

**MINUTES
ELGIN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2016
CITY ANNEX COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 310 NORTH MAIN STREET**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Chris Cannon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chris Cannon, Mayor
Juan Gonzalez, Mayor Pro-Tem
Jessica Bega, Council Member
Mary Penson, Council Member
Susie Arreaga, Council Member
Phillip Thomas, Council Member
Sue Brashar, Council Member
Keith Joesel, Council Member

Absent: Craig Fromme, Council Member

Staff: Kenneth Reneau, Interim City Manager
Lucretia Alvarez, City Secretary
Chris Bratton, Police Chief
Amy Miller, Community Development Director
Sidney LaQuey, Finance Director
Gary Cooke, Planning and Development Director
Michael Gonzalez, Parks and Recreation Director
Laura Schwartz, Purchasing Agent/Finance Administrator
Dodie Navejas, Utility Billing Supervisor
Yadira Duque, Municipal Court Clerk

INVOCATION

Pastor Jeff Wilson, New Life Fellowship gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Chris Cannon led the pledge of allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

Mayor Chris Cannon recessed the REGULAR MEETING at 7:04 p.m. and called to order the PUBLIC HEARING at 7:04 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Proposed Tax Rate for the City of Elgin for the Proposed Budget prior to adoption on September 20, 2016.

Kenneth Reneau, Interim City Manager
Sidney Laquey CPA, Finance Director
Laura Schwartz, Purchasing and Finance Administrator

Mayor Chris Cannon closed the PUBLIC HEARING at 7:05 p.m. and reconvened the REGULAR MEETING at 7:05 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation recognizing Constitution Week September 17-23, 2016.

Kenneth Reneau, Interim City Manager
Chris Cannon, Mayor

Mayor Cannon read the proclamation.

2. Proclamation recognizing National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15.

Kenneth Reneau, Interim City Manager
Amy Miller, Community Development Director

Mayor Cannon read the proclamation.

3. Proclamation recognizing Hogeye Festival Month October 2016.

Kenneth Reneau, Interim City Manager
Amy Miller, Community Development Director

Mayor Cannon read the proclamation and all Hogeye Festival volunteers present stood for recognition.

REPORTS

1. Monthly Department Reports for July 2016.

Kenneth Reneau, Interim City Manager

Kenneth Reneau, Interim City Manager, stated the reports are informational only.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of minutes of the regular council meeting August 2, 2016.

Kenneth Reneau, Interim City Manager
Lucretia Alvarez, City Secretary
2. Approval of minutes of the special council meeting August 16, 2016.

Kenneth Reneau, Interim City Manager
Lucretia Alvarez, City Secretary
3. Approval of minutes of the special council meeting August 30, 2016.

Kenneth Reneau, Interim City Manager
Lucretia Alvarez, City Secretary
4. Approval of a street closure of Avenue C from First Street to Second Street on Saturday, September 24, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. for the Open House and Open Ceremony of the new fire station.

Kenneth Reneau, Interim City Manager
Chris Cannon, Mayor
5. Approval to appoint Joe Mallon to the Main Street Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2017.

Kenneth Reneau, Interim City Manager
6. Approval to appoint Philip Kost to serve on the Historic Review Board for a term to expire December 31, 2017.

Kenneth Reneau, Interim City Manager

Council Member Mary Penson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Number 3 as presented, Council Member Jessica Bega seconded, and motion passed unanimously 8 for, 0 against.

Council Member Juan Gonzalez pulled Consent Agenda Item Number 3 for amending.

Council Member Sue Brashar made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Item number 3 to include the language funded with the Red Light Camera Fund, Council Member Susie Arreaga seconded, and motion passed unanimously 8 for, 0 against.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Discussion and action to consider draft language of proposed ordinance amending Chapter 42, Article IV, Solid Waste by amending Section 42-272 and adding Section 42-276 Bulky waste and brush waste.

Kenneth Reneau, Interim City Manager
Gary Cooke, Planning Director
Dodie Navejas, Utility Billing Supervisor

Gary Gauci, Republic Services, was present for discussion.
No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and action to consider changing insurance providers for upcoming Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

Kenneth Reneau, Interim City Manager
Sidney LaQuey, Finance Director
Laura Schwartz, Purchasing/Finance Administrator
Dana Rostro, Director of Employee Benefits with Texas Associates Insurers

Council Member Keith Joesel made a motion to approve the changes of insurance providers for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2016-2017 to Medical PPO Aetna Option 2, Medical HSA Aetna Option 1, and UNUM, Council Member Sue Brashar seconded, and motion passed unanimously 8 for, 0 against.

2. Discussion and action to consider an ordinance annexing adjacent and contiguous to the City of Elgin, Texas, To Wit: 1.145 Acres of land located in the Richard Young Survey in Bastrop County.

Kenneth Reneau, Interim City Manager
Gary N. Cooke, Planning and Development Director

Council Member Jessica Bega made a motion to approve the ordinance annexing adjacent and contiguous territory to the City of Elgin, Texas, to wit: 1.145 acres of land located in the Richard Young Survey in Bastrop County known as Cottontail Run, Council Member Mary Penson seconded, and motion passed unanimously 8 for, 0 against.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-09-06-20

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING ADJACENT AND CONTIGUOUS TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS, TO WIT: 1.145 ACRES OF LAND, LOCATED IN THE RICHARD YOUNG SURVEY IN BASTROP COUNTY; FINDING THAT ALL NECESSARY AND REQUIRED LEGAL CONDITIONS HAVE BEEN SATISFIED; PROVIDING THAT SUCH AREA SHALL BECOME A PART OF THE CITY AND THAT THE OWNERS AND INHABITANTS THEREOF SHALL BE ENTITLED TO THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF OTHER CITIZENS AND BE BOUND BY THE ACTS AND ORDINANCES NOW IN EFFECT AND TO BE

HEREINAFTER ADOPTED; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS CLAUSE AND REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS.

3. Discussion and action to consider authorizing the execution of an encroachment agreement between Huy Tuan Nguyen and Diep Nguyen, owners of the property located at 208 S. Avenue B, in the Elgin City, Block 30, Lot 5, Elgin, Texas, Bastrop County, and The City of Elgin.

Kenneth Reneau, Interim City Manager
Gary N. Cooke, Planning and Development Director

Council Member Sue Brashar made a motion to authorize the execution of an agreement between Huy Tuan Nguyen and Diep Nguyen, owners of the property located at 208 S. Avenue B, in the Elgin city, Block 30, Lot 5, Elgin, Texas, Bastrop County, and the City of Elgin, Council Member Jessica Bega seconded, and motion passed unanimously 8 for, 0 against.

4. Discussion and action to consider an ordinance vacating, abandoning, and closing two 20-foot alleys within the City of Elgin, Bastrop County Texas, pursuant to Section 311.007, Texas Transportation code, V.A.T.S.

Kenneth Reneau, Interim City Manager
Gary N. Cooke, Planning and Development Director

Council Member Sue Brashar made a motion to approve the ordinance vacating, abandoning and closing two 20-foot alleys within the City of Elgin, Bastrop County Texas, pursuant to Section 311.007, Texas Transportation Code, V.A.T.S., Council Member Mary Penson seconded, and motion passed unanimously 8 for, 0 against.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-09-06-21

AN ORDINANCE VACATING, ABANDONING, AND CLOSING TWO 20-FOOT ALLEYS WITHIN THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS, PURSUANT TO SECTION 311.007, TEXAS TRANSPORTATION CODE, V.A.T.S., PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS CLAUSE AND REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS.

5. Discussion and action to consider authorizing the Mayor to sign a Quit Claim Deed for the alleys platted through 301 E First Street, Elgin, Texas, Bastrop County.

Kenneth Reneau, Interim City Manager
Gary N. Cooke, Planning and Development Director

Council Member Keith Joesel made a motion that authorizes the Mayor to sign a Quit Claim Deed for the alleys platted through 301 E. First Street, Elgin, Texas, Bastrop County, Council Member Sue Brashar seconded, and motion passed unanimously 8 for, 0 against.

6. Accept the resignation of Judge Larry Dunne, municipal judge for the City of Elgin.

Kenneth Reneau, Interim City Manager
Chris Cannon, Mayor

Council Member Juan Gonzalez made a motion to accept the resignation of Judge Larry Dunne, Municipal Judge for the City of Elgin, Council Member Phillip Thomas seconded, and motion passed unanimously 8 for, 0 against.

7. Discussion and action to consider an approval process to fill the position of municipal judge beginning October 1, 2016.

Kenneth Reneau, Interim City Manager
Chris Cannon, Mayor

Council Member Phillip Thomas made a motion to approve the application process for posting a notice with minimum qualifications for a practicing lawyer in good standing to fill the position of municipal judge beginning October 1, 2016, Council Member Sue Brashar seconded, and motion passed unanimously 8 for, 0 against.

8. Discussion and action to consider appointing a council member representative to the Capital Area Council of Governments.

Kenneth Reneau, Interim City Manager
Chris Cannon, Mayor

Council Member Sue Brashar made a motion to appoint Mayor Chris Cannon as the council member representative to the Capital Area Council of Governments, Council Member Jessica Bega seconded, and motion passed unanimously 8 for, 0 against.

Mayor Chris Cannon called a recess at 8:53 p.m., and the meeting was reconvened at 9:05 p.m.

9. Final Budget Workshop for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

Kenneth Reneau, Interim City Manager
Sidney LaQuey, Finance Director
Laura Schwartz, Purchasing/Finance Administrator

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

RECONVENE

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Special Council Meeting September 20
- Recreation Center bid opening was rescheduled for September 14
- Thanks to Kenneth Reneau as our interim city manager
- Associated Press released that 5 Texas schools are in the top 25 schools

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Chris Cannon adjourned the meeting at 10:01 p.m.

APPROVED:



CHRIS CANNON
Mayor of Elgin, Texas

ATTEST:



LUCRETIA ALVAREZ
City Secretary of Elgin, Texas