



NOTICE OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF EAST MOUNTAIN, TEXAS
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
MONDAY January 13, 2025
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 matter under litigation, for 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 9, 2024

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Call for Upcoming Election-Mayor Marc Covington
2. Petition for Alcohol Sales @ Family Dollar-Mayor Marc Covington
3. Racial Profiling-Chief Stephen Rathbun
4. Water Rate Increase-Mayor Marc Covington
5. Adjournment

CERTIFICATION

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Lisa Stewart
Lisa Stewart, City Secretary

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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
January 13, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Marc Covington. The invocation was given by Danny Medlin.

All present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

The Council Members present were: Mr. Richard Lattier, Mr. Danny Medlin, Mr. Paul Barber, Mr. Eugene Brown and Ms. Stormie Combs

Open Discussion:

Robert and Mary Param brought to attention that their meter along with several other meters are all in one yard on Strickland Hills Rd and the lines aren't deep enough and are being run over by trucks. They ask about getting their meter put in front of their house and ask what it would take to get it moved. She also mentioned that there seems to be a leak in the road. There is always water standing. The line and meters were put in years ago is why there are all the meters together. Mayor mentioned that he would get with Bobby and they would go look at the meters. Mayor also mentioned that we would have to get easements from each person to be able to go on the property.

Approval of the Previous Minutes:

Ms. Stormie Combs approved and Mr. Eugene Brown seconded minutes from December 9, 2024 meeting. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item One Call for Upcoming Election-Mayor Marc Covington

There are 3 council member positions coming up in May. Mr. Eugene Brown, Mr. Danny Medlin, Mr. Richard Lattier. Need to vote for upcoming election. Mr. Eugene Brown approved and Mr. Paul Barber second. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item Two: Petition for Alcohol Sales @ Family Dollar –Mayor Marc Covington

Family Dollar has come in asking to get alcohol. They have gotten the 1st ten signatures and posted in newspaper. We are now waiting on their last petition sheet with 80 plus city residents signatures to be put on May ballot. Mr. Eugene Brown asks if she had enough signatures and if

verified. Ms. Lisa Stewart has verified. Mayor asks if we approve for the main election. Mr. Richard Lattier ask questions about how many people need to be on petition. He ask how many of the board members approve or against it. The council just needs to vote for it to go on the election. Mr. Eugene Brown approved to move forward and Ms. Stormie Combs seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item Three: Racial Profiling-Chief Stephen Rathbun

Chief explained that the racial profiling had to be done each year per TECOL. Gives break down of everything from last year. Each traffic stop by subject and why.

Agenda Item Four: Water Rate Increase-Mayor Marc Covington

Attached are the different water rates in the area along with our rates. Mr. Eugene Brown that he feels like that there needs to be a higher rate for outside the city. Mayor mentioned that its hard to decide who is outside the city due to the meters being in the city and house out of city. Ms. Stormie Combs mention that she thought it would be hard to raise rates with the quality of the water. Mayor mentioned that we need to decide if we want to go up one time or slowly bump it up over a couple years. Mr. Richard Lattier ask how many residents know what is going on with the water. Ms. Stormie Combs ask if information has been sent out. There is information on the website. At this time there is 811 meters. Mr. Danny Medlin asks how it is going with the school and Mayor let everyone know that we are just waiting on the check to get started. Mr. Danny Medlin asks if we would be offering the houses water that is in route of the houses to the school. Mayor said yes we would be. Mayor ask if they wanted to take home and look at and would go over next month.

Agenda Item Five: Adjournment:

Mr. Eugen Brown approved and Ms. Stormie Combs seconded. All were in favor. Adjourned at 6:30pm

Accepted and Approved this 10th day of February, 2025



Mayor Marc Covington

Attested Lisa Stewart
City Secretary, Lisa Stewart