

THE CITY OF EASTLAND  
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

January 18, 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	Richard Rossander
Commissioner	Zac Darr (left at 6:20 p.m.)
Commissioner	Ben McNabb (arrived at 6:20 p.m.)

PERSONNEL PRESENT:

City Manager	J.J. Oznick
Finance Director	Leslie Zander
City Secretary	Roma Holley
Police Chief	David Hullum

Guests: Julie Elrod, Tom Bailey, H.V. O'Brien

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 Richard Rossander offered the invocation and Mayor Larry Vernon 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 DECEMBER 20, AND DECEMBER 21, 2021 MEETINGS

Commissioner Richard Rossander made a motion, seconded by Ben McNabb, to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2021 and December 21, 2021 meetings.

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

V. Financial Report

Finance Director Leslie Zander agreed that the sales tax is 19 ½% ahead of 2021.

No action at this time.

VI. Eastland Economic Development Inc. Bi-Annual Report – Tom Bailey

Mr. Bailey presented a slide show demonstrating the various projects EEDI were connected to in 2021.

He showed “before and after” photos of Bowie Street and talked about how it ties in the I-20 Access Road to Blake Fulenwider and U.S. Sand and Gravel and is completed all the way north to the Old Bankhead Highway. This road is made of 7 inches of solid concrete and is going to be there for a long time. He noted that this really makes the Business Park attractive.

Mr. Bailey then showed the difference a year makes with the development of U.S. Sand and Gravel. The lot has gone from being vacant to having a nearly completed building. He noted that the Concrete plant is also being developed and should be operational soon.

Mr. Bailey showed photos of the new Tractor Supply and stated that although this is not an EEDI project, it will bring business to that end of town and is very exciting.

Bartee Metals in the Business Park looks great. It is operational and doing a great business.

MIRA Enterprises has made a dramatic change to the former Morgan Buildings Company. This is going to be a foundational business that will draw more businesses to the business park near the airport.

Mr. Bailey briefly touched on the opening of Burkes retail store which is not an EEDI project but again, brings business to the community.

Red Star Restaurant, Top Line convenience Center along with Burger King are making a great impact on the south side of town and we are excited about the future.

Mr. Bailey stated that he had some aerial photography taken by Dwayne Dove and he was able to add overlays that show what properties are available and their dimensions. This helps business prospects get a good idea of the potential for growth.

Overall, Eastland continues to grow and prosper and EEDI is focused on helping with that endeavor.

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

1. Discussion and Consideration Resolution 2022-01 Ordering May General Election

Commissioner Zac Darr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard Rossander, to Approve Resolution 2022-01. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

1. Discussion and Consideration of Second Reading to Approve Ordinance 22-883 *AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EASTLAND, TEXAS CHANGING THE ZONING USE DESIGNATION OF PROPERTY ANNEXED INTO THE CITY BY ORDINANCE NO. 21-880 FROM AGRICULTURAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT ("AO") TO MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT ("MF"); AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP FOR THE CITY OF EASTLAND TO REFLECT SUCH CHANGE; AND ADOPTING THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP SO AMENDED.*

Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard Rossander, to approve upon second reading Ordinance 22-883

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

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**

Mr. Oznick stated we are waiting the results of the H&H study that Texas Government Land Office (GLO) is conducting. This will determine how the flood plain map changes

**TWDB Flood infrastructure Fund Grant**

Completed the Escrow account for the project, and now are waiting for the TWDB to do their part.

**WWTP Improvements**

The Texas Hwy 6 South Sanitary Sewer improvements will use leftover funds from the construction of the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

The bid has been awarded and the project should be completed in a couple of months. Construction will kick off in the next couple of weeks.

**2018 WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS**

We are at a standstill, waiting on the Texas Water Development Board. All paperwork and designs are in the hands of TWDB.

**TXDOT Exit 343 Ramp and Signal Light Projects**

Texas Department of Transportation is going to put control lights up on Seaman St. around the fire station to help control traffic when a fire truck needs to leave the station.

**EASTLAND MUNICIPAL AIRPORT UPDATE**

The engineering is almost complete, and work will possibly begin in the summer.

**I-20 WATER PUMP STATION REPAIRS:**

The generator is up and going.

**IX. Code Enforcement Report**

City Manager J. J. Oznick reported the Code Compliance Report for December 2021. There were 27 open cases at the beginning of the month, 18 new cases were opened and 26 cases were closed which ended the month with 19 cases open. Fines paid was \$156 with \$5,081 paid by being in jail. Liens were paid in the amount of \$295.

**X. Police Report**

Chief David Hullum stated there were 244 calls for service in December. 17 cases were filed with the District Attorney. There were 60 offense reports generated. He noted 12 arrests with 48 charges. A total of 529 traffic stops were initiated. This resulted in 435 warning citations and 94 citations issued. He also stated that 93 “business checks” were conducted. Chief Hullum also stated that there were 5 incidents of vehicles striking unattended vehicles and then leaving the scene. This is an unusually high number for this particular crime.

Chief Hullum stated his appreciation to Commissioner Darr who provided invaluable assistance in the recovery of a Cement Mixer which was stolen from the River of Life property. The suspect was caught on video surveillance and identified.

**XI. Fire Chief Report**

City Manager J. J. Oznick gave the following activity report for the month of December for the Volunteer and Paid Firefighters. Total call volume: 65 which was an average of 2.1 calls per day. 42 of these were in the City Limits and 20 of them were in the county and they responded to 4 calls for mutual aid to other county fire departments. There were 9 incidents between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. There were 2 structure fires, 4 grass fire and 2 vehicle fires. They responded to 28 Medical calls, 9 Motor Vehicle accidents and 8 Public Service assists and 11 false alarms/investigations. They installed 1 Smoke Detector.

**XII. Adjournment**

Commissioner Richard Rossander made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh, to adjourn at 6:33 p.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