

AGENDA

EAST MOUNTAIN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
September 12, 2022
MONDAY 6:00PM
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

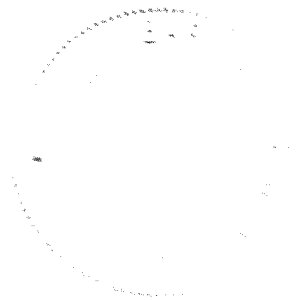
***CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & ROLL CALL**

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

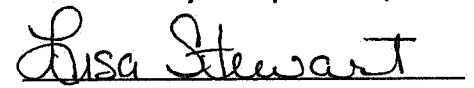
***APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** August 8, 2022 Regular Session and
August 22, 2022 Special Session

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Swear in Police Chief Stephen Rathbun: Mayor Marc Covington
2. Swear in Reserve Officer Grayson Mitchell: Mayor Marc Covington
3. Discuss new dates for budget workshop and budget hearing: Mayor Marc Covington
4. Discuss to finalize speed limit ordinance: Police Chief Stephen Rathbun
5. Discuss PD Monthly Report: Police Chief Stephen Rathbun
6. Review Animal Ordinance: Police Chief Stephen Rathbun
7. Review New Police Department Policy Manual: Police Chief Stephen Rathbun
8. Discuss Armbruster Property 7213 FM 3358, Requesting City helping with a dumpster: Police Chief Stephen Rathbun
9. Update on Land Purchase for Water System: Mayor Marc Covington
10. Discuss Ron Stutes being our court prosecutor attorney-Mayor Marc Covington
11. Financial Statement from audit 9/30/2021 Report-Kevin Cashion
12. Discuss Update on Purchase of Police Truck: Mayor Marc Covington
13. Discuss Procurement Policies and Procedures: Mayor Marc Covington
14. Discuss Breakfast with Santa and set Date: Mayor Marc Covington
15. Adjournment



Witness My Hand and Official Seal
Of the City of East Mountain, Texas
On This 9th Day of September, 2022


Lisa Stewart, City Secretary

Posted the 9th Day of September at 12:30 PM

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CITY OF EAST MOUNTAIN
CITY COUNCIL-REGULAR SESSION
September 12, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Marc Covington. A quorum was present. The invocation was given by Mr. John Adams. All present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Those Council Members present were: Mayor Marc Covington, Mr. Eugene Brown, Mr. John Adams, Mr. Richard Lattier, and Mr. Billy Morrow.

Open Discussion:

None

Approval of the Previous Minutes:

Mr. Billy Morrow made a motion to approve the minutes of August 8, 2022 Regular Session and August 22, 2022 special Session. Mr. Eugene Brown seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item One, Swear in Police Chief Stephen Rathbun, Mayor Marc Covington

Mayor Marc Covington swore in the new Police Chief Stephen Rathbun

Agenda Item Two, Swear in Reserve Officer Grayson Mitchell, Mayor Marc Covington

Mr. Grayson Mitchell was unable to attend meeting

The Reserve will be working at least one day a week while training and will work at least 1 shift a month 8-10-12 hr shifts

Agenda Item Three, Discuss New Dates for Budget workshop and budget Hearing, Mayor Marc Covington

It was agreed on for meetings to be September 13th & September 20th

Agenda Item Four, Finalize speed Limit Ordinance, Chief Stephen Rathbun

Chief read off list of roads and mileage intended as on sheet. Some roads will be changed from 30 to 20 miles per hour due to conditions of roads. John mentioned he had driven these roads and mentioned some of them are bad. Turkey Rd the residents have ask that it be lowered to 25mph. Had suggestion by home owner that Beall Mtn. Road and Yellowthroat be lowered to 20mph. suggested that Pheasant Rd should be left @ 30mph. Billy Morrow made motion to accept and John Adams seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item Five, Discuss PD Monthly Report, Chief Stephen Rathbun

Chief went over the PD monthly report showing his activity, 57 tickets given out in the month of August. Citations ranged from speeding, no license, no insurance, expired registration and possession. Richard ask how many of these were residence of East Mountain; Chief explained that he was not sure if any were. Chief will be giving update each month on how things are going. He let council know that he is using JR's wrecker because they are prompt to be there quickly, which keeps him from being on side of road for an amount of time.

Agenda Item Six, Review Animal Ordinance, Police Chief Stephen Rathbun

Chief went over a new animal ordinance, and ask that it be reviewed and would discuss more next month.

Agenda Item Seven, Review New Police Department Policy Manuel, Chief Stephen Rathbun

Chief Rathbun presented a new police department policy manual with new policies. Would need to be sent to lawyer if all agreed, given ordinance number after

Agenda Item Eight, Discuss Armbruster Property, requesting city help, Chief Stephen Rathbun

Chief Rathbun ask if the city help Mr Ambruster at 7213 FM 3358 with cleaning up his property. Ask if we could help with getting a roll off for him to put all the trash in to clean it up. Mayor said he would pay half if it was agreed upon. Mr Ambruster would do all the cleaning and would be ordered to keep it clean or he would be fined in the future. There has been no enforcement in the last 4 years to get this place cleaned up. One council ask if there could be a payment agreement and him to pay back for the dumpster. There was no agreement at this time and will discuss in next months meeting

Agenda Item Nine, Update on Land Purchase for Water System, Mayor Marc Covington

The earnest money and letter has been given. Waiting on survey which could take up to 4 weeks

Agenda Item Ten, Discuss Ron Stutes being our court prosecutor attorney, Mayor Marc Covington

Mayor suggested that we hire Ron Stutes to be court prosecuting attorney. Mr. Stutes said he would have to be voted in before he could agree to be. Billy Morrow made motion to approve and John Adams seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item Eleven, Financial Statement from audit 9/30/2021, Kevin Cashion

Mr. Kevin Cashion was unable to come. Will be at next meeting

Agenda Item Twelve, Update on Police Truck, Mayor Marc Covington

Mayor got quote of \$44317.00 plus title, license for a new truck which is cheaper than purchasing a used one. It has been ordered at this time and will arrive in around 5 months. It will cost \$12-13000.00 to deck it out which the chief has started getting donations to help with this. Billy Morrow made motion to accept and Eugene Brown seconded.

Agenda Item Thirteen, Procurement Policies and Procedures, Mayor Marc Covington

Mayor, brought to attention that the procurement policies and procedures needed to be adopted. Grantworks has given us the State form to do this. Billy Morrow made motion to accept, all were in favor.


Agenda item Fourteen, Breakfast with Santa date, Mayor Marc Covington

A date needed to set for the breakfast with Santa and Mayor suggested we set December 10th . Breakfast would be after the parade. Parade would be @8am. Breakfast would end at 11AM. Will be getting same donations this year for toys as last year. Will have pancakes, sausage, bacon, milk, coffee. All agreed and in favor.

Agenda Item Fifteen, Adjournment

Adjourned at approximately 7:30PM.

Accepted and approved this 10th Day of October 2022.



Mayor Pro-Tem Eugene Brown

Attested:



City Secretary, Lisa Stewart