



NOTICE OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF EAST MOUNTAIN, TEXAS
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
MONDAY MARCH 9, 2026
6:00 P.M.

All agenda items are subject to action. The City of East Mountain Council reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters below, with respect to and as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071,.072,.074, and .087

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

At this time, anyone will be allowed to speak on any matter other than personnel matters or matters under litigation, for a length of time not to exceed 3 minutes. No Council discussion or action may take place on a matter until such matter has been placed on an agenda and posted in accordance with law.551.042

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES OF CITY OF EAST MOUNTAIN COUNCIL MEETINGS:
February 9, 2026

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Cancel Election-Mayor Marc Covington
2. Discuss Open Council Seats-Mayor Marc Covington
3. Discuss & Vote Filling Open Seats on Council- Mayor Marc Covington
4. Swear New Council Members In-Mayor Marc Covington
5. Discuss Body Cam System for Police Department-Chief Stephen Rathbun
6. Adjourn

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above notice of meeting was posted on the bulletin board outside of City Hall, City of East Mountain, TX, a place readily accessible to the general public at all times, on the 3th March 2026, by 4:30 pm, and remained posted for 3 business days preceding the scheduled time of said meeting

Lisa Stewart

Lisa Stewart, City Secretary



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
March 9, 2026

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:

The Council Members present were: Mr. Danny Medlin, Mr. Eugene Brown, and Mr. Terry Johnson.

Open Discussion:

Mr. Jim Medlin brought up the trash all over Medlin Road from the trash cans being left out. He wanted to know whether there was a trash ordinance covering this, and, if not, he suggested that we get one in effect. Mr. Medlin also suggested that people take their trash bins back after being dumped. The mayor told him that the chief would talk to the owner of the property about the trash bins and see about working out something with him.

Approval of the Previous Minutes:

Mr. Danny Medlin approved the minutes for January 12, 2026 minutes and Mr. Terry Johnson seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item One: Cancel Election-Mayor Marc Covington

The mayor discussed that the election needed to be cancelled because no one had applied for the open spots on council. Mr. Eugene Brown made a motion to cancel the election, and Mr. Danny Medlin seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item Two: Discuss Open Council Seats-Mayor Marc Covington

The Mayor reached out to Mr. John Adams and Mr. Billy Morrow about becoming council members once again. They both agreed they would serve a two-year term.

Agenda Item Three: Discuss and Vote on Filling Open Seats on Council: Mayor Marc Covington

The council voted on adding Mr. Adams and Mr. Morrow to the council. Mr. Eugene Brown made a motion to add them, and Mr. Terry Johnson seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item four: Swear New Council Members In: Mayor Marc Covington

The mayor swore in Mr. John Adams and Mr. Billy Morrow in as council members

Agenda Item Five: Discuss Body Cam System for Police Department: Chief Stephen Rathbun

Chief discussed how the body cams and car systems they have now are obsolete and how the recording from body cams will not go on the new computer systems.

He suggested that 3 body cams and 3 car systems be ordered as a backup.

There would be a 10-year payout plan for the \$137,525.32, which would be a payment of \$13,742.54, which is \$1145.21 a month. This includes body cams being replaced every 2 1/2 years and every 5 years in the patrol vehicles. The new body cams would have an Axon4-translation feature. All recordings would be on the cloud, which will make it a lot easier.

Mr. John Adams asked if you were to only get 2, could you add another at a later date? Chief replied, Yes.

It was also mentioned how the police budget is in the red at this time already. Police budget will always be in the red.

A question was asked if there were any standalone cameras to get them through for 6 months.

The mayor mentioned to at least get them a little further and get everything going again.

Mr. Terry Johnson asked if it was tabled, and one goes down how long it takes to get a new one. Chief replied that it would take about 2 months. Mr. Eugene Brown asked if it could wait and be put on next year's budget. Mr. John Adams asked if they could share with the county, and the Chief replied that they would then have control over it if done that way.

Chief mentioned that now they are part of the ICE program, when they detain someone and get payment, the payment would help with this.

The mayor asked if he could get a 2-unit price and check into other options, and we will readdress this at next month's meeting. Mr. Danny Medlin agreed and made a motion, and Mr. Billy Morrow seconded. The vote was unanimous to table til next month's meeting.

Agenda Item Six: Adjourn

Mr. Eugene Brown made a motion to adjourn, and Mr. John Adams seconded. The vote was unanimous. Adjourned at 6:35 pm.



Mayor Marc Covington

Attested Lisa Stewart
City Secretary, Lisa Stewart