

AGENDA

EAST MOUNTAIN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
SEPTEMBER 13, 2021
MONDAY 6:00 PM
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

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

*PUBLIC COMMENTS: Must sign in. 5 minute limit

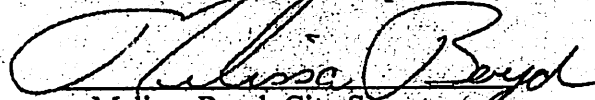
*APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- August 9, 2021 Regular Session
- August 23, 2021 Public Hearing Comprehensive Plan
- August 23, 2021 Budget Workshop
- September 1, 2021 Public Hearing Proposed Budget
- September 1, 2021 Public Hearing Proposed Tax Rate
- September 1, 2021 Budget Workshop

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Vote to adopt through resolution, the 2021/2022 budget: *Mayor Marc Covington*
2. Vote to adopt through resolution, the tax rate of \$0.143265 per \$100 of valuation for the use & support of the general government for 10-1-2021 through 09/30/2022 – *Mayor Marc Covington*
3. Vote through resolution to ratify the property tax revenue increase reflected in the City's operating budget for 10-1-2021 through 9-30-2022 – *Mayor Marc Covington*
4. Discuss and vote on TML's Board of Trustee Election for the term of office 10-1-2021 through 9-30-2024 – *Mayor Marc Covington*
5. Discuss National Night Out and Breakfast with Santa – *Mayor Marc Covington*
6. Discuss Police Department – *Mayor Marc Covington and Richard Lattier, Council Member*
7. Discuss and possible vote to contact attorney concerning any requests for information on the Sanctuary City Ordinance # 203 – *Richard Lattier, Council Member*
8. Adjournment

WITNESSED MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL
OF THE CITY OF EAST MOUNTAIN, TEXAS
ON THIS THE 10th DAY OF September, 2021


Melissa Boyd, City Secretary

POSTED THIS THE 10th DAY OF September, 2021 AT 12:30 P.M.

**CITY OF EAST MOUNTAIN
CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR SESSION
September 13, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Eugene Brown. A quorum was present. The invocation was given by Mr. Eugene Brown. 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: NONE

Approval of the Previous Minutes:

Mr. Billy Morrow made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2021 Regular Session, August 23, 2021 Public Hearing on Comprehensive Plan, August 23, 2021 Budget Workshop, September 1, 2021 Public Hearing on Proposed Budget, September 1, 2021 Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Rate, and September 1, 2021 Budget Workshop. Mr. Richard Lattier seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item One, Vote to adopt through resolution the 2021/2022 budget – Mayor Marc Covington:

Mr. John Adams made a motion to adopt the resolution approving the City of East Mountain Budget for Fiscal Year 10/01/2021 through 09/30/2022. Mr. Richard Lattier seconded. In a roll call vote, Mr. John Adams, Mr. Richard Lattier and Mr. Billy Morrow voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Agenda Item Two, Vote to adopt through resolution, the tax rate of \$0.143265 per \$100 of valuation for the use & support of the general government for 10-1-2021 through 09/30/2022 – Mayor Marc Covington:

Mr. Richard Lattier made a motion to adopt the resolution levying taxes at a rate of 0.143265 per \$100 valuation. Mr. Billy Morrow seconded. In a roll call vote, Mr. John Adams, Mr. Richard Lattier and Mr. Billy Morrow voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Agenda Item Three, Vote through resolution to ratify the property tax revenue increase reflected in the City's operating budget for 10-1-2021 through 9-30-2022 – Mayor Marc Covington:

Mr. Billy Morrow made a motion to adopt the resolution ratifying the property tax revenue increase. Mr. Richard Lattier seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, Mr. John Adams, Mr. Richard Lattier and Mr. Billy Morrow voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Agenda Item Four, Discuss and vote on TML's Board of Trustee Election for the term of office 10-1-2021 through 9-30-2021 – Mayor Marc Covington:

The Council reviewed the TML Health Benefits Pool Official Ballot for the Board of Trustees – TML Region 15 Term of Office.

Mr. Billy Morrow made a motion to vote for Wendy Hudman, City Accountant, City of Carthage. Mr. John Adams seconded. In a roll call vote, Mr. John Adams, Mr. Richard Lattier and Mr. Billy Morrow voted aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Agenda Item Five, Discuss National Night Out and Breakfast with Santa– Mayor Marc Covington:

The Council discussed the previous Breakfast with Santa events and asked if anyone has talked to Ms. Jo Popma about possibly helping this year. Mr. John Adams recommended tabling the discussion until October 2021 Council meeting so that the Mrs. Boyd can discuss the event with Ms. Popma.

Mrs. Boyd explained that Crime Stoppers stated National Night Out is 90-99% of the event and recommended waiting to do National Night Out until a Police Chief is hired.

No action was taken.

Agenda Item Six, Discuss Police Department – Mayor Marc Covington:

Mr. Lattier updated the Council on the search for a Police Chief. Mr. Lattier is conversing with Upshur County Sheriff, Larry Web, on the possibility of the Sheriff's office providing a police presence of 20-25 hours a week in the City East Mountain. The Council had questions on hours, cost, what vehicle would be used, uniforms, and county calls while on duty at East Mountain. (Refer to audio recording for more on discussion). Ms. Lucrecia Davidson, a former Upshur County Deputy and an applicant for the East Mountain Police Chief position, was in attendance during the meeting and explained her experience while working for the Upshur County Sheriff's office as it relates to the Council discussion.

No action was taken.

Agenda Item Seven – Discuss and possible vote to contact attorney concerning any requests for information on the Sanctuary City Ordinance #203 – Richard Lattier, Council Member:

Mr. Lattier addressed open records requests regarding the Sanctuary City Ordinance #203. Mr. Lattier referenced a letter for services from Mr. Jonathan F. Mitchell that the City received when the request to pass the ordinance was submitted to the City.

Mr. Lattier made a motion to contact Mr. Mitchell for his assistance and his advice. Mr. John Adams seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item Eight - Adjourn:

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

Adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Accepted and approved this 11th day of October, 2021.



Mayor, Marc Covington

Attested: 

City Secretary, Melissa Boyd