

MINUTES  
ELGIN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
ELGIN PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNEX CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
404 NORTH MAIN STREET  
September 7, 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  
Thomas Ibis, Council Member  
Matthew Callahan, Council Member  
Forest Dennis, Council Member  
Susie Arreaga, Council Member  
Skyler Maldonado, Council Member

Mayor Ramirez stated there was a quorum.

**Staff:** Thomas L. Mattis, City Manager  
Mysty Nauck, Acting Chief Financial Officer  
Pamela Sanders, HR Director  
Amy Miller, Community Development Director  
Chris Noble, Police Chief  
Jennifer Stubbs, City Secretary  
David Harrell, Development Services Director  
Michael Gonzalez, Public Works Director

**INVOCATION**

Ms. Arreaga 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 The Proposed FY21-22 Annual Budget And Ad Valorem (Property) Tax Rate For The City Of Elgin

No one wished to speak under the Public Hearing Item.

2. Public Hearing On An Ordinance Amending The Official Zoning Map Of The City Of Elgin, Texas Adopted In Chapter 46, Section 46-3, Revised Code Of Ordinances City Of Elgin, Texas, 2013 And Making This Amendment A Part Of Said Official Zoning Map To Wit: To Rezone Land From "R-2" Single Family And Duplex Dwelling District" To "C-2" General Commercial District Located At 301 S. Main St (AWAD ADDITION, LOT 2, ACRES 0.332), Being More Described In Exhibit "A"; And Providing For A Savings Clause And Repealing Conflicting Ordinances And Resolutions.

No one wished to speak under the Public Hearing Item.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Debra Wahrmond, 905 Marvins Cove, asked the Council to consider future funding of a property survey at the Elgin Old Latin Cemetery to establish correct boundaries.

**CITY MANAGERS REPORT**

1. Introduction Of New Cadets

Chief Noble recognized and thanked the following new cadets:

Sue Ellen Gonzales, Police.

Rielley DeCoux, Police.

Tametra Cook, Police.

Carlos Hernandez, Police.

2. Texas Department Of Agriculture Grant Contract 7220042 US Department Of Housing And Urban Development Section 3 Presentation

Ms. Miller presented on the Downtown Sidewalk Improvements Grant Project.

3. Review And Discussion Of Upcoming City Council Meeting Schedule

Mr. Mattis provided a list of the proposed upcoming council meetings: October 12, November 9, and December 7. Mayor Ramirez stated this is normally how the schedule falls and that the Council can call an additional meeting if needed.

4. Monthly Reports By Department

Mr. Mattis proved the Council the monthly reports.

5. General Activity Report And/Or Project Update

There were no updates under this item

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. City Council Special Meeting Minutes – August 17, 2021

The item passed on the consent agenda.

2. City Council Worksession Minutes - August 24, 2021

The item passed on the consent agenda.

3. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH TRC ENGINEERS INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION RELATED TO PROVIDING ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE WATER WELL #17 PROJECT, AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATED THERETO.

The item passed on the consent agenda.

4. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS TO APPROVE A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH BASTROP COUNTY TO PROVIDE DISPATCHING SERVICES TO THE ELGIN POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT

The resolution was removed from the consent agenda and moved to new business.

Mayor Pro Tem Brashar made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Gibson III seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS TO APPROVE A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH BASTROP COUNTY TO PROVIDE DISPATCHING SERVICES TO THE ELGIN POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT

Mr. Mattis stated this is a 1-year service agreement for Bastrop County to provide emergency dispatch services for the Police Department. Mr. Dennis made a motion to approve the Resolution as discussed. Ms. Bega seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

2. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS PLACING A PROPOSAL ON THE SEPTEMBER 21, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING TO ADOPT A 2021 TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE THAT WILL EXCEED THE NO NEW REVENUE TAX RATE BUT DOES NOT EXCEED THE VOTER APPROVAL TAX RATE NOR THE DE MINIMIS RATE FOR THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2021 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022; CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2021 AT 6:30 PM

Mr. Mattis stated the Council needs to vote tonight on a tax rate that does not exceed the voter approved tax rate. With the change in the city's debt rate, a City of Elgin Property owner whose property valuation did not change from 2021 to 2022 will see a reduction in city property taxes. Discussion followed. Mayor Pro Tem Brashar made a motion to approve the Resolution as discussed. Mr. Gibson III seconded the motion. The vote was: Mayor Pro Tem Brashar- yes, Mayor Ramirez- yes, Ms. Bega- yes, Mr. Gibson III - yes, Ms. Arreaga- yes, Mr. Maldonado- yes, Mr. Callahan- yes, Mr. Ibis- no, Mr. Dennis- yes. The motion carried.

3. AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS, FOR THE 2021-22 FISCAL YEAR; AND PROVIDING FOR THE INTEREST AND SINKING FUND FOR THE 2021 TAX YEAR.

Mr. Mattis stated this is the First Reading on the adoption of the tax rates. The goal is to provide the public multiple opportunities to comment on the tax rate in the budget. He stated there will be two readings for the tax rate and for the budget. Ms. Bega made a motion to approve the Resolution as discussed. Mayor Pro Tem Brashar seconded the motion. The vote was: Ms. Bega- yes, Mr. Gibson III - yes, Ms. Arreaga- yes, Mr. Maldonado- yes, Mr. Callahan- yes, Mr. Ibis- no, Mr. Dennis- yes, Mayor Pro Tem Brashar- yes, Mayor Ramirez- yes. The motion carried.

4. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2021, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE ORDINANCES AND RULES OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS; APPROPRIATING THE VARIOUS AMOUNTS THEREOF, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Mattis stated this is the appropriations ordinance and provided information regarding fee schedules and small errors in the Budget. Mr. Dennis made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented. Ms. Arreaga seconded the motion. The vote was: Mr. Dennis- yes, Mayor Pro Tem

Brashar- yes, Mayor Ramirez- yes, Ms. Bega- yes, Mr. Gibson III - yes, Ms. Arreaga- yes, Mr. Maldonado- yes, Mr. Callahan- yes, Mr. Ibis-no. The motion carried.

5. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS ADOPTED IN CHAPTER 46, SECTION 46-3, REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS, 2013 AND MAKING THIS AMENDMENT A PART OF SAID OFFICIAL ZONING MAP, TO WIT: TO REZONE TO C-2 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, THE PROPERTY BEING APPROXIMATELY 0.332 ACRES OF LAND AND BEING DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A", ATTACHED HERETO AND PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS CLAUSE AND REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Mattis provided comments and answered questions of the Council. Mr. Maldonado made a motion to approve the Resolution as discussed. Ms. Bega 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.**

1. Adjourn Into Executive Session Pursuant To (1) Section §551.072 Deliberations About Real Property: To Receive A Staff Briefing And Deliberate The Purchase, Exchange, Lease, Or Value Of Certain Real Property Located At 114 Depot Street; And (2) Adjourn Into Executive Session Pursuant To Section §551.074 Personnel Matters: To Deliberate The Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Or Duties Of A Public Officer Or Employee

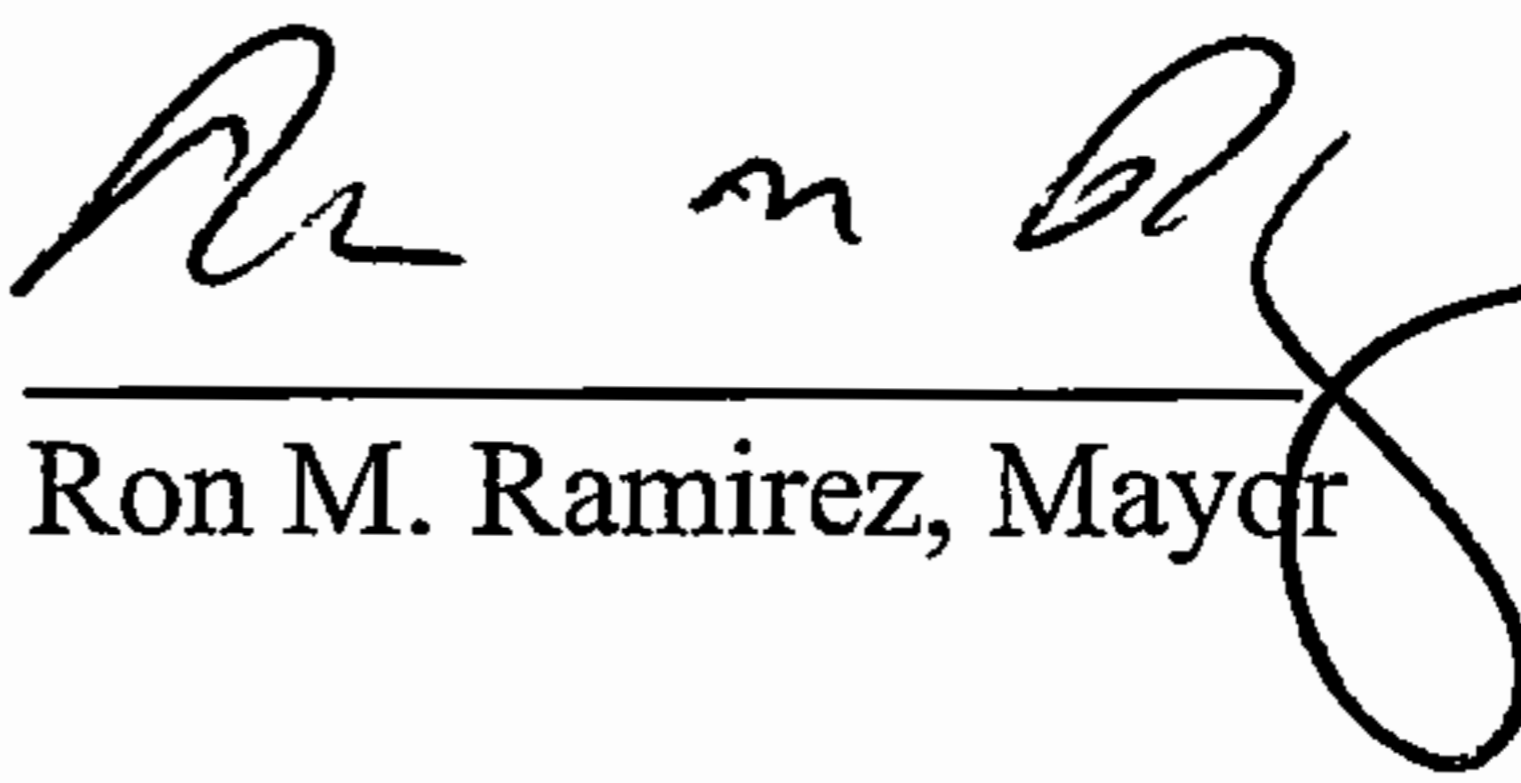
Mayor Ramirez stated the Council was adjourned into Executive Session and that the Council would take a 5-minute break. The time was 7:21 p.m. Mayor Ramirez reconvened the meeting at 8:29 p.m. No action was taken.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

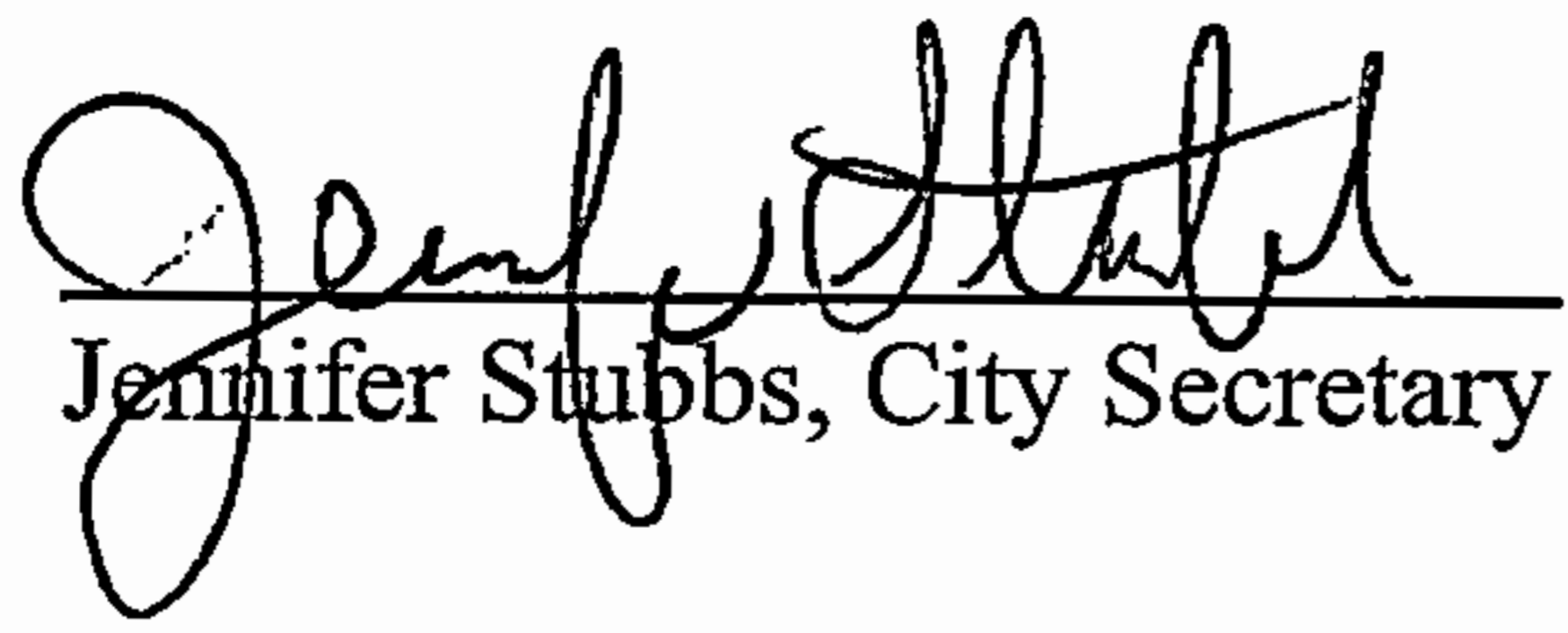
Mr. Mattis stated that over 100 people were vaccinated at the free clinic at the Fleming Center. The Clinic will continue every Thursday and Friday until October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Ramirez adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

  
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Ron M. Ramirez, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Jennifer Stubbs, City Secretary