

# AGENDA

EAST MOUNTAIN CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
August 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2020  
MONDAY 6:00 PM  
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

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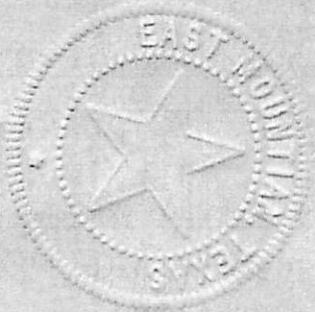
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**\*PUBLIC COMMENTS: Must sign in. 5 minute limit**

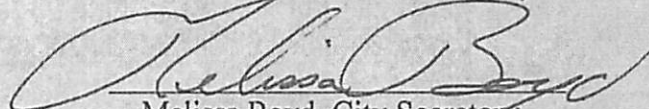
**\*APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: July 20, 2020 Regular Session**

## AGENDA ITEMS

1. Discuss Right to Life Ordinance with Limited Public Comments – *Mayor Marc Covington*
2. Discuss Locations for Street Lights and Replacing Street Signs– *Mayor Marc Covington*
3. Discuss Dates and Volunteers for City Wide Fall Clean Up – *Mayor Marc Covington*
4. Discuss Water Disconnects – *Mayor Marc Covington*
5. Discuss and Schedule Budget Workshop – *Mayor Marc Covington*
6. Report from Police Department – *Chief James “Mike” Rider*
7. Adjournment



WITNESSED MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL  
OF THE CITY OF EAST MOUNTAIN, TEXAS  
ON THIS THE 7<sup>th</sup> DAY OF **AUGUST, 2020**

  
Melissa Boyd, City Secretary

POSTED THIS THE 7<sup>th</sup> DAY OF **AUGUST, 2020** AT **12:00 P.M.**

**CITY OF EAST MOUNTAIN  
CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR SESSION  
August 10, 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 Mr. John Adams. All present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Approval of the Previous Minutes:**

Mr. Eugene Brown made a motion to approve the Regular Session Minutes dated July 20, 2020, and Ms. Mary “Jo” Popma seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**Open Discussion:** None.

**Agenda Item One, Discuss Right to Life Ordinance with Limited Public Comments – Mayor Marc Covington:**

No one signed up for Public Comments. Mayor Covington updated the council on the calls and letters received thanking the city for the ordinance.

Mayor Covington opened the floor for discussion.

The council discussed their concerns on how the ordinance passed, how the ordinance will affect the city and what their options are.

The ordinance will be sent to the city attorney for review. His opinion will then be forwarded to the council for review prior to the next council meeting.

The ordinance will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Agenda Item Two, Discuss Locations for Street Lights and Replacing Street Signs – Mayor Marc Covington:**

Mayor Covington explained that some citizens have requested street lights due to difficulty in seeing at night.

The council discussed the different roads that may need lights, speed limit changes and missing signs that need replaced. The council suggested that Chief Rider give recommendation at the next meeting on what intersections need lights.

Ms. Mary Jo Popma made a motion to figure out where signs are needed, and for Chief Rider to find the areas that need street lights, and what the cost might be for both. Mr. Richard Lattier seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**Agenda Item Three, Discuss Dates and Volunteers for City Wide Fall Clean Up - Mayor Marc Covington:**

Mayor Covington and the council discussed what dates would be best to schedule the Fall clean up. It was determined that they will hold off on scheduling Fall clean up until they can get an area cleaned up to place the dumpsters.

**Agenda Item Four, Discuss Water Disconnects - Mayor Marc Covington:**

Mayor Covington updated the council on the number of customers that are behind on their water bill. Water service won't be cut off until the governor lifts the COVID order. The total balance will become due and water will be cut off on the 15<sup>th</sup> after the governor lifts the order. The option to set up a payment plan will be included as a note on the monthly water bill. Individual letters will go out to those who are behind on their bill so that they don't get any further behind.

**Agenda Item Five, Discuss and Schedule Budget Workshop – Mayor Marc Covington: -**

Mayor Covington reminded the council that they will need to have 2 budget workshops prior to approving the budget. The council agreed to hold the budget workshops on Friday afternoons. The Mayor is working with the Chief on the Police Budget and with Melissa and Amy on the General and Water Budget. We will schedule dates by the next meeting.

**Agenda Item Six, Report from Police Department – Chief Mike Rider:**

Chief Rider discussed speed citations with the council. Mr. John Adams asked the Chief if he has everything he needs to do his job effectively. The Chief let the council know that everything is taken care of in order to be up and running. The Chief registered for a class that he has to have every 6 months. The Chief reported that he has had positive feedback from the community about the department.

The Mayor reminded the council that we are still looking for help on the municipal court side.


**Agenda Item Seven, Adjourn.**

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

Adjourned approximately 7:40 p.m.

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

  
Mayor, Marc Covington

Attested:   
City Secretary, Melissa Boyd