



NOTICE OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF EAST MOUNTAIN, TEXAS  
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM  
MONDAY January 12, 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:**

*At this time, anyone will be allowed to speak on any matter other than personnel matters or matters under litigation, for a length of time not to exceed 3 minutes. No Council discussion or action may take place on a matter until such matter has been placed on an agenda and posted in accordance with law.551.042*

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES OF CITY OF EAST MOUNTAIN COUNCIL MEETINGS:  
December 8, 2025

**AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Discuss and Vote on a Grant for Water System Repairs and Upgrades -Landon White
2. Discuss and Vote on Renewing Lineberger Contract-Mayor Marc Covington
3. Racial Profile-Chief Stephen Rathbun
4. Discuss and Vote on the ICE- 287 Agreement-Chief Stephen Rathbun
5. Discuss and Vote on New Officer Josh Hollis-Chief Stephen Rathbun
6. Call for and Vote on Upcoming Election - Mayor Marc Covington
7. Discuss Billboard Ordinance-Mayor Marc Covington
8. Adjourn

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 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026, by 4:30 pm, and remained posted for 3 business days preceding the scheduled time of said meeting

  
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Lisa Stewart, City Secretary



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
January 12, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Marc Covington. The invocations were given by Mr. Terry Johnson.  
All present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:**

The Council Members present were -Mr. Danny Medlin, Mr. Eugene Brown, and Mr. Terry Johnson.

**Open Discussion:**

Riley Henson brought to the council that he is purchasing 1742 FM 1844 and 11/2 acres and wants to put 2 sets of duplexes on there. The Mayor asked that he get with him after the meeting, and they could then discuss it.

**Approval of the Previous Minutes:**

Mr. Eugene Brown approved the minutes for December 8, 2025, and Mr. Danny Medlin seconded. The vote was unanimous.

**Agenda Item One: Discuss and Vote on a Grant for Water System Repairs- Mayor Marc Covington**

The Mayor had talked to Landon White from Hayes Engineering, and Landon had let him know that some water grants are coming out to help with water systems. Help with replacing lines that need to be replaced and other repairs. Landon will be coming by the office to get with Lisa to fill out some paperwork online to see if we qualify and how much we qualify for. This will a formal application with lots of detail included

**Agenda Item Two: Discuss and Vote on Renewing Lineberger- Mayor Marc Covington**

The Mayor brought to the attention that it was time for renewal of the Lineberger contract on collections for the court. Linda has been able to collect most of the citations lately, and we have not given them any collections since last April. Ms. Staci Killingsworth from Linebarger was present at the meeting and spoke some up on the contract. She let us know that they do not start collection until the 61<sup>st</sup> day after the citation's past due date, that they add a 30% fee that comes to them for the collection, and they have not received any since April of 2025. She also mentioned that they would have to notify them before January 1st, before the contract is up in March, to be able to cancel the contract with them, which we did not know at the time. There was a motion made by Mr. Eugene Brown and seconded by Mr. Terry Johnson to finish out the year and revisit at the end of the year on cancelling their services with the citations. The vote was unanimous.

**Agenda Item Three: Racial Profiling- Chief Stephen Rathbun**

Chief brought to the attention his racial profiling information and the grafts. Mr. Terry Johnson asked if there was anything out of the ordinary, and Chief let him know that there wasn't.

**Agenda Item Four: Discuss and Vote on the ICE-287 Agreement-Chief Stephen Rathbun**

Chief explained the agreement and let them know that he would need to go through some training to be qualified to proceed. That he would not be going door to door arresting people, but would be dealing with criminals who were known and had calls on. He would have to transport them to Tyler to be picked up. Mr. Terry Johnson made a motion to move forward, and Mr. Eugene Brown seconded. The vote was unanimous.

**Agenda Item Five: Discuss and Vote on New Officer Josh Hollis-Chief Stephen Rathbun**

Chief introduced Mr. Josh Hollis from Camp County, who has 25 yrs experience and has only been with 4 different departments in 25 yrs. Mr. Terry Johnson made a motion to hire him, and Mr. Danny Medlin seconded. The vote was unanimous.

**Agenda Item Six: Call for and Vote on Upcoming Election-Mayor Marc Covington**

The mayor called for an election for the open positions of two council members and the mayor. Mr. Eugene Brown made a motion, and Mr. Danny Medlin seconded. The vote was unanimous.

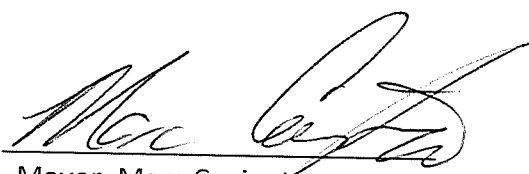
**Agenda Item Seven: Discuss Billboard Ordinance-Mayor March Covington**

The mayor brought to attention that there have been two new billboards put up as you go into Longview, and do we want to have an ordinance to stop them from going up through East Mountain? Longview already has an ordinance that we can look at, along with some of the smaller cities, to see how they are written. We will also talk with the Lawyer on his input about it...

Will discuss next meeting after talking with the awyer.

**Agenda Item Eight: Adjournment**

Mr. Eugene Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 pm, and Mr. Terry Johnson seconded. The vote was unanimous.

  
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Mayor, Marc Covington

Attested: Lisa Stewart  
City Secretary, Lisa Stewart