

MINUTES
ELGIN CITY COUNCIL VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING
ELGIN PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNEX COUNCIL CHAMBERS
404 NORTH MAIN STREET
JANUARY 19, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ramirez called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Ron Ramirez, Mayor
Mary Penson, Council Member
Jessica Bega, Council Member
Susie Arreaga, Council Member
Forest Dennis, Council Member
Thomas Ibis, Council Member
Alvis Prince, Council Member

Staff: Thomas L. Mattis, City Manager
Charles Cunningham, Finance Director
Michael Gonzalez, Parks Director
David Harrell, Planning Director
Patrick South, Chief of Police
Pamela Sanders, HR Director

Mayor Ramirez stated that Council Member Gonzalez and Mayor Pro Tem Brashar had notified him they would not be in attendance.

Council Member Dennis moved to approve to excuse Council Member Gonzalez and Mayor Pro Tem Brashar's absence. Council Member Penson seconds the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

INVOCATION

Council Member Penson gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ramirez led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no Public Comments.

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CITY MANAGERS REPORT

1. Discussion and Possible Direction to staff regarding Potential Neighborhood Traffic & Safety Upgrades at certain locations throughout the city.

City Manager Thomas Mattis spoke and stated that this item was a follow-up discussion relative to potential neighborhood traffic and safety improvements. He stated that there were four different projects with four different scenarios and had received individual comments from the majority of Council Members sharing their different observations. Mr. Mattis stated that tonight they would provide some revised presentations that are workable scenarios. He stated that the first two projects on the list, the Houston and Madison St. and then the Hillside Dr. are local neighborhood issues and number three and four the South Avenue C at the loop and Ramirez Road would need support from TXDOT to make some of the changes being discussed. He stated a meeting was scheduled with TXDOT in about a week or ten days so if there was any decision or direction made tonight from Council that it be contingent upon a sign off from TXDOT.

Beau Perry, the City Engineer provided a run through on all the projects and explained adjustments that were made.

Council Member Penson moved to move forward with #1 and 2 road improvements. Council Member Bega seconds the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

2. Quarterly Financial Report – First Fiscal Year Quarter 2020-21 October-December 2020.

Charles Cunningham provided Council with the First Fiscal Year 2020-21 Quarterly Report.

3. Departmental Monthly Report – Period Ending Dec 31, 2020.

Council Member Dennis stated that he was looking at the Municipal Court report and the city has 15,000 almost 16,000 pending cases and chipped away 109 in December. Mr. Mattis responded that the city is compromised now with Covid and restricted by state law that no one can have court until February 2nd. He stated that enforcement had not stopped, but the opportunity to have court and adjudicate those cases had been compromised.

4. General Activity Report and/or Project Update.

City Manager Thomas Mattis explained to the two new Council Members what the General Activity report on the agenda meant, that it was not necessarily items to vote on but an opportunity for wide-ranging topic industry management report.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Council Meeting Minutes – January 5, 2021.

Council Member Dennis moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Bega seconds the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS AUTHORIZING A COST PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF COUNTY LINE ROAD WITH TACK DEVELOPMENT, LTD. AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATED THERETO.

Council Member Penson moved to approve the Resolution as presented. Council Member Ibis seconds the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

2. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS AWARDDING BIDS TO J.R. STELZER COMPANY. FOR REPAIRS TO ELEVATED WATER TANK #2 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$88,770.00; AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATED THERETO.

Council Member Penson moved to approve the Resolution as presented. Council Member Dennis seconds the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

3. PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 13 OF THE ELGIN HOME RULE CHARTER, THIS IS AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE DECLARING THAT A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY EXISTS BECAUSE OF THE WORLD-WIDE COVID-19 PANDEMIC; ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO THE POSTING OF A PUBLIC NOTICE BY COMMERCIAL ENTITIES AND THE WEARING OF FACE COVERINGS AND PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS CLAUSE AND REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS.

Council Member Penson moved to approve the Ordinance presented. Council Member Arreaga seconds the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

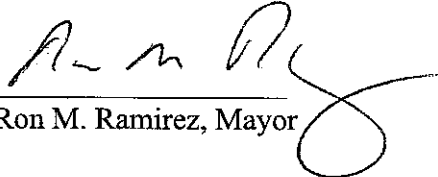
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Penson thanked Mayor Ramirez for his words at the Virtual MLK walk. Council Member Dennis spoke and advised the new Council Members Ibis and Prince on the procedure for roll call.

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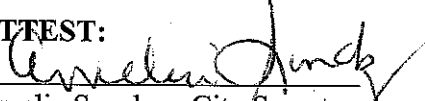
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ramirez adjourned the City Council Meeting at 7:36 pm.



Ron M. Ramirez, Mayor

ATTEST:



Amelia Sanchez, City Secretary