



NOTICE OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF EAST MOUNTAIN, TEXAS
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2024
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 matter under litigation, for 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:
AUGUST 12, 2024 REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
AUGUST 27, 2024 SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES

AGENDA ITEMS

1. DISCUSS BIDS ON WATER PROJECT-**Mayor Marc Covington**
2. REVISIT SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY AND CITY COUNCIL PROCEDURE TO BE APPROVED AFTER GIVEN TIME FOR REVIEWING-**Mayor Marc Covington**
3. REVISIT DISCUSSION ON REMOVING OLD METERS AND LINES BEING REPLACED AFTER A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF TIME INACTIVE AND DISCUSS A PROCEDURE-**Mayor Marc Covington**
4. VOTE NEW JUDGE-**Mayor Marc Covington**
5. APPROVE 2024-2025 BUDGET-**Mayor Marc Covington**
6. NATIONAL NIGHT OUT (OCTOBER 1, 2024)-**Mayor Marc Covington**
7. ADJOURNMENT

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 6th day of September, 2024 by 12:30pm and remained posted for at least 72 continuous hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting


Lisa Stewart, City Secretary



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
SEPTEMBER 9, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Marc Covington. The invocation was given by Eugene Brown.

All present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

The Council Members present were: Mr. Richard Lattier, Mr. Danny Medlin, Mr. Paul Barber, Mr. Eugene Brown and Ms. Stormie Combs

Open Discussion:

Mayor Covington asks that we could hold off on open discussion til after the first agenda item was discussed, so that Mr. White would not have to sit and wait.

Approval of the Previous Minutes:

Mr. Eugene Brown made a motion to approve the minutes of August 12, 2024 Regular Session Council Meeting and August 27, 2024 Special Session Council Meeting ad Mr. Danny Medlin second. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item One Discuss Bids on Water Project-Mayor Marc Covington

Mayor Marc Covington let everyone know that the city had put out for bids on the water tanks for the new system. Mr. Landon White from Hayes Engineering went over the different bids that the city got and asks if the city wanted to go with the 100,000 tank or 50,000 tank. There were three different bids sent in and ranged with different prices. Mr. White mentioned that they had done work with the Tank & Vessel Builders before and the do a good job. They have a bid @ 264,000 which would include tank painted, sealed and flanged along with the foundation. Mayors ask if the council approved on this company. Mr. Eugene Brown made motion to approve and Mr. Richard Lattier second. All were in favor.

Open Discussion:

Mayor opened the floor for discussion from residents.

Ms. Julie Grier-wanted to let council know that she feels safer now where lives due to having Chief Rathbun. She mentioned that she believes he is what is needed here and has done a lot of good things in the city.

Mr. & Mrs. Stuckey- Mrs. Stuckey says she does not support the chief. That there is still a lot of crime, lots of people driving fast on FM 1844. Mentioned that he could be in different places stopping people. Mr. Stuckey mentioned that he was on Hwy 300 and seen the chief and 5 cars went thru the red light and chief never moved.

Mr. Terry Johnson-lives on Main St., supports the chief. He sees the chief stopping cars all over. He told the citizens how they know the old police department used to be a joke. The chief now has made a different.

Ms. Jo Popma- wanted to give the chief a special thank you for the 4th of July gathering. It brought lots of people in the community out. The parade was awesome, and the firework show was the best one yet. This all came about because of the Chief. She let them know she supports the chief.

Clay Voyles- wanted to go over something that was discussed a couple meeting ago. It is something over closed meetings. He read off sect. 551.103 and sect. 551.071. He says once again that the closed meeting has to be recorded and says we just need to abide by the law.

Agenda Item Two: Revisit Social Media Policy And City Council Procedure to Be Approved – Mayor Marc Covington

Mayor asked if they needed to take home again and look at and make changes. Mr. Eugene Brown asked didn't they discuss this last month. Mayor mentioned that it was tabled the last meeting. Mr. Eugene Brown said, "That he thought this needed to be voted on to make it a policy instead of waiting." Mayor asked if they wanted to vote on it. Mr. Eugene Brown made motion to approve each and Mr. Paul Barber second. Vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item Three: Revisit discussion on Removing Old Meters and Lines Being Replaced- Mayor Marc Covington

Mayor got with Bobby on what was discussed. Mentioned that every meter that has sit in the ground for 6 months the meter will be pulled. If the lines are 15yrs old or older the lines will have to be replaced. If on a line less than 15yrs no new line will have to be put in. If active good account, city will fix a leak that is on city side. RV's and tiny Homes and mobile homes will have to go by TCEQ requirements. If you have a shop with a bathroom you will not need a new meter but if adding something such as a tiny home will need a new meter.

Mr. Richard Lattier made motion to approve and Ms. Stormie Combs second. Vote was unanimous. Vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item Four: Vote For New Judge-Mayor Marc Covington

Mayor let council know that they have two that have said they would like to be Judge for the City. Judge Atkinson and Judge Blalock.

There was sheet given showing information about each Judge.

Judge Blalock only bilingual judge, \$400 per court session, has been a judge for several cities and at this time judge for Big Sandy. Judge Atkinson, a lawyer, \$500 per court, traffic judge for White Oak and Lakeport at this time.

Mr. Eugene Brown recommended Judge Blalock.

Ms. Stuckey suggested that we choose Mr. Atkinson since he is a lawyer and says he knows the law more. Another citizen suggested we use Ms. Blalock.

A motion was made to use Judge Blalock by Mr. Eugene Brown and Mr. Richard Lattier second. Vote was Unanimous.

Agenda Item five: Approve 2024-2025 Budget-Mayor Marc Covington

Mayor asks for approval of the 2024-2025 budget. Mr. Danny Medlin made motion to accept and Mr. Richard Lattier second. Vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item Six: National Night Out-Mayor Marc Covington

National Night Out is October 1st and Mayor asks which council members or all wanted to participate with it. There will be chopped beef sandwiches and hot dogs, chips and water. Ms. Stormie Combs offered to help with it and Mr. Danny Medlin. Ms. Stormie Combs made motion for participation and Mr. Danny Medlin second. All were in favor.

Agenda Item Seven: Adjournment

Mr. Eugene Brown made motion to adjourn and Mr. Danny Medlin second. All were in favor. Adjourned at 7pm

After adjourned one resident spoke up that he didn't get to speak and wanted to say a few words. Mr. Glover spoke how he backed the chief and what a good job he thinks he is doing for the community.

Accepted and Approved this 14th day of October, 2024

Mayor Marc Covington

Attested *Lisa Stewart*
City Secretary, Lisa Stewart