



NOTICE OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF EAST MOUNTAIN, TEXAS  
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM  
MONDAY MARCH 10, 2025  
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:  
February 10, 2024**

**AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Resolution for Water Rates-Mayor Marc Covington
2. Pick an Election Judge-Mayor Marc Covington
3. 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 March, 2025 by 12:30pm and remained posted for at least 72 continuous hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting

*Lisa Stewart*  
Lisa Stewart, City Secretary

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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION  
March 10, 2025

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

All present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:**

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

Absent Members: Mr. Eugene Brown and Mr. Richard Lattier

**Open Discussion:**

Mr. Jed Tuttle an Eagle Scout from Toup 201 asks as a project if he could build a 16 x 24 Pavillion with two picnics for the city. Mr. Tuttle is working toward his Eagle Scout. Mr. Tuttle understands that the city has lots of events and believes this will be beneficial for the city to have. The Mayor ask if he could stake it out where he is planning on building it and the council could vote on it during the May council meeting.

Mr. Clay Voyles asked if the city has released the cost of the Longview water we will be buying cause he wasn't present with the amount. The Mayor let him know a contract has not been signed at this time only has a proposed contract. Mr. Voyles mentioned he would like to understand the increase from Longview. He doesn't think the increase of \$5.00 which was corrected by Mrs. Stormie Combs to be an increase of \$3.00 which Mr. Voyles says will not cover the cost. The Mayor mentioned that when we have a contract it can be seen.

Mr. Voyles also thanked Chief for getting out the police report. Told the residents that this was asked for and put out there so they need to be sure to look at it.

**Approval of the Previous Minutes:**

Ms. Stormie Combs approved and Mr. Paul Barber seconded minutes from January 13, 2025 meeting. The vote was unanimous.

**Agenda Item One Resolution for Water Rates-Mayor Marc Covington**

Mayor Covington let council know that we have a resolution for the water rates. He mentioned that he thought there is some miscommunication on this. This rate increase is to cover the maintenance, with the increase of products and utilities, it's not the new water. The Mayor let Mr. Clay Voyles is getting ahead of himself. We are not as far ahead as he is talking about. We have only gotten a proposed contract from Longview. We have to follow the TCEQ rules also. The Mayor mentioned that some are worried that we are not going to go up enough and we will be going backwards. Mayor and Bobby have been discussing it all and know where they need to be on it.

Mr. Danny Medlin made motion to approve Resolution and Mrs. Stormie Combs seconded. The vote was unaminious.

**Agenda Item Two: Pick an election Judge –Mayor Marc Covington**

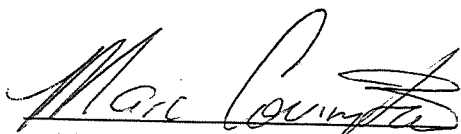
Mayor mentioned that an election judge needs to be picked for election. They have to be a resident in city limits and mentioned that Jesse Loffer would be the only one unless they have any suggestion of someone else. Mr. Paul Barber asked that we reach out to Jesse Loffer first. Mayor asks if it would be ok for Lisa to do it as she did it last city election. Mrs. Stormie Combs said it would be ok if it didn't interfere with work. Was mentioned that Lisa did it last year having to be alone and take care of water, elections and court. It was OK'd to let Lisa do it if Jesse Loffer did not want to do it.

Before adjourning the Mayor mentioned that Chief Stephen Rathbun has something he wanted to say the members. Chief let everyone know that he was having extra to deal with at this time because that had gotten some unsettling information about his moms health. He let everyone know he would be still working but would be changing his hours around due to having to take his mom to doctor visits. His mom has always helped with all the events and a lot of the residents have gotten to know her.

**Agenda Item Five: Adjournment:**

Mrs. Stormie Combs approved and Mr. Paul Barber seconded. All were in favor. Adjourned at 7pm

Accepted and Approved this 10th day of February, 2025

  
Mayor Marc Covington

Attested Lisa Stewart  
City Secretary, Lisa Stewart