

AGENDA

EAST MOUNTAIN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
October 12TH, 2020
MONDAY 6:00 PM
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

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

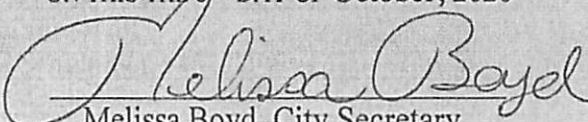
***PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Must sign in. 5 minute limit

***APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** September 14, 2020 Regular Session, September 22, 2020 Budget Workshop & September 29, 2020 Budget Workshop

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Review bids for drilling of test well on Cude property and vote to accept bid. Vote to approve signing contract to drill test well. – Mayor Marc Covington
2. Approve Rate increase on Trash Service – Mayor Marc Covington
3. Adopt Budget(s) for FY 2020-2021– Mayor Marc Covington
4. Adopt Tax Rate of \$0.140088 for 2020 – Mayor Marc Covington
5. Discuss Upgrade on Signage – Council member Richard Lattier
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 8th DAY OF **October, 2020**


Melissa Boyd, City Secretary

POSTED THIS THE 8th DAY OF October, 2020 AT 10:00 A.M.



**CITY OF EAST MOUNTAIN
CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR SESSION
October 12, 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. Eugene Brown. 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. Billy Morrow made a motion to approve the Regular Session Minutes dated September 14, 2020 and the Budget Workshop minutes held on September 22, 2020 and September 29, 2020. Ms. Mary “Jo” Popma seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Open Discussion: None.

Agenda Item One, Review Bids for Drilling of Test Well on Cude Property and Vote to Accept Bid. Vote to approve signing contract and drill test Well – Mayor Marc Covington:

Mr. Terry Winn, Vice President CP&Y Inc., provided the council with a letter of recommendation and a bid tabulation for the Cude property test hole. Mr. Winn explained to the council that of the 2 bids that came in, Powell Drilling was the lowest. Russell Drilling came in at a higher bid due to using steel rather than PVC.

Mr. John Adams made a motion to accept the bid from Powell Drilling to drill the test well on the Cude property. Mr. Eugene Brown seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Mary Jo Popma made a motion to allow Mayor Covington to sign the contract and agreement between Powell Drilling and the City of East Mountain. Mr. Billy Morrow seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item Two, Approve Rate Increase on Trash Service – Mayor Marc Covington:

The Mayor reminded the council that Sanitation Solutions will be increasing their trash rates in November 2020. The city will need to raise their rates to cover the rate increase, clerical and supplies. The Mayor proposed the following rates:

Inside City Limits:	\$18 + Tax
Outside City Limits:	\$24 + Tax
Extra Container:	\$ 8 + Tax

Sanitation Solutions will charge the city approximately \$8,943.06 monthly. The city will charge the customers approximately \$10,452 monthly.

Sanitation Solutions will continue to provide 6 roll off containers per year for bulk clean up at no additional charge.

Notice to the customers will be provided on their water and trash bills, on the city website and in the Gilmer paper.

Mr. Richard Lattier made a motion to accept the rate increase. Ms. Mary "Jo" Popma seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item Three, Adopt Budget(s) for FY 2020-2021 - Mayor Marc Covington:

Mr. Eugene Brown made a motion to accept the budget as presented. Mr. John Adams seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item Four, Adopt Tax Rate of \$0.140088 for 2020 - Mayor Marc Covington:

Ms. Mary Jo Popma made a motion to approve the 2020 Tax Rate. Mr. Billy Morrow seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item Five, Discuss Upgrade on Signage – Council Member Richard Lattier:

Mr. Lattier provided the council with current pictures of locations where upgrades are needed with estimated costs. Mr. Lattier walked the council through his findings and recommendations on upgrading the signage at each of the following locations:

1844/1854:	4'X 10' Welcome Sign (update, clean underbrush and bring in soil)
E. Mtn. Rd./1844:	East Mountain Road Sign
E. Mtn. Rd./1844:	Informational Sign
E. Mtn. Rd./Municipal:	Informational Sign
City Hall Building:	1'X 4' sign above drive thru
	Informational Sign on the building beside the entrance
Painting of City Hall: (White or Crème on Brown)	Blue letters on building; Gutters; Trim; Doors, Building & posts around monument

Mr. Billy Morrow made a motion to have Mr. Richard Lattier further investigate and report to council next month regarding the pricing, installation and additional materials for the signs and painting of the building. Ms. Mary "Jo" Popma seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item Six, Report from the Police Department – Chief James "Mike" Rider:

The Chief explained to the council that he has been working with a lady to help utilize the CARES Act so that the city can be reimbursed for funds used specifically for COVID. The council discussed how the CARES Act works and how the funds can be used.


The Chief informed the council that he is going through the ordinance book to determine the enforceable ordinances and recommended having binder specifically for enforceable ordinances.

Agenda Item Seven Adjourn.

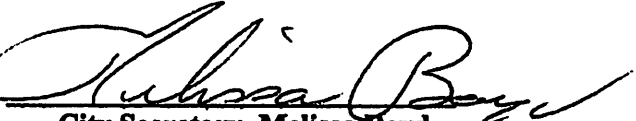
Mr. Billy Morrow made a motion to Adjourn. Mr. Eugene Brown seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Adjourned approximately 7:16 p.m.

Accepted and approved this 9th day of November, 2020.



Mayor, Marc Covington

Attested: 

City Secretary, Melissa Boyd