement Animal Control unit - When it is time to replace our ACO pickup, we will order another unmarked pickup for one of the police supervisors and rotate their pickup, probably with roughly 40,000 miles, to ACO. We will load our current ACO cage in the bed and put a new \$500.00 ACO stripe package on that pickup. This will allow us to keep the police units more updated and rotate the oldest pickup to ACO because they take more abuse. By staying with one color (white) it allows us to have the uniformity needed in the Police Department as well as versatility to move a pickup from a police unit to an ACO/SRO unit, or even another city function, as needed.

● Availability - The half-ton pickups are readily available from local or nearby dealerships, which makes locating and purchasing of these units much easier. SUVs are not as readily available, causing a long wait time for the SUVs.

Chairman Vernon asked if the local dealership had been consulted. Chief Pitts stated they have spoken to the dealership and the dealership does not work with government financing/contracts and they could not be competitive with the price of the vehicle. Chairman Vernon asked that future refusals by the local dealership be in writing.

Commissioner Funderburgh asked City Manager Oznick and Chief Pitts if this is a legitimate use of ARPA funds. City Manager Oznick replied "yes". Chief Pitts stated that he has been in direct contact with the ARPA disbursement representative and that he has received confirmation that this is a correct use of funds.

Commissioner Richard Rossander made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh, to approve awarding the bid from Hanner Supercenter. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Larry Vernon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard Rossander, to adjourn at 12:12 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED

Larry Vernon, Chairman
Board of City Commissioners

ATTEST

Roma Holley, City Secretary