

AGENDA

EAST MOUNTAIN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
October 10, 2022
MONDAY 6:00PM
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

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

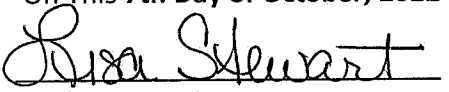
***PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Must sign in. 5 minute limit

***APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** September 12, 2022, 2022 Regular Session

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Financial Statement from Audit 9/30/21: Kevin Cashion
2. Implement 2022-2023 Budget: Mayor Marc Covington
3. Police Monthly Report: Chief Stephen Rathbun
4. Go over trash and water increase: Mayor Marc Covington
5. Finalize Animal Ordinance: Chief Stephen Rathbun
6. Revisit Police Department Policy: Chief Stephen Rathbun
7. Revisit Arbuster Property that was proposed last month: Chief Stephen Rathbun
8. Adjournment

Witness My Hand and Official Seal
Of the City of East Mountain, Texas
On This 7th Day of October, 2022


Lisa Stewart, City Secretary

Posted the 7th Day of October at 12:30 PM

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The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Pro-Tem Eugene Brown. A quorum was present. The invocation was given by Mr. Danny Medlin. All present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Those Council Members present were: Mr. Eugene Brown, Mr. John Adams, Mr. Richard Lattier, and Mr. Billy Morrow. Mayor Marc Covington was absent

Open Discussion:

Mr. Adams spoke to the council about wanting to put in a new business in our area that would be a small restaurant selling pizza, pasta, wings and salad. He asks if there were any empty building to rent or if the city would put him a building up and he would rent from the city.

Mr. John Adams suggested that he get with Jay Bissell to see if anything was available.

Approval of the Previous Minutes:

Mr. John Adams made a motion to approve the minutes of September 12, 2022 Regular Session and . Mr. Danny Medlin seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item One, Financial Statement from Audit 9/30/2021: Kevin Cashion

Mr. Kevin Cashion went over financial statement audit for 9/30/20221.

Mr. Kevin Cashion also gave information on a grant website to visit. "Texas Water Development Board Funds"
He also mentioned we could contact him about different bonds/grants.

Agenda Item Two, Implement 2022-2023 Budget: Mr. Eugene Brown

Mr. Eugene Brown, ask if council agreed to implement the 2022-2023 budget. Mr. John Adams made motion to approve and Danny Medlin seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item Three, Police Monthly Report: Chief Stephen Rathbun

Chief Stephen Rathbun went over his monthly report. Mr. Danny Medlin ask about the security checks, Chief let them know he goes by and checks businesses that are closed for the evening to make sure everything is good.

Chief mentioned that residents can ask for extra patrol when out of town or anytime needed. Mr. Richard Lattier ask if the residents knew about the extra patrol, Chief responded that several do.

Chief mentioned that he has been trying to slow down the off road vehicles traveling on the streets.

Mr. Richard Lattier gave concern about hearing gun fire several evenings after dark. He also mentioned that East Texas Salt Water is putting up a gate to keep trespassers out.

Agenda Item Four, Go Over Trash and Water Increases: Mr. Eugene Brown

Mr. Eugene Brown went over the trash increase, mentioned that Sanitation Solutions were going up on their rates as of November 1, 2022. Discussed that we needed to go up on our rates to take care of the increase. Mr. Eugene Brown made a motion to approve the increase and Mr. Danny Medlin seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item Five, finalize Animal Ordinance: Chief Stephen Rathbun

Chief Stephen Rathbun went over the ordinance and explained that he has set up with a rescue group that would come take the animals. Mentioned that he wanted to let residents that have animals to turn in the info about the animal and a picture of the pet where he could put in a notebook and if any called about an animal being out he could see if it belonged to any of the residents and take it home. Wants to make the residents responsible for their animals. Billy Morrow made motion to approve and Richard Latier seconded, vote unanimous with one abstention.

Agenda Item Six, Revisit Police Department Policy: Chief Stephen Rathbun

Chief Stephen Rathbun asked if any councilmen had anything to change in Police Department Policy or did they all agree with it. Billy Morrow asked about Chapter 29 "Officer involved shooting" Was mentioned that it would be taken care of between the Chief and Rangers.
Was decided that Policy should now go to the lawyer to look over and get approval.

Agenda Item Seven, Revisit Armbruster Property, requesting city help, Chief Stephen Rathbun

Chief Stephen Rathbun discussed the clean-up at the Armbruster property. Letting everyone know that he has cleaned up quite a bit at this time, he has had roll off dumped once at filling up the second time. The gentleman is burning the wood, selling what he can and disposing of the rest.
Chief mentioned that Mr. Armbruster was told that if this wasn't done and kept clean that he would get the state health department involved and his property would be seized. Richard Latier mentioned that we should work on a procedure for future clean up with guide lines. Danny Medlin made motion to approve and Richard Latier second. John Adams opposed and others vote unanimous.

Agenda Item Eight, Adjournment

Adjourned at approximately 7:15PM.

Accepted and approved this 14th Day of November 2022.



Mayor Marc Covington

Attested:



City Secretary, Lisa Stewart