

AGENDA

EAST MOUNTAIN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
JUNE 14, 2021
MONDAY 6:00 PM
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

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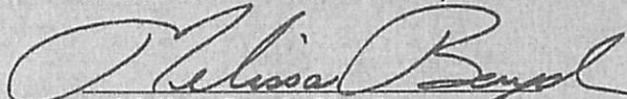
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***APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** May 10, 2021 Regular Session

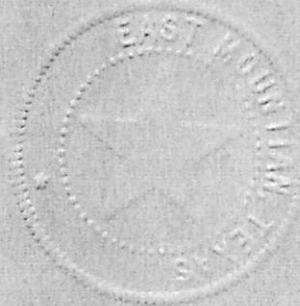
AGENDA ITEMS

1. **Swear In Council Member Eugene Brown**– *Melissa Boyd, City Secretary*
2. **Present, Discuss, and Vote on the FYE September 30, 2020 Audit** – *Kevin R. Cashion, CPA; Gollob Morgan Peddy PC*
3. **Discuss Interviews for Hiring Police Chief**– *Eugene Brown, Mayor Pro-Tem and Richard Lattier, Council Member*
4. **Discuss and Amend General and Police Budget** – *Mayor Marc Covington*
5. **Discuss hiring Stan Hayes as preliminary investigator for options on upgrading water system** – *Mayor Marc Covington*
6. **Adjournment**

WITNESSED MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL
OF THE CITY OF EAST MOUNTAIN, TEXAS
ON THIS THE 11th DAY OF **June, 2021**


Melissa Boyd, City Secretary

POSTED THIS THE 11th DAY OF June, 2021 AT 2:15 P.M.



**CITY OF EAST MOUNTAIN
CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR SESSION
June 14, 2021 – 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. Eugene Brown. All present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Those Council Members present were: Mr. Eugene Brown, Mr. Billy Morrow, Mr. John Adams and Mr. Richard Lattier.

Open Discussion: Mr. Charles Fricks addressed the dates of the Bulk Trash clean-up. He suggests the council considering choosing a day other than Memorial Day weekend.

Approval of the Previous Minutes: Mr. Billy Morrow made a motion to approve May 10, 2021 Regular Session meeting minutes. Mr. John Adams seconded. Mr. Richard Lattier was in favor. Mr. Eugene Brown abstained.

Agenda Item One, Swear In Council Members – Melissa Boyd, City Secretary:

Mrs. Boyd swore in Council Member Eugene Brown.

Agenda Item Two, Present, Discuss, and Vote on the FYE September 30, 2020 Audit – Kevin R. Cashion, CPA; Gollob Morgan Peddy PC:

Mr. Kevin Cashion provided the Council with the Financial Statements and Required Supplementary and Other Information Report for Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2020. He reviewed the Independent Auditors' Report, Management's Discussion and Analysis and the Schedule of Findings and Responses with the Council. It was determined that the City continues to move in the right direction and is looking good.

Mr. Eugene Brown made a motion to approve the Audit for Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2020. Mr. Billy Morrow seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item Three, Discuss Interviews for Hiring Police Chief– Eugene Brown, Mayor Pro-Tem and Richard Lattier, Council Member:

Mr. Lattier and Mr. Brown updated the Council on their findings while conducting phone and in person interviews for Police Chief. The City has received 25-30 resumes'. They have narrowed the resumes down to 5 and found 1 who may be a good fit for East Mountain.

Mr. Eugene Brown made a motion to proceed with a background check and make an offer to him if everything looks good. Mr. Billy Morrow seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item Four, Discuss and Amend General and Police Budget – Melissa Boyd, City Secretary:

Mrs. Boyd provided the Council with a spreadsheet that contains the General and Police Income/Revenue to date, 2020/2021 Approved Budget and proposed 2020/2021 Amended Budget comparison. To date, the Income from the Police Department is \$56,920.86 that consists of Citation Payments and Funds received from the CARES Act. The total expense to date is \$64,616.65. The 2020/2021 approved budget was figured with the understanding that funds would need to be transferred from Reserve to Police to offset the expenses due to not knowing what the income and expenses would be when starting the Police

Department back up. The Council reviewed the spreadsheet and determined it would be best to amend the budgets in August 2021 as we get closer to the end of fiscal year 2021.

No action was taken.

Agenda Item Five, Discuss, Hiring Stan Hayes as Preliminary Investigator for options on upgrading the water system – Mayor Marc Covington:

The Mayor informed the Council that he and Bobby Jenkins met with Stan Hayes of Hayes Engineering, and the water operator for Clarksville City on Friday June 11, 2021, to look at the Reverse Osmosis (RO) system to get an idea on what the RO system is, how it works, what it takes to maintain the system and the cost of operations. They found that their salt content is double what East Mountains is however they have less volume than East Mountain does. It is costing Clarksville City around \$4,000.00 a month for filters plus maintenance. Clarksville City has a contract with a company to replace the filters when needed and to clean the ones that can be refurbished. The Mayor explained that the RO System will completely strip the water of everything therefore minerals and chlorine will need to be put back into the water. The plant cost Clarksville City \$1.4 million ten-twelve years ago. They found that it is expensive to purchase, expensive to run and is not user friendly. The Mayor let the Council know that we need to hire an engineer to do whatever the Council decides to do to improve the water system. The work that Stan Hayes, or any other engineer would be doing for East Mountain, at this time, would be to meet with Longview to determine the requirements and cost to purchase water from Longview. Mr. Hayes would also meet with Tatum and Clarksville City to determine their cost to maintain their system. Finally, Mr. Hays would research the cost to put in an RO system for the City of East Mountain. Once completed, he would provide the council with an estimated cost of each option. At this time, Mr. Hayes is working on a quote for his services. The Mayor asked if the Council would like to use Stan Hayes, who engineered the Clarksville City RO system or find a different engineer to perform the services.

Mr. Eugene Brown recommended a third option of finding out if the sand filters over at Ms. Mary “Jo” Popma’s property would work.

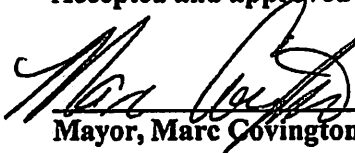
Mr. Billy Morrow made a motion to hire Stan Hayes. Mr. John Adams seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item Six, Adjourn:

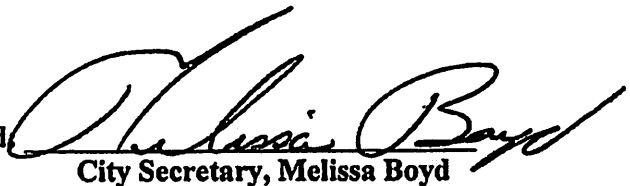
Mr. Eugene Brown made a motion to Adjourn. Mr. Billy Morrow seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Adjourned at approximately 7:15p.m.

Accepted and approved this 12th day of July, 2021.



Mayor, Marc Covington

Attested 

City Secretary, Melissa Boyd