

MINUTES
ELGIN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
ELGIN PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNEX CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
404 NORTH MAIN STREET
July 20, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ramirez called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Ron Ramirez, Mayor
Sue Brashar, Mayor Pro Tem
Arthur Gibson III, Council Member
Jessica Bega, Council Member
Skyler Maldonado, Council Member
Thomas Ibis, Council Member
Matthew Callahan, Council Member
Forest Dennis, Council Member
Susie Arreaga, Council Member

Mayor Ramirez stated there was a quorum. Mr. Ibis let the Council know he would not be in attendance. Mayor Pro Tem Brashar made a motion to excuse Mr. Ibis from the meeting. Mr. Maldonado seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Staff: Thomas L. Mattis, City Manager
Mysty Nauck, Accounting Supervisor
Michael Gonzalez, Public Works Director
Pamela Sanders, HR Director
Amy Miller, Community Development Director
Chris Noble, Police Chief
Jennifer Stubbs, City Secretary
David Harrell, Development Services Director
Owen Rock, EDC Director

INVOCATION

Mayor Ramirez provided the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ramirez led those in attendance in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing On An Ordinance Annexing Adjacent And Contiguous Territory To The City Of Elgin, Texas To Wit: 0.484 Acres Of Land And 9.19 Acres Of Land, Lying In And Being Situated Out Of The Thomas Garrison Survey, Abstract 178 In Bastrop County, Texas And Being Fully Described In Exhibit "A", Attached Hereto; Providing For A Savings Clause And Repealing Conflicting Ordinances And Resolutions.

Mr. Mattis stated there were three items on the agenda this evening related to this Public Hearing. He stated there was a tract of land left out when previously annexed and that this was just a cleanup. There were no public comments on this item.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one from the public who wished to speak under the public comment item.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

1. Introduction Of New Employees

Mr. Mattis recognized the following new employees:

Jennifer Stubbs, Executive Department.

Grace Perez, Marti Roper, Tariq Buchanan, Sandra Hardi, Anessa Mendoza, Kathy Golden, and Myles Swain, Parks & Recreation.

Katy Snowden, LT Neidig, Cara Gibson, Mia Gonzales, Gabi King, Dani King, and Audrey Marik, Pools Division, Parks & Recreation.

Dulce Sandoval, Library.

Junior Puentes, Britney Whitehead, Jody Robinsen, Fernando Agüero, Utility Billing.

Sofi Duran, Court.

Susan Cerf, Finance.

2. General Activity Report And/Or Project Update

Mr. Mattis stated the Parks Master Plan is under review and staff has worked with the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. The next step is to conduct small group hearings to discuss the plan in detail. The plan will be brought to the Council for adoption in the future. Mr. Mattis stated the Planning & Zoning Commission will have four planned development districts and zoning changes on the agenda. They are Eagles Landing Phase 3, Nana's House, Stone Creek Ranch, and Creek's Crossing. Mr. Mattis stated the Elgin Police Station roof repairs are close to completion and the mold remediation project is moving forward. Mr. Mattis stated the U.S. Hwy 290 Frontage Road Corridor is right-of-way owned and operated by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and not owned by the city. Discussion followed. Mr. Mattis provided information that an Author, Elissa R. Sloan, will be visiting the Elgin Public Library on Thursday, August 26th from 6:00-7:00 P.M.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Council Special Meeting Minutes – June 29, 2021

The item passed on the consent agenda.

2. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes- July 6, 2021

The item passed on the consent agenda.

Mr. Gibson made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Dennis seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE 2021 FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN, A REPORT ON ANTICIPATED CAPITAL EXPENDITURES AND PROJECTS FOR ALL MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS FROM OCTOBER 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2026; AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS

Mr. Mattis stated this is a planning document to give direction to staff on what projects to focus on. The majority consensus from the Council were EPD Building Renovations, MLK & North Main Sidewalks, County Line Road Improvements- Phase 1, Elgin Memorial Park Restrooms, and Veteran Park Expansion- Phase 1. Discussion followed. Mayor Pro Tem Brashar made a motion to approve the item as presented. Ms. Bega seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

2. RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS APPROVING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF THE ELGIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND CARR LANE MANUFACTURING COMPANY AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT

Mr. Rock provided comments about the project and answered questions of the council. Discussion followed. Mr. Dennis made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Mr. Maldonado seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

3. AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING ADJACENT AND CONTIGUOUS TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS, TO WIT: 0.484 ACRES OF LAND AND 9.19 ACRES OF LAND, LYING IN AND BEING SITUATED OUT OF THE THOMAS GARRETSON SURVEY, ABSTRACT 178 IN BASTROP COUNTY TEXAS AND BEING FULLY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A", ATTACHED HERETO; PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS CLAUSE AND REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Mattis stated this ordinance is to annex a portion of the land that was previously left out and will bring the entire property into the city limits. Mayor Pro Tem Brashar made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented. Mr. Gibson seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

4. AN ORDINANCE ASSIGNING NEWLY ANNEXED PROPERTY TO CITY COUNCIL WARD AREA NO. 1; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS CLAUSE AND REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Mattis stated this is a technicality following the previous ordinance to formally assign the tract of land to Ward 1. Ms. Bega made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented. Mr. Callahan seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

5. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION V.7 "FIRE PROTECTION" OF THE COMPREHENSIVE SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES NECESSARY TO GENERATE FUNDING FOR PLANNING AND INSPECTION SERVICES RELATED TO FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS AND CONTROLS FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION; TO AMEND SECTION V.7 OF ORDINANCE 2020-09-22-29; REORGANIZE AND SIMPLIFY THE CATEGORIES OF FEES AND CHARGES; REVISE EXISTING RATES; PROVIDE FOR A SAVINGS CLAUSE; REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS; AND PROVIDE THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE AS STATED HEREIN.

Mr. Harrell provided comments and answered questions of the council. Mr. Dennis made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Brashar seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

6. CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE APPOINTMENTS TO THE PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD AND THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Ms. Miller stated there were two vacancies for the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and one vacancy for the Library Advisory Board. Ms. Bega recommended Stacey Van Landingham for the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. Mr. Dennis stated he supports this nomination. Mr. Dennis stated he supports Charles Brown to be added to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. Mr. Dennis made a motion to appoint Stacey Van Landingham and Charles Brown to the Parks Advisory Board. Ms. Arreaga seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Brashar recommended Mary Ann Clark to the Library Advisory Board. Mr. Maldonado agreed with the nomination. Mr. Dennis stated this applicant does not live within the city limits but would be ok with waiving the residence. Mayor Pro Tem Brashar made a motion to appoint Mary Ann Clark to the Library Advisory Board and waive the residence. Mr. Maldonado seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council may announce that it will adjourn the public meeting at any time during the meeting and convene in Executive Session pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code to discuss any matter as specifically listed on the agenda and/or as permitted by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

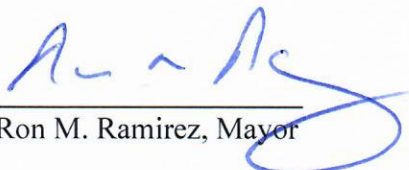
Mayor Ramirez stated there was no executive session this evening.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Miller stated the pool is open six days a week. She stated there is a new Kids Read Book Club and International Affairs Discussion at the Library. There is a Summer Movie Book Challenge also. Ms. Miller invited the public to the 1st Saturday Sidewalk Sale on the first Saturday of August. Mr. Mattis stated Commissioner Travillion is coming to town for lunch and there will be a discussion on how the City can partner with Travis County. The City of Conroe is coming to Elgin next week to learn about the City's Downtown and Main Street program.

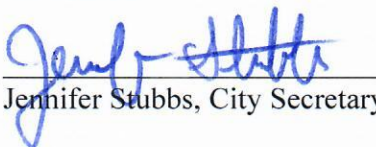
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ramirez adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.



Ron M. Ramirez, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jennifer Stubbs, City Secretary