

AGENDA

EAST MOUNTAIN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
June 10, 2024
MONDAY 6:00 PM
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

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

***PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Must sign in. 3 minute limit on Agenda Items Only

***APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES May 13, 2024 Regular Session Minutes**

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Discuss and Go Over Dispatch Calls Out of The City-Mayor Marc Covington
2. (Police Tab) PD Operations-Chief Stephen Rathbun
3. Posted for Part-Time Court Clerk-Mayor Marc Covington
4. Discuss Budget Workshop Days-Mayor Marc Covington
5. Adjournment

Witness My Hand and Official Seal
Of the City of East Mountain, Texas
On This 7th day of JUNE, 2024



Lisa Stewart, City Secretary

Posted the 7th day of June at 12:30 PM

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE CITY OFFICE AT 903-297-6041.

The City Council of the City of East Mountain reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters above, with respect to and as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.074 (Personnel Matters) and 551.087 (Negotiations).

CITY OF EAST MOUNTAIN
CITY COUNCIL-REGULAR SESSION
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The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Marc Covington. The invocation was given by Mr. Eugene Brown. All present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Those Council Members present were: Mr. Danny Medlin, Mr. Eugene Brown, Paul Barber and Stormie Combs. Richard Lattier was absent

Open Discussion:

Approval of the Previous Minutes:

Mr. Eugene Brown made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2024 for Regular Session Meetings and Mr. Danny Medlin seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item One: Discuss and go Over Dispatch Calls Out of the City-Mayor Marc Covington

The Mayor read off calls from the list that were dispatched out of the city. Stormie Combs ask how can confirm calls that his name are on but says he never went on. Chief Rathbun mentioned that he could look up call numbers. Some calls were medical calls. Several calls were just outside of the city, which Chief said that could have been a traffic stop and just got them stopped.

Several calls Chief mentioned that he may not had been on some of those calls. Stormie ask how to confirm and he said for them to give him the call number and he could look them up.

Renee Barber ask how to clarify these calls.

Sheriff Larry Webb said they dispatch their guys and sometimes ask who is closest if busy. Sometimes they don't go after the call if not needed.

Sheriff Larry Webb can go back and look up.

Sheriff Webb said he could have checked in on route and then didn't go when he realized he wasn't needed.

Some calls show he was in route and his number would show up even if he didn't go.

Can check radio traffic to see if Chief went or was called on the call.

Chief Rathbun mentioned that when he first started he talked to Chief Hazel and Sheriff Webb and let them know he would be there to help. He talked to the deputies to let them know he would be there if he was needed.

Chief Rathbun let everyone know that if it's a problem then rules need to be set up where he can go.

Chief also mentioned that if was to pass a call and not stop driving the police truck he would not look good.

Chief told council that there was a call close to his home and a call came in with one deputy and he went to assist.

Chief Hazel wants to meet with mayor and one council member to discuss calls along with Sheriff Webb.

Danny Medlin mentioned that when he came to call to help he helped everyone and now he has gotten a bad rap over it.

Sheriff Webb gave an example:

if there was such a tornado and he couldn't get to the city then he would be dispatched to stay in another area to help and another deputy would take his area.

Agenda Item Two: PD Operations- Chief Stephen Rathbun

Chief went over the reports for the month

Agenda Item Three: Posted for Part-time Court Clerk-Mayor Marc Covington

Mayor let everyone know that we have posted for a part-time court clerk. They would work Tuesday thru Thursday 9-4:30.

Paul Barber ask how can they get information ahead of time in case they want to discuss it or if they wanted to put something on the agenda.

Paul asks about if it would be put on the agenda when deciding on hiring to be brought before council.

Paul ask if there would be same issue with another employee as before. He mentioned that he had read the letter . Eugene Brown said you can't guarantee it.

Terry Carter brought up the letter that was written and about the sexual harassment that was mentioned. Asked if it had been reported or if the Texas Rangers were brought in to it.

Mayor let everyone know they would discuss everything and it would be brought up in the next council meeting

Agenda Item Four-Budget Workshop-Mayor Marc Covington

The mayor discussed that we need to set dates to have two budget workshops. Think of days best and we will decide next month meeting. Everything has be done before September 15th.

Agenda Item Five: Adjournment-Mayor Marc Covington and Eugene Brown

Eugene Brown made motion to adjourn, Stormie Combs second. Vote was unanimous. Adjourned at 6:45pm

Accepted and approved this 11th Day of July, 2024



Mayor Marc Covington

Attested:



City Secretary, Lisa Stewart