

AGENDA

EAST MOUNTAIN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
DECEMBER 14th, 2020
MONDAY 6:00 PM
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

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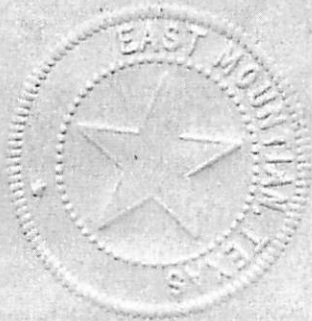
***CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & ROLL CALL**

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

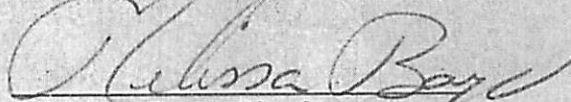
***APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** November 9, 2020 Regular Session

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Discuss Questions Regarding SWEPCO's Request for Rate Increase – *Mark Robinson, SWEPCO External Affairs Manager*
2. Discuss Test Well Drilling – *Mayor Marc Covington*
3. Discuss and Vote to pass an Ordinance Adopting Minimum Standards for Flood Plain Management or to Enroll into the NFIP – *Mayor Marc Covington*
4. Discuss and Vote on New City Logo and Color Proof - *Richard Lattier, Council Member*
5. Adjournment



WITNESSED MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL
OF THE CITY OF EAST MOUNTAIN, TEXAS
ON THIS THE 11th DAY OF **December, 2020**


Melissa Boyd, City Secretary

POSTED THIS THE 11th DAY OF December, 2020 AT 12:00 A.M.

**CITY OF EAST MOUNTAIN
CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR SESSION
December 14, 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. Eugene Brown, Mr. Richard Lattier and Mr. John Adams. Mr. Billy Morrow was absent.

Approval of the Previous Minutes:

Mr. Eugene Brown made a motion to approve the Regular Session Minutes dated November 9, 2020. Ms. Mary “Jo” Popma seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Open Discussion: None.

Agenda Item One, Discuss Questions Regarding SWEPCO’s Request for Rate Increase – Mark Robinson, SWEPCO External Affairs Manager:

Mr. Robinson explained that the reason for SWEPCO’s request for rate increase is because the revenue is not meeting the requirements to take care of the system that is provided to the residents. They are requesting \$90.2 million increase in the company’s non-fuel base rates approximately 15.6%. There were 3 options cities could choose from: 1. Approve the Rate increase; 2. Deny the Rate Increase; or 3. Request a 90 day extension. He stated that there were 3 Ordinances/Resolutions in the documentation sent to the City to utilize. They did not see any action from over 50 of the East Texas Communities. Mr. Robinson read an email from Austin that explained that many cities requested and were granted the 90 day extension. Cities who did not act were denied the suspension and approved the requested rate increase. SWEPCO will appeal cities who did not act in order to preserve coordinated system wide rates.

At the council meeting held on November 9, 2020 the council unanimously voted to “suspend SWEPCO’s requested change in rates for an additional 90 days (a total of 125 days) before taking final action and to ask our local external affairs manager, Mark A. Robinson, to come in and discuss with council.”

The resolution did not get sent in on time. He explained that everyone in East Texas is on a tariff base. SWEPCO does not want to change that structure. They will appeal all the denials and 90 day extensions and request coordinated system wide rates so every community is billed on the same flat rate.

(Refer to audio recording for additional questions from council) Mr. Robinson will give us contact information for the Community Advocate with Carr.

Agenda Item Two, Discuss Test Well Drilling – Mayor Marc Covington:

The Mayor informed the Council that they drilled a 1,200’ dry hole. The only water they found produced about 20 gal a minutes. The next step is to research the area around city hall, talk to some of the oil field companies who have drilled wells in this area and see if we can pull samples to find out the water quality. If we can find quality water in this area, we can drill on the 10 acres behind city hall.

Agenda Item Three, Discuss and Vote to pass an Ordinance Adopting Minimum Standards for Flood Plain Management or to Enroll into the NFIP - Mayor Marc Covington:

The Mayor informed the council that the county has met and signed off on the Interlocal Agreement on Flood Plain Management.

Mr. John Adams made a motion to adopt Minimum Standards for Flood Plain Management. Ms. Mary "Jo" Popma seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item Four, Discuss and Vote on New City Logo and Color Proof – Mr. Richard Lattier:

Mr. Richard Lattier presented the Proof for the new city logo to the council and discussed the time frame for the painter to paint the exterior of City Hall. The council thought it would be best to wait until spring to paint when the temperature is warmer.

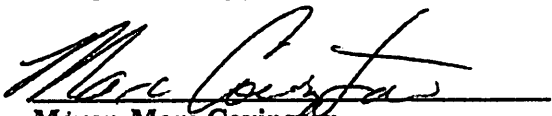
Ms. Mary "Jo" Popma made a motion to accept the new city logo. Mr. Richard Lattier seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item Five, Adjourn:

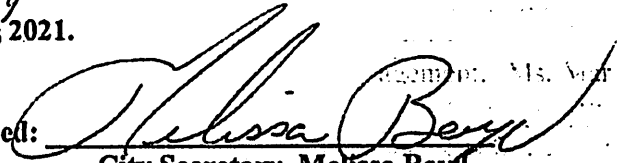
Mr. Eugene Brown made a motion to Adjourn. Mr. John Adams seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Adjourned approximately 7:05 p.m.

Accepted and approved this 8th day of February, 2021.


Mayor, Marc Covington

Attested:


City Secretary, Melissa Boyd

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