



ELGIN CITY CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
August 20, 2024
6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Mayor McShan called roll call and stated that all council members were in attendance.

Present:

Theresa Y. McShan, Mayor
Arthur Gibson III, Council Member
Joy Casnovsky, Council Member
Chuck Swain, Council Member
YaLecia Love, Council Member
Al Rodriguez, Council Member
Matthew Callahan, Council Member
Forest Dennis, Council Member
Sue Brashar, Mayor Pro Tem

Staff:

Thomas L. Mattis, City Manager
Michael Gonzalez, Public Works Director
Amy Miller, Community Services Director
Pam Sanders, HR Director
Sonia Browder, Media Specialist
Esmeralda Rangel, Assistant City Secretary
Todd Johnson, Commander
Aaron Crim, Commander

INVOCATION

Ms. Casnovsky provided the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor McShan 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 COMMENT

There were no public comments.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

1. General Activity Report and/or Project Update

Mr. Mattis stated that with the EMS issue becoming a priority there would be a report and more information provided at the next council meeting. Mr. Mattis provided clarification to the council's questions. Discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. *(Discussion Only)* AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS SETTING THE PER DIEM AND RELATED COMPENSATION FOR THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL; REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATED THERETO

Mr. Mattis provided details on an item previously brought to the council. This item would be further discussed at the next council meeting, Ms. Love provided some numbers for a monthly pay of eight fifty per council member and twelve hundred for Mayor. Discussion followed.

No action was taken.

2. Review and Discussion of a City Charter Review Process

Mr. Mattis provided details about the charter review process and how it could take place. He also stated that this process would take time and would probably not be ready to put on the May election ballot. Mayor McShan stated that she would like the attorney who specializes in city charters to be brought in after the budget season to provide guidance. Discussion followed.

3. Debriefing on City Council Planning Retreat - *Mayor McShan*

Mayor McShan wanted to debrief on the council's retreat that was facilitated by Dr. Mary C. Kelly. She wanted the council to reflect and provide a takeaway from the retreat. Mr. Gibson said he liked the bond of trust that was built. Mr. Mattis said it provided confidence in each other. Ms. Love enjoyed taking the personality tests. Mayor Pro Tem Brashar also found the personality test very interesting and useful. Mr. Dennis appreciated the collaboration. Mr. Swain enjoyed being able to talk about everything. Ms. Casnovsky found it inspirational and found the structure of the retreat comfortable. Mayor McShan agreed with all the takeaways provided by the council and most of all enjoyed being able to talk freely.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council did not adjourn into executive session.

RECONVENE

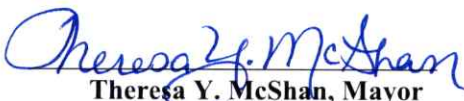
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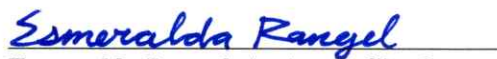
Ms. Miller stated that there would be an abundance of events held around the city in October to celebrate Halloween. Including a trunk or treat at VFW and 1st Baptist Church. Fall fest, and a haunted house at the library. A pumpkin carving contest at the Rec Center. A costume contest at the Hogeeye Festival. And many more events with dates will be provided in the newsletter. Ms. Miller also stated that starting October 1st the library would have new hours. Council Member Love also stated that there would be a ward meeting on Saturday the 24th at 2 p.m. for wards one and two.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McShan adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

ATTEST:


Theresa Y. McShan, Mayor


Esmeralda Rangel, Assistant City Secretary