

AGENDA

EAST MOUNTAIN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
March 11, 2024
MONDAY 6:00 PM
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: February 11, 2024 Regular Session Minutes
And February 26, 2024 Special Session**

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Public Utility Commission-mayor Marc Covington
2. Gilmer Area Chamber of Commerce (do we want to renew)-Mayor Marc Covington
3. (Police Tab) PD Operations-Chief Stephen Rathbun
4. Discuss Contractor with JR's Wrecker Service-Chief Stephen Rathbun
5. Adopt Confidentiality Policy (Municipal Courts)-Mayor Marc Covington
6. Adjournment-Go Into Closed Meeting-Mayor Marc Covington
7. Return to Open Meeting-Mayor Marc Covington
8. Adjournment

Witness My Hand and Official Seal
Of the City of East Mountain, Texas
On This **8th day of March, 2024**



Lisa Stewart, City Secretary

Posted the **8th day of March at 12:30 PM**

THIS FACILITY IS WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE AND PARKING SPACES ARE AVAILABLE.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE CITY OFFICE AT 903-297-6041.

The City Council of the City of East Mountain reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters above, with respect to and as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.074 (Personnel Matters) and 551.087 (Negotiations).

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The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM 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: Mr. Danny Medlin, Mr. Eugene Brown and Mr. Richard Lattier, and Mr. Billy Morrow

Open Discussion: Stoney Thomas-He mentioned he would like to be on the council. Mayor let him know that the application process is closed at this time but next year a spot may come available.

Approval of the Previous Minutes:

Mr. Eugene Brown made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2023 for Regular Session Meetings and Mr. Danny Medlin seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item One: Public Utility Commission-Mayor Marc Covington

Mayor mentioned it had to deal with the rates. We can either leave it alone or we can fight. Danny ask what happens if we want to fight it. Mayor let him know it is a process we would have to go thru. Mayor asks if all was in favor of accepting it. Eugene Brown made motion to accept and Richard Lattier second. Vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item Two: Chamber of Commerce-Mayor Marc Covington

Mayor ask if wanted to maintain our membership with the Chamber of Commerce. Cost is \$110.00 a year and we only get our name put in their book. Richard Lattier ask if we get any advantage and he was told. Danny Medlin made motion to approve and Richard Lattier second. Vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item Three: PD Operations-Chief Stephen Rathbun

Chief went over his reports for the month. Chief mentioned he added several new tabs to be more accountable for residents to be aware. Clay Voyles made comment that he noticed how people have slowed down since he patrol thru there. Chief mentioned that the safety man from Trendsetters came to visit. He had directed the drivers to go the other direction when coming in. Safety guy also ask that the residents keep a watch out for any of them speeding. Chief has some Ordinance violations. Chief showed pictures of a resident on Bell Mountain Rd that have trash and other things everywhere. They were given a written warning and since then they have made a big difference in the area now. Second one has it cleaned up by end of month. Working on getting burned house on FM 1844 cleaned up. Will start working on more

PD Facebook Page- Chief talked to 3 attorneys and there is no problem with it. Danny Medlin ask he was being anonymous, no names. Chief said the post weren't meant to be mean.

Hwy 300 & FM 726 talked with Judge, Billy Byrd, and Chief Hazel and they are all ok with the way he is operating there. Upshur CAD shows that FM 726 on Glenwood side goes to Hwy 300. MS. Bosch annexed that in. Terry Carter asked questions about that area being in city limits.

Narcotics-Floy Lee- had been taken care of but resident mentioned they are back at it again.

Chief mentioned about the Easter Egg Hunt will be March 30th
Chief let everyone know he would be having some upcoming training.

Alert Training-instructor training free which he will be able to train in this area after Chief School- will be free this time

Agenda Item Four: Contract with JR's-Stephen Rathbun

Chief wants to add JR's Wrecker to help in the City Limits. They are closer than the others, are in a central location. Eugene Brown asks if we needed to approve the contract yearly. Eugene Brown made motion to accept and Danny Medlin second. Vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item Five: Adopt Confidentiality Policy (Municipal Courts)-Mayor Marc Covington/Renee Butler

Will go into effect May 1st.

Renee will be doing a seminar March 21st to get more information.

Eugene Brown made motion to approve and Billy Morrow second. Vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item Six: Adjourn for closed meeting: Mayor Marc Covington

Danny Medlin made motion to adjourn, Billy Morrow second. Vote was unanimous. Adjourned at 6:45 pm

Agenda Item Seven: Return to Open Meeting

No comments

Agenda Item Eight: Adjournment

Eugene Brown made motion to adjourn and Billy Morrow Second. Vote was unanimous. Adjourned at 8pm

Accepted and approved this 8th Day of May, 2024



Mayor Marc Covington

Attested:



City Secretary, Lisa Stewart