

AGENDA

EAST MOUNTAIN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
AUGUST 9, 2021
MONDAY 6:00 PM
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

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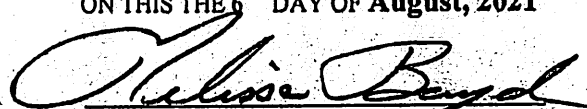
*PUBLIC COMMENTS: Must sign in. 5 minute limit

*APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: July 12, 2021 Regular Session

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Discuss and vote on appointing the Upshur County Tax Assessor to calculate the no-new revenue tax rate and voter approval rate as required by Texas Tax Code 26.04: *Melissa Boyd, City Secretary*
2. Discuss and record vote to propose a tax rate for 2021-2022 – *Mayor Marc Covington*
3. Discuss new dates for Budget Hearing, Tax Rate Hearing and Budget Workshops – *Melissa Boyd, City Secretary*
4. Discuss and vote on 2021 FY Audit to be done by Gollob Morgan & Peddy – *Mayor Marc Covington*
5. Discuss and vote to request bids for grant administrator/writer for the American Rescue Plan's Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery (CLRF) Stimulus Fund Disbursement to The City of East Mountain – *Mayor Marc Covington*
6. Discuss and establish Selection Review Committee to review and score bids from grant writers for the CLRF. – *Mayor Marc Covington*
7. Discuss and vote to accept the Comprehensive Plan received from the University of Texas Arlington – *Mayor Marc Covington*
8. Adjournment

WITNESSED MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL
OF THE CITY OF EAST MOUNTAIN, TEXAS
ON THIS THE 6th DAY OF August, 2021


Melissa Boyd, City Secretary

POSTED THIS THE 6th DAY OF August, 2021 AT 12:30 P.M.

**CITY OF EAST MOUNTAIN
CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR SESSION
August 9, 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. John Adams and Mr. Richard Lattier. Mr. Billy Morrow was absent.

Open Discussion: NONE

Approval of the Previous Minutes: Mr. Eugene Brown made a motion to approve the July 12, 2021 Regular Session meeting minutes. Mr. John Adams seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item One, Discuss and vote on appointing the Upshur County Tax Assessor to calculate the no-new Revenue tax rate and voter approval rate as required by Texas Tax Code 26.04 - Melissa Boyd, City Secretary:

Mrs. Boyd explained to the Council that under Texas Tax Code 26.04, we are required to designate an officer to calculate the Tax Rates.

Mr. John Adams made a motion to appoint the Upshur County Tax Assessor, Ms. Luana Howell, to calculate the no-new revenue tax rate and voter approval rate. Mr. Richard Lattier seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item Two, Discuss and record vote to propose a tax rate for 2021 – Mayor Marc Covington:

Mrs. Boyd provided the Council with the 2021 calculated no-new revenue tax rate and the voter approval rate and explained that if the Council were to propose adopting a tax rate higher than the voter approval rate then an election would need to be called.

Mr. Richard Lattier made a motion to propose 0.143265 for the 2021 tax rate. Mr. Eugene Brown seconded. Mr. John Adams in favor. Mr. Billy Morrow absent.

Agenda Item Three, Discuss new dates for Budget Hearing, Tax Rate Hearing and Budget Workshops – Melissa Boyd, City Secretary:

Mrs. Boyd recommended changing the Hearing and Workshop dates. After discussion, the dates will be as follows:

8/23/21	9:00 AM	1 st Budget Workshop (This time was changed to 9:30am during the discussion under Agenda Item Seven.
9/01/21	9:00 AM	Budget Hearing
9/01/21	9:30 AM	Tax Rate Hearing
9/01/21	10:00 AM	2 nd Budget Workshop

No action was taken.

Agenda Item Four, Discuss and vote on 2021 FY Audit to be done by Gollob Morgan & Peddy – Mayor Marc Covington:

The council discussed the performance and cost for audit services from the previous years compared to what the estimated charge would be for the 2021 audit by Gollob Morgan & Peddy.

Mr. John Adams made a motion to have Gollob Morgan & Peddy conduct the 2021 FY Audit. Mr. Eugene Brown seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item Five, Discuss and vote to request bids for grant administrator/writer for the American Rescue Plan's Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery (CLRF) Stimulus Fund Disbursement to the city of East Mountain – Mayor Marc Covington:

Mrs. Boyd explained that for the City to hire a grant administrator for the American Rescue Plan's CLRF Stimulus Funds being disbursed to the City, they would need to move forward with requesting bid proposals from approved grant administrators with the understanding that the funds received from the Stimulus Fund Disbursement may not be used to pay the grant administrator once hired.

Mr. Richard Lattier made a motion to request bid proposals for a grant administrator for the funds received from the American Rescue Plan's CLRF Stimulus Fund Disbursement. Mr. John Adams seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item Six, Discuss and establish Selection Review Committee to review and score bids from grant writers for the CLRF. – Mayor Marc Covington:

Mrs. Boyd explained that a Selection Review Committee will need to be established to complete the process of collecting, reviewing and scoring the bid proposals from the grant administrators submitting bids. The Mayor asked the members of the public attending the meeting if any of them would like to be on the Committee. No one volunteered however, Mr. Bissell of the Planning and Zoning Committee agreed to ask the Planning and Zoning Committee members at their next meeting. Mr. Eugene Brown, Mr. John Adams and Mrs. Melissa Boyd volunteered.

No action was taken.

Agenda Item Seven – Discuss and vote to accept the Comprehensive Plan received from the University of Texas Arlington – Mayor Marc Covington

The Mayor explained that the City needs to have a Public Hearing open to the public on the Comprehensive Plan so that the public has time to review the materials and discuss with the Council prior to the Council taking action. The Mayor explained that it is a Comprehensive Plan from the University of Texas Arlington has said it will be a good direction on what way the City of East Mountain can go. It is not binding. Public Hearing will be on August 23, 2021 at 9:00am.

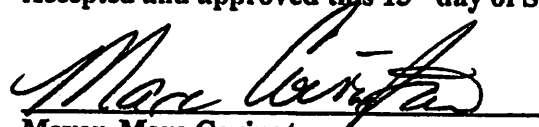
No action was taken

Agenda Item Eight - Adjourn:


Mr. Eugene Brown made a motion to Adjourn. Mr. Richard Lattier seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Adjourned at approximately 6:40 p.m.

Accepted and approved this 13th day of September, 2021.



Mayor, Marc Covington

Attested 

City Secretary, Melissa Boyd