

# AGENDA

EAST MOUNTAIN CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
March 08, 2021  
MONDAY 6:00 PM  
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

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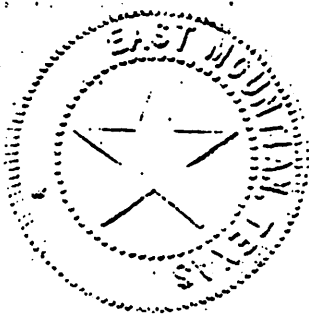
**\*CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & ROLL CALL**

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

**\*APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** February 8, 2021 Regular Session

## AGENDA ITEMS

1. Discuss Late Fees and Disconnects on Water Bills Due March 5<sup>th</sup> 2021 –  
*Mayor Marc Covington*
2. Discuss and Vote on May 2021 Elections – *Mayor Marc Covington*
3. Discuss and Vote on Part Time Employee Contributions to TMRS – Texas  
Municipal Retirement System – *Mayor Marc Covington*
4. Discuss and Vote on 2020 FY Audit to be done by Gallob Morgan & Peddy  
– *Mayor Marc Covington*
5. Discuss CenterPoint Energy Rate Increase – *Mayor Marc Covington*
6. Discuss Racial Profiling Annual Report – *Chief Mike Rider*
7. Adjournment



WITNESSED MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL  
OF THE CITY OF EAST MOUNTAIN, TEXAS  
ON THIS THE 5<sup>th</sup> DAY OF March, 2021

*Melissa Boyd*  
Melissa Boyd, City Secretary

POSTED THIS THE 5th DAY OF MARCH, 2021 AT 4:10 P.M.

**CITY OF EAST MOUNTAIN  
CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR SESSION  
March 8, 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. John Adams. All present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Approval of the Previous Minutes:**

Mr. Eugene Brown made a motion to approve the Regular Session Minutes dated February 8, 2021. Ms. Mary “Jo” Popma seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**Open Discussion:** Mr. Jay Bissell thanked the Mayor, City Council and Bobby Jenkins for making sure the residents didn’t lose water during the storm and for taking care of the water system.

**Agenda Item One, Discuss Late Fees and Disconnects on Water Bills Due March 5<sup>th</sup> 2021 – Mayor Marc Covington:**

The Mayor informed the council that after the issue with the weather, we waived the late fees and disconnects for the water bills due March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The meters were read before the freeze. The next bills due on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 will reflect any water leaks due to broken pipes and water left dripping.

Mr. Billy Morrow made a motion waive the late fees for March and April 2021 and resume late fees for the bills due May 5, 2021. Mr. Eugene Brown seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**Agenda Item Two, Discuss and Vote on May 2021 Elections – Mayor Marc Covington:**

The Mayor let the council know that Mr. Eugene Brown and Mr. Richard Lattier signed back up however nobody signed up to fill Ms. Mary “Jo” Popma’s position, leaving 1 vacancy.

Mr. Eugene Brown made a motion to accept the ordinance number 205 cancelling election for May 1, 2021. Mr. John Adams seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**Agenda Item Three, Discuss and Vote on Part Time Employee Contributions to TMRS – Texas Municipal Retirement System - Mayor Marc Covington:**

The Mayor turned the floor over to Mrs. Melissa Boyd, City Secretary. Mrs. Boyd informed the council that TMRS is requiring the city to pay retirement contributions for Renee Butler from October 2020 through January 2021. Mrs. Boyd explained that when Ms. Butler was hired on in October 2020, she made a call to TMRS to find out if Ms. Butler needed to be enrolled. At that time, TMRS stated that an employee is required to enroll if the position requires 1000 hours in a year, since Ms. Butler wouldn’t be working 1000 hours in 2020, the city can enroll Ms. Butler in 2021. In January 2021 Mrs. Boyd called TMRS to enroll Ms. Butler and was then informed that Ms. Butler should have been enrolled back in October 2020 when she hired on and that the city needs to pay TMRS back pay from October 2020 – January 2021 to catch up. A third phone call to a supervisor in the enrollment department confirmed that the back pay is required.

Ms. Mary “Jo” Popma made a motion for the City to pay the back pay for both the City’s portion and Ms. Butlers portion without charging Ms. Butler for the back pay. Mr. Richard Lattier seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**Agenda Item Four, Discuss and Vote on 2020 FY Audit to be done by Gollob Morgan & Peddy – Mayor Marc Covington:**

The Mayor let the council know that Gollob Morgan & Peddy should be finished with the Audit for FY 2019. He explained to the Council that if they wanted Gollob Morgan Peddy to do the 2020 Audit, the council would need to make a motion to do so.

Mr. Eugene Brown made a motion to allow Gollob Morgan & Peddy to proceed with the 2020 Audit. Ms. Mary “Jo” Popma seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**Agenda Item Five, Discuss CenterPoint Energy Rate Increase: - Mayor Marc Covington**

The Mayor informed the council that CenterPoint Energy submitted notification of a rate increase. There is nothing more the city needs to do since the city previously ceded its original jurisdiction over CenterPoint’s Gas utility rates to the Commission.

**Agenda Item Six, Discuss Racial Profiling Annual Report: - Chief Mike Rider**

The Chief presented the Annual Racial Profiling Report for the East Mountain Police Department. Chief reported that there were 0 complaints filed on Racial Profiling.


<b>TOTAL STOPS</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>RACE KNOWN PRIOR TO STOP</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>ALASKA NATIVE</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>ISLAND PACIFIC</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>BLACK</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>WHITE</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>HISPANIC</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>FEMALES</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>MALES</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>VEHICLE SEARCH</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>VERBAL WARNINGS</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>WRITTEN WARNINGS</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>CITATIONS</b>	<b>22</b>
Alaska Native	0
Island Pacific	0
Black	3
White	18
Hispanic	1

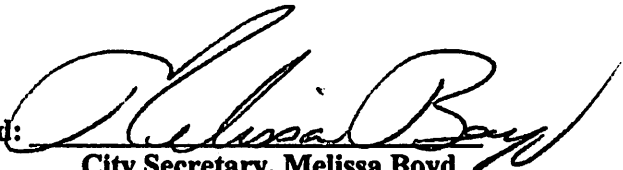
**Agenda Item Seven, Adjourn:**

Mr. John Adams made a motion to Adjourn. Mr. Billy Morrow seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Adjourned approximately 6:47 p.m.

Accepted and approved, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

  
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Mayor, Marc Covington

Attested:   
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City Secretary, Melissa Boyd