

AGENDA

EAST MOUNTAIN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
JULY 12, 2021
MONDAY 6:00 PM
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

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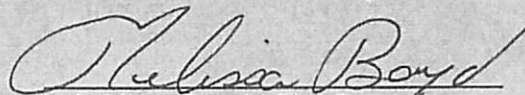
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*APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: June 14, 2021 Regular Session

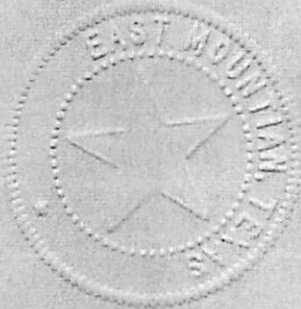
AGENDA ITEMS

1. Discuss Bulk Trash Clean-up: *Mayor Marc Covington*
2. Discuss and Schedule Budget Workshops and Budget Hearing – *Mayor Marc Covington*
3. Discuss Comprehensive Zoning Plan – *Jay Bissell, Zoning Committee Chairman*
4. Discuss and Possible Vote to Move Forward with Applying for the American Rescue Plan's Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery (CLRF) Stimulus Fund Disbursement to The City of East Mountain – *Mayor Marc Covington*
5. Update on Searching for a Police Chief – *Richard Lattier, Council Member*
6. Discuss Searching for a New Police Car – *Richard Lattier, Council Member*
7. Adjournment

WITNESSED MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL
OF THE CITY OF EAST MOUNTAIN, TEXAS
ON THIS THE 9th DAY OF July, 2021


Melissa Boyd, City Secretary

POSTED THIS THE 9th DAY OF July, 2021 AT 2:45 P.M.



**CITY OF EAST MOUNTAIN
CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR SESSION
July 12, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Marc Covington. The invocation was given by Mr. Eugene Brown. All present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Those Council Members present were: Mr. Eugene Brown, Mr. Billy Morrow, Mr. John Adams and Mr. Richard Lattier.

Open Discussion: NONE

Approval of the Previous Minutes: Mr. John Adams made a motion to approve June 14, 2021 Regular Session meeting minutes. Mr. Eugene Brown seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item One, Discuss Bulk Trash Clean-up – Mayor Marc Covington:

The Council discussed dates for the spring and fall bulk trash clean-up. The City will work with Sanitation Solutions to schedule clean-up days the same weekend each year with the goal of the first weekend in May and the first weekend in November.

No action was taken.

Agenda Item Two, Discuss and schedule Budget Workshops and Budget Hearing – Mayor Marc Covington:

The Mayor explained that the City needs to conduct their budget workshops earlier this year than what has been done in the past, to meet the required deadlines.

City Secretary, Melissa Boyd, explained that a proposed budget is required to be posted on the City website 30 days prior to adopting a tax rate. The Upshur County tax office needs to have the adopted tax rate to them by September 10, 2021 but has extended the date for East Mountain to September 15, 2021. Mrs. Boyd suggested posting the proposed budget by July 26, 2021, conducting the 1st budget workshop on August 16, 2021, conduct a budget hearing on August 23, 2021, conduct the 2nd budget workshop immediately following the close of the budget hearing, and put adopting the budget, adopting the tax rate, and ratifying the tax rate at the September 13th regular council meeting.

The Council reviewed the dates and determined that they would be available to meet on the above suggested dates.

No action was taken.

Agenda Item Three, Discuss Comprehensive Zoning Plan – Jay Bissell, Zoning Committee:

Mr. Bissell presented the Council with the final results of the Comprehensive Plan from the University of Texas of Arlington (UT Arlington). He explained that the delay in receiving the final results was due to the COVID pandemic and that Alan Klein, the Director of the Institute of Urban Studies for UT Arlington, had been seriously ill.

Mr. Bissell explained that the next thing that needs to be done is for the Zoning Plan to be placed on the August 2021 meeting agenda for approval. Once approved, the Zoning Committee will meet and discuss with the City attorney to see where to go from there.

Mr. Bissell explained that as an apology for the delay, Mr. Kline offered for the UT Arlington architectural school to provide East Mountain with their design services for the new city part at no charge in lieu of the \$500.00 they had originally proposed a couple of years ago.

No action was taken.

Agenda Item Four, Discuss and Possible Vote to Move Forward with Applying for the American Rescue Plan's Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery (CLRF) Stimulus Fund Disbursement to The City of East Mountain – Mayor Marc Covington:

The Mayor explained that the City of East Mountain is eligible for a little over \$200,000.00 from the CLRF Stimulus Fund. The City may use these funds for investments in infrastructure for Water or Broadband. The funds would be distributed in 2 payments. The funds must be obligated (placed for order) by December 31, 2024 and must be spent by December 31, 2026.

Mr. Billy Morrow made a motion to proceed with the application process. Mr. Eugene Brown seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item Five, Update on Searching for a Police Chief – Richard Lattier, Council Member:

Mr. Lattier informed the Council that after the first ad was posted for Police Chief, the applicants interviewed were not interested in the pay or having to patrol. The ad didn't specify the amount of pay and could have used a more detailed job description. Additionally, the Mayor brought to his attention, some concerns in regards to the background check performed on Mr. Weand, as well as his distance to and from the City and additional concerns. As a result, a more detailed job description help wanted ad was posted to narrow down the applicants. Additionally, more questions will be asked of Mr. Weand for clarification of the Mayors concerns.

No action was taken.

Agenda Item Six, Discuss Searching for a New Police Car – Richard Lattier, Council Member:

Mr. Lattier explained that he checked out the Police vehicle and found that there may be six months of service left out of it. It has new tires, the seat is fixed, headlights are polished and a new battery however, it has over 175,000 miles. He would like the council to consider the purchase of a new vehicle at a future date. He did some research and found that, at this time, if purchased, it will take a minimum of 6 weeks to get in. Cost for a used vehicle would start at \$28,000. The cost of a new vehicle would be \$38,000 - \$47,000.00 taking into consideration using some of the equipment the City already has.

No action was taken.

Agenda Item Seven - Adjourn:

Mr. John Adams made a motion to Adjourn. Mr. Eugene Brown seconded. The vote was unanimous.

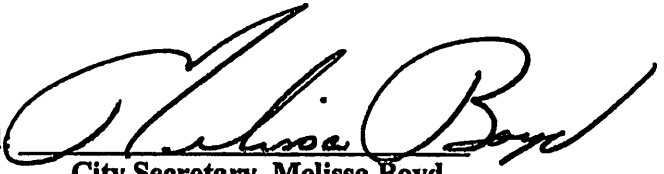
Adjourned at approximately 6:50 p.m.

Accepted and approved this 9th day of August, 2021.



Mayor, Marc Covington

Attested:



City Secretary, Melissa Boyd