

AGENDA

EAST MOUNTAIN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
January 8, 2024
MONDAY 6:00 PM
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

***CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & ROLL CALL**

***PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Must sign in. 5 minute limit

***APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: December 11, 2023 Regular Session Minutes**

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Vacant Council Seat-Mayor Marc Covington
2. PD Operations-Chief Stephen Rathbun
3. Approve Handbook-Mayor Marc Covington
4. Adjournment-Go Into Closed Meeting-Mayor Marc Covington
5. Return to Open Meeting-Mayor Marc Covington
6. Adjournment

Witness My Hand and Official Seal
Of the City of East Mountain, Texas
On This **5th day of January, 2024**



Lisa Stewart, City Secretary

Posted the **5th day of January at 12:30 PM**

THIS FACILITY IS WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE AND PARKING SPACES ARE AVAILABLE.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE CITY OFFICE AT 903-297-6041.

The City Council of the City of East Mountain reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters above, with respect to and as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.074 (Personnel Matters) and 551.087 (Negotiations).

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The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Marc Covington. The invocation was given by Mr. Danny Medlin. All present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Those Council Members present were: Mr. Danny Medlin, Mr. Eugene Brown and Mr. Richard Lattier, and Mr. Billy Morrow was absent

Open Discussion: Stormy Combs and Paul Barber approached council to let them know they were interested in the open council seat.

Approval of the Previous Minutes:

Mr. Eugene Brown made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2023 for Regular Session Meetings and Mr. Danny Medlin seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor and Chief let council know that the City had received a projector and laptops. They are refurbished.

Agenda Item One: Vacant Council Seat-Mayor Marc Covington

Mayor mentioned that there is now a vacant seat to fill and do we want to fill the seat or leave open.

There will be 3 opening coming up. Mayor, Billy and open seat from John.

Eugene suggests that to leave seat open since there more want to sign up for the position.

Mr. Eugene Brown made motion and Mr. Richard Lattier second. All were in favor.

Sign up is from January 17, 2024 thru February 18, 2024

Agenda Item Two: PD operations-Chief Stephen Rathbun

Chief Rathbun began with wanting to let everyone know what he does and how he does it since there has been several questions and incorrect information.

Chief went over his monthly reports.

He mentioned that he logs all the reserve hours and ask if he needed to give to Lisa monthly instead of keeping a yearly log in his office.

Chief talked about the security checks, resident ask if he checks all the doors around the building and chief replied that he did. He then started going thru his responsibilities as shown on the projection.

Examples: security over council meeting

Enforce local ordinances

Put together reports if wrecks, arrest, or finding of items

Maintenance on vehicles

Resident ask chief could log hours he spends on doing reports or so that way he could show hours spent to maybe help to hire another office. Chief said he usually multi task, such as while sitting on hwy 300 watching traffic he can type up reports.

Fuel purchase was questioned- two fuel cards, one in each vehicle. Each officer has their own pin to show who bought fuel.

Must enter mileage and pin number. Also it is logged in cop sink each time you stop to get fuel. The tickets are then turned in to office.

He then brought up that it had been questioned about using vehicle. He directed to council that while there was no patrol vehicle he used his personal truck and the city paid for his gas but did not cover anything else while using person truck.

COPSYNC- chief logs in first thing in morning, checks out vehicle, and at end of day since he drives vehicle home he logs out when he arrives at home.

All calls for service are logged.

When he logs into the CAD:

Dispatch and deputies will know where he is at all times. He logs into this every morning.

The Chief went thru the different screens showing all what is entered in the CAD.
The CAD shows what calls are coming in, and where each officer is at, at all times.
The CAD and COPS SYNC both have GPS so it is logged where he is at all times.
He mentioned that someone had told that he was unplugging GPS to hide from county, and he said he cannot do this. It wasn't working correctly when installed but now it is. This is a safety precaution.
Richard Lattier ask who is it that knows where he is at. Chief let everyone know that dispatch and other officers know where he is at. Richard ask if that was all that needed to know.
Upshur County, Ore City and Gladewater knows since they monitor Upshur County.

Agenda Item Three: Approve Handbook-Mayor Marc Covington

Not able to approve due to one council member being absent. Will address this at next meeting.

Agenda Item Four: Adjourn for Closed meeting-Mayor Marc Covington

Mayor let everyone know we would be adjourning for a closed meeting with employees @ 6:38pm.
Mr. Eugene Brown made motion to adjourn, and Mr. Danny Medlin second. The vote was unanimous.

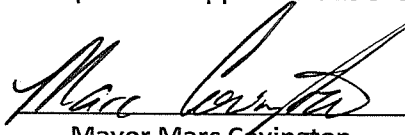
Agenda Item Five: Return to Open Meeting-Mayor Marc Covington

There were no questions or remarks when returned.

Agenda Item Six: Adjournment

Mr. Eugene Brown made motion to adjourn and Mr. Richard Lattier second. The vote was unanimous.
Adjourned at 10:05pm

Accepted and approved this 8^h Day of January, 2024



Mayor Marc Covington

Attested:



City Secretary, Lisa Stewart