

AGENDA

EAST MOUNTAIN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
February 08, 2021
MONDAY 6:00 PM
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

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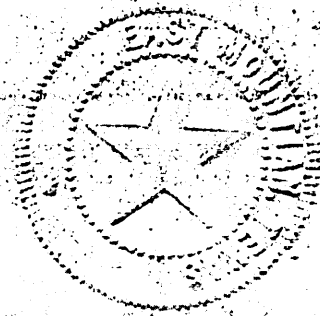
***CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & ROLL CALL**

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

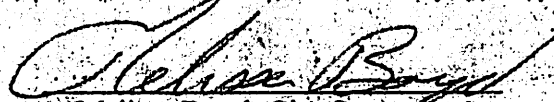
***APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: December 14, 2020 Regular Session**

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Discuss Water System – *Mayor Marc Covington*
2. Discuss and assign Right to Life Ordinance number – *Mayor Marc Covington*
3. Call for Election for May 1, 2021 – *Mayor Marc Covington*
4. Discuss and Vote on donation to Fire Department request for donation – *Mayor Marc Covington*
5. Discuss Spring Clean-Up – *Mayor Marc Covington*
6. Adjournment



WITNESSED MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL
OF THE CITY OF EAST MOUNTAIN, TEXAS
ON THIS THE 5th DAY OF February, 2021


Melissa Boyd, City Secretary

POSTED THIS THE 5th DAY OF February, 2021 AT 1:00 P.M.

**CITY OF EAST MOUNTAIN
CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR SESSION
February 8 - 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. John Adams. All present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Those Council Members present were: Ms. Mary “Jo” Popma, Mr. Eugene Brown, Mr. John Adams and Mr. Billy Morrow. Mr. Richard Lattier was absent.

Approval of the Previous Minutes:

Mr. Eugene Brown made a motion to approve the Regular Session Minutes dated December 14, 2020. Mr. Billy Morrow seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Open Discussion: None.

Agenda Item One, Discuss Water System – Mayor Marc Covington:

The Mayor informed the council that after the well was completed for the resident, and water samples were collected, the water tested high in iron. Mr. Bissell had his water tested to see if water was better in the city. His water tested positive for salt at 425 parts per million. The max for a water system is 300 parts per million. The next step is to check with Clarksville City on their reverse osmosis (RO) system regarding maintenance and cost. The city may be able to drill some wells, clean up the water with RO and dispose of the salt with East Texas Salt Water or buy water from Longview. The cost of the test well is around \$86,000. The Mayor reminded the council that the council previously approved moving \$45,000.00 from the Reserve account to the Water Utility account in order to support the Water Department for the drilling of the test well at a deeper depth. The mayor requested an additional \$3,200.00 to be moved from the Reserve account to the Water Utility account.

Ms. Mary “Jo” Popma made a motion to move \$3,200.00 from the Reserve account to the Water Utility Account. Mr. Billy Morrow seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item Two, Discuss and assign Right to Life Ordinance number – Mayor Marc Covington:

The Mayor let the council know that the only way to put the Sanctuary City for the Unborn Ordinance on the ballot for the citizens to vote is if a petition was completed. The council already voted to pass the ordinance at a previous meeting and now the ordinance needs to have a number assigned. The ordinance number would be 203. The council can revisit the ordinance at a later date if they choose. The Mayor read a letter submitted by Mr. Richard Lattier stating his opinion and position on passing the ordinance.

Mr. Eugene Brown made a motion to assign the ordinance a number. Ms. Mary “Jo” Popma seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item Three, Call for Election for May 1, 2021 - Mayor Marc Covington:

The Mayor called for a City General Election for May 1, 2021. Places up for election are for three council members.

Mr. Billy Morrow made a motion to call the election for May 1, 2021. Mr. John Adams seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item Four, Discuss and Vote on Fire Department's Request for Donation – Mayor Marc Covington:

The Mayor let the council know that the Fire Chief asked if the City would donate money for equipment.

Mr. Billy Morrow made a motion to deny the donation for equipment but to review each request on a case by case basis. Mr. Eugene Brown seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item Five, Discuss Spring Clean-Up: Mayor Marc Covington

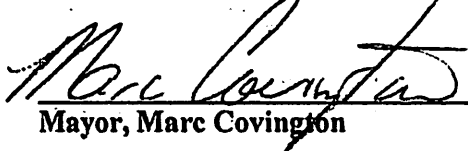
Ms. Mary "Jo" Popma made a motion to approve bulk spring clean-up on May 28th & 29th, 2021. Mr. John Adams seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item Six, Adjourn:

Ms. Mary "Jo" Popma made a motion to Adjourn. Mr. John Adams seconded. The vote was unanimous.


Adjourned approximately 6:35 p.m.

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



Mayor, Marc Covington

Attested:



City Secretary, Melissa Boyd