

THE CITY OF EASTLAND
CITY COMMISSION CALLED MEETING

July 31, 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:

Commissioner	Cecil Funderburgh
Chairman	Larry Vernon
Commissioner	Richard Rossander
Commissioner	Shirley Stuart

CITY COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Commissioner	James Doyle
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PERSONNEL PRESENT:

City Manager	J. J. Oznick
City Secretary	Roma Holley
Finance Director	Leslie Zander
Police Captain	Dan Wilson

Guests:

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chairman Larry Vernon called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Richard Rossander offered the invocation and Chairman Larry Vernon 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 entering into a contract with Lenslock for purchase of new vehicle and body cameras for the Police Department

Captain Dan Wilson explained this item to the Commissioners. He stated that our current video system for both vehicle and body cameras is Watchguard. At the time of purchase, Watchguard was “State of the Art cutting edge technology” Most of the equipment and technology is now out of date and is not supported by the company. Which means when anything malfunctions, we have to pay full price to have it replaced or repaired if possible. Our servers continue to run out of storage space and the Watchguard products are no longer a viable option for our needs.

The Lenslock System offers much more “product for the price”. This innovative and cost-effective technology simplifies many tasks in Law Enforcement Agencies. It has unlimited cloud-based storage which will eliminate the need for new servers. This cloud-based system will also allow all videos to be shared with a link, as opposed to making DVDs for everyone connected with a case. Lenslock also offers redaction services included in their price. The installation will be free and we will receive new body cameras every 30 months.

Captain Wilson answered several questions from the Commissioners including the cost of Lenslock versus the cost of Watchguard. He then asked that the commission approve this purchase.

Commissioner Richard Rossander made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh to enter into a contract with Lenslock for the purchase of vehicle and body camera equipment and service.

Ayes: Funderburgh, Rossander, Stuart
Nays: None
Absent: Doyle

V. Budget Workshop #1 of Budget Draft for FY 2023-2024

City Manager J.J. Oznick reviewed the budget draft and described proposed changes in the General Fund for each city department, including all capital requests.

City Manager Oznick stated that the overall budget has increased by \$600,000. This revenue will come from property taxes, sales tax, water, sewer and garbage service payments, water connection fees, water and sewer taps, bulk water sales, other funds and transfer from other funds.

City Manager Oznick highlighted some of the significant increases in the General Fund budget:

- Add a new Police Officer
- Align Fire Department salaries
- Ambulance Increase of 35%
- Increase funding of Eastland County Crisis Center
- Increase funding of Eastland Centennial Library
- Increase in Insurance (liability, property, etc.
- Employee Benefit Card increase
- Police Department vehicle maintenance
- Fire Department vehicle maintenance
- Fire Department gas/oil
- Public Works gas/oil
- Wage and benefit increase.

There was discussion and suggestions made for inclusions/exclusions of those items. The proposed budget will be prepared with any changes directed by the Commission and available at City Hall, and will also be available at the scheduled public hearings for the tax rate and budget.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Richard Rossander made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh, to adjourn at 1:05 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST

APPROVED

Roma Holley
City Secretary

Larry Vernon, Chairman
Board of City Commissioners