



NOTICE
SPECIAL SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF EAST MOUNTAIN, TEXAS
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
Monday July 27, 2026
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:

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Budget Workshop-Mayor Marc Covington
2. 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 22nd day of July, 2026, by 4:30 pm and remained posted for at least 3 continuous days preceding the scheduled time of said meeting

Lisa Stewart

Lisa Stewart, City Secretary



CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES
Budget Meeting
July 27, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Marc Covington. Mr. John Adams gave the invocation. All present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

The Council Members present were: Mr. Danny Medlin, Mr. Eugene Brown, Mr. Terry Johnson, Mr. Billy Morrow, and Mr. John Adams.

Open Discussion:

No open discussion

Agenda Item One: Budget Workshop

Gave everyone a chance to look over the budget. It was asked what the highlighted green meant. Let them know that it was an amount that we knew could change, just speculating at first.

First off, we started with Mr. John Adams, who asked about the water purchase from Longview on the 3rd page. He did not think the 20,000 was high enough. They have not given us a rate, only a cap amount. Mayor suggested that we raise it to 40,000 a year.

It will be a while before we even start purchasing from Longview. Still have to run lines and attach to Longview. Doing everything in steps to keep TCEQ happy.

Mr. Eugene Brown asked about the electricity on page 2, it not being high enough due to the new water pumps. He doesn't think raising the amount by 4,000 is enough. The Mayor suggested raising it by 10,000 more. If we can get a grant, we will be able to do more. They asked about the gas expense, which may need to be raised also, and the Mayor said no, that the only time gas would be used at the new pump station would be if power was out and the generator kicked in. We increased the chemical amount to 8000.

Mr. Terry Johnson asked about the amount for the new project on page 3, if it would be 150,000 spent, and Mayor mentioned that it needs to go up to 200,000 due to lines to Longview meter and labor would be around 60,000 and the electrical work by the two quotes we have is around 50,000, along with other things that will need to be done. Raising Bobby's labor for the new project from 45,000 to 50,000.

Mr. Terry Johnson asked Stephen if the amount he shows of an income of 150,000 is feasible since he is about 3 times more than what has been made, which is a little more than the year before. Stephen replied yes, they would be writing more citations. That this year the extra police officer wasn't hired til January, the patrol car has issues and had to purchase another one, then move everything from one vehicle to another. That two officers had been riding together for an amount of time. Also, there were several ordinances that they had started writing citations on, and all that income comes straight to the city. Stephen can't guarantee that they will bring in that much income but planned on writing the citations, and it was up to the person paying them. Linda works hard at getting payment and calls them weekly.

Terry Johnson asked what the Inv-payments meant and who it was from. It comes from the comptroller and is sales tax and use tax.

Eugene Brown asked about what the computer expense was, thought we had gotten new computers. Yes, we have gotten new ones, but it's there if anything is needed.

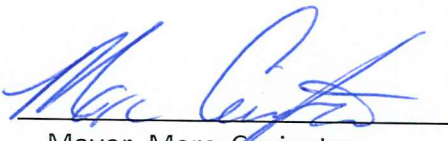
Stephen brought up the software expense amount on page one. Asked that it be taken off. Everything that they are getting will be covered by warranty. Mostly everything else fell under subscriptions, dues & fees, which are: CopSync, CAD, TLO, Kilogik, and Utility Data.

Terry Johnson asked why the road repair amount went down. This is in green due to speculation. He wondered why it went down since so many roads need to be fixed and money wasn't used last budget for it. Why it wasn't more, since money was left. The mayor let him know that the amount wasn't just sitting there; it comes from water, and water had to be used to make repairs. We don't add the amounts together to make it more. If a well goes down, that becomes a priority over the roads.. As soon as Bobby catches up, there is a plan to start working on the roads. Mayor wanted the amount to be raised to 70,000.

A question was asked about the ammo not having an amount. Stephen let them know he still has plenty at this time.

Agenda Item Two: Adjourn.

Mr Eugene Brown made a motion to adjourn, and Mr. Billy Morrow seconded. The vote was unanimous. Adjourned at 7:100 PM



Mayor, Marc Covington

Attested Lisa Stewart
City Secretary, Lisa Stewart