

# AGENDA

EAST MOUNTAIN CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
NOVEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2020  
MONDAY 6:00 PM  
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

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

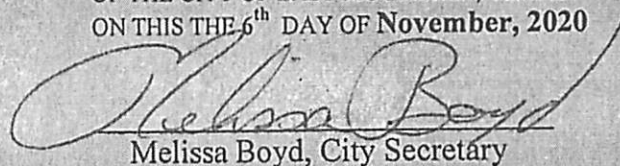
**\*PUBLIC COMMENTS: Must sign in, 5 minute limit**

**\*APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: October 12, 2020 Regular Session**

## AGENDA ITEMS

1. Discuss and Present the 2018 Audit – *Kevin Cashon, CPA, Gollob Morgan Peddy PC*
2. Discuss and vote on Test Well Drilling – *Mayor Marc Covington*
3. Discuss and Vote on Bulk Trash Days – *Mayor Marc Covington*
4. Discuss and Vote on Water Service Cutoff's for non-payment – *Mayor Marc Covington*
5. Discuss Breakfast with Santa – *Mayor Marc Covington*
6. Discuss EMS Paramedic Ambulance Service – *Eugene Brown – Mayor Pro-Tem*
7. Discuss Upgrade on Signage – *Richard Lattier, Council member*
8. Discuss and Vote on SWEPCO's request for Rate Increase – *Mayor Marc Covington*
9. Discuss and Vote to pass an Ordinance Adopting Minimum Standards for Food Plain Management or to Enroll into the NFIP – *Mayor Marc Covington*
10. Adjournment

WITNESSED MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL  
OF THE CITY OF EAST MOUNTAIN, TEXAS  
ON THIS THE 6<sup>th</sup> DAY OF November, 2020

  
Melissa Boyd, City Secretary

POSTED THIS THE 6th DAY OF November, 2020 AT 12:00 A.M.

**CITY OF EAST MOUNTAIN  
CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR SESSION  
November 09, 2020 - 6:00 P.M.**

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

**Roll Call:** Those Council Members present were: Ms. Mary “Jo” Popma, Mr. Eugene Brown, Mr. Richard Lattier and Mr. Billy Morrow. Mr. John Adams was absent.

**Approval of the Previous Minutes:**

Mr. Eugene Brown made a motion to approve the Regular Session Minutes dated October 12, 2020. Mr. Billy Morrow seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**Open Discussion:** None.

**Agenda Item One, Discuss and Present the 2018 Audit – Kevin Cashon, CPA, Gollob Morgan Peddy PC:**

Mr. Kevin Cashon provided the Council with the Financial Statements and Required Supplementary and Other Information Report for Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2018. He reviewed the Independent Auditors’ Report, Management’s Discussion and Analysis, and the Schedule of Findings and Responses with the Council. It was determined that the City is moving in the right direction. They found no issues with the findings of the statements.

Ms. Mary Jo Popma made a motion to accept the financial statement for Fiscal Year ending September 2018. Mr. Richard Lattier seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**Agenda Item Two, Discuss and Vote on Test Well Drilling – Mayor Marc Covington:**

The Mayor informed the Council that drilling has begun on the test well. They have drilled a total of 590’ and hit enough water to make a small residential well around 120’ – 125’. From there on it has been all shell. They have stopped the drilling and contacted surrounding companies who have wells close to our area and found that their wells are anywhere from 900’ – 1,200’ deep.

The Mayor pointed out a couple of options:

The City can either stop the drilling, cement the hole in, make a residential well for the land owner, spend the contracted \$45,000 and look into other options for water or continue drilling down to around 1,100’ – 1,200’ to see if there is water deeper. Drilling down further for the test well will cost around \$90,000.00.

The mayor expressed that if they hit water they can move over and drill the main well however, if they don’t hit water than the city will be out the money and will need to find another alternative for water.

Mr. Eugene Brown made a motion to pull \$45,000 out of reserve to continue drilling to 1,200’ max. Ms. Mary “Jo” Popma seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**Agenda Item Three, Discuss and Vote on Bulk Trash Days - Mayor Marc Covington:**

The Mayor informed the council that Bobby removed the cable TV tower that sat next to the pump station on FM 726. Bobby is building a gate and will install it when finished. Sanitation Solutions confirmed they can deliver the containers on December 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Mary "Jo" Popma made a motion to set the Clean-up days for December 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Richard Lattier seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**Agenda Item Four, Discuss and Vote on Water Service Cutoff's for Non-Payment - Mayor Marc Covington:**

The Mayor informed the council that the surrounding water utilities have reenacted water cut-offs and asked how the council felt about going back to water cut-offs. There are over 30 customers behind on their water bills, some with extremely high balances.

Mr. Billy Morrow made a motion to reenact water cutoffs beginning December 15<sup>th</sup> 2020 and work with customers who request a payment plan. Mr. Richard Lattier seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**Agenda Item Five, Discuss Breakfast with Santa – Mayor Marc Covington:**

The Mayor and Council agreed to cancel Breakfast with Santa this due COVID with the possibility of trying again next year.

**Agenda Item Six, Discuss EMS Paramedic Ambulance Service – Eugene Brown, Mayor Pro-Tem:**

Mr. Brown explained to the council that there have been concerns from the citizens about the city providing an ambulance service. He informed the council that Christus services the City and asked the Council if they would consider the possibility of the charges for ambulance service to be on the water bills or if the citizens should initiate the service directly with the Christus. Subscriptions per year are as follows:

\$60.00 Land

\$90.00 Land and Air

Ms. Mary "Jo" Popma made a motion to provide Christus with a list of customers but not get involved with the fees. Mr. Billy Morrow seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**Agenda Item Seven Discuss Upgrade on Signage – Richard Lattier, Council Member.**

Mr. Lattier presented a color copy draft of the Welcome Sign at the corner of 1844 & 1845 and reported the cost for the upgrades on signage and painting discussed at the meeting held on October 12, 2020.

Mr. Billy Morrow mad a motion to spend \$3,800 for signs and painting. Mr. Eugene Brown seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**Agenda Item Eight Discuss and Vote on SWEPCO's request for Rate Increase – Mayor Marc Covington.**

The Mayor and Council reviewed and discussed the request for Rate Increase materials submitted by SWEPCO.

Mr. Richard Lattier made a motion to suspend SWEPCO's requested change in rates for an additional 90 days (a total of 125 days) before taking final action and to ask our local external affairs manager, Mark A. Robison, to come in and discuss with council. Ms. Mary "Jo" Popma seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**Agenda Item Nine Discuss and Vote to pass an Ordinance Adopting Minimum Standards for Flood Plain Management or to Enroll into the NFIP – Mayor Marc Covington.**

The Mayor and Council reviewed and discussed the request from the Texas Water Development Board.

The council asked Mr. Jay Bissell, Planning and Zoning, review and contact Ms. Thomas to discuss and report back to council.

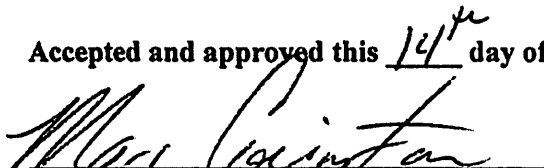
The council decided to table this until they receive an update from Planning and Zoning and to call a special meeting to Vote on passing and adopting the requested Ordinance.

**Agenda Item Ten Adjourn.**

Mr. Billy Morrow made a motion to Adjourn. Mr. Eugene Brown seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Adjourned approximately 7:25 p.m.

Accepted and approved this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020.

  
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Mayor, Marc Covington

Attested:   
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City Secretary, Melissa Boyd