MINUTES
ELGIN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
CITY ANNEX COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 310 NORTH MAIN STREET
TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

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

Mayor Chris Cannon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and certified there was a quorum. He stated all members were present except for Council Member Lopez who was attending a Fire Department meeting, and that Council Member Arreaga had notified him she was on her way. Council Member Brashar moved to excuse Council Member Lopez's absence. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez seconds the motion. Motion carried 8-0.

Staff: Thomas L. Mattis, City Manager
Charles Cunningham, Director of Finance
Owen Rock, ED Director
Patrick South, Police Chief
Doug Prinz, Utilities Director
Gary Cooke, Planning Director
Amy Miller, Community Dev. Director

INVOCATION

Council Member Thomas gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Cannon recessed the Regular Meeting and opened the Public Hearing.

1. PUBLIC HEARING ON A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT

RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON A REQUEST SUBMITTED BY MICAH ERWIN, OWNER OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED IN GARRETT'S SECOND ADDITION, BLOCK H, LOT 3A, AT 414 EAST 8TH STREET, CITY OF ELGIN, COUNTY OF BASTROP, TEXAS, TO RENEW THE SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FOR FIVE (5) YEARS SO THAT HE MAY OPERATE A MEADERY.

Sue Beckwith spoke and stated she was a neighbor of the proposed meadery and felt that this was the kind of business that was good for Elgin.
Council Member Brashar asked to speak as she was a neighbor, and stated that unless you know what it is, you do not know the business is there. She stated he had done a great job of fixing up the property and supported them being in the neighborhood.
Molly Alexander, owner of The Owl, stated they had been selling mead at their business and supported the meadery.

With no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Cannon closed the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Cannon opened Public Comments.

With no one wishing to speak Mayor Cannon closed Public Comments.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. General Activity Report and Project Update

City Manager Thomas Mattis stated that all projects were moving ahead with great progress. He stated that the Rec Center is scheduled to open the 1st of April and the Lee Dildy project was moving forward.
Council Member Beyer asked when residents would get the new recycling carts. Mr. Mattis stated that it would be happening soon, and that staff was working with Republic trying to get the message out. He stated the new service would begin on April 9th, and prior to that city staff would be delivering door hangers with the new rules and procedures, and that the new carts would also have a bright sticker on them with the new rules.

2. Departmental Monthly Reports – January

Mr. Mattis stated that the Departmental Reports were in the Council's packet and to contact him with any questions.

Mayor Cannon asked that the record reflect Council Member Arreaga arrived at 7:03 p.m.

Sue Beckwith presented a close out report for a City of Elgin USDA grant from the USDA Local Food Promotion Program.

City Manager Thomas Mattis stated that there was no action needed on this item now, but that they wanted to see if Council had any questions and for them to be thinking about any direction to staff on how to proceed.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **City Council Meeting Minutes Regular City Council Meeting - February 6, 2018**

2. **Request for Waiver**

   Approval of waiver of the open container and park curfew ordinance at Elgin Memorial Park for the 30th Annual Elgin Volunteer Fire Department Cookout and Fundraiser - 12:00 pm Thursday April 12, to 12:00 am Sunday April 15, 2018.

Council Member Brashar moved to approve the Consent Agenda with corrections to the minutes as submitted. Council Member Beyer second the motion. Motion carried 8-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Ordinance – Specific Use Permit**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS ADOPTED IN CHAPTER 46, SECTION 46-3, CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS AND MAKING THIS AMENDMENT A PART OF SAID OFFICIAL ZONING MAP, TO WIT: TO REZONE PROPERTY BEING LOT 3A, BLOCK H, IN THE GARRETT'S SECOND ADDITION, LOCATED AT 414 EAST 8 TH STREET, CITY OF ELGIN, BASTROP COUNTY, TEXAS FROM R-2 RESIDENTIAL TO S-P FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FOR A MEADERY

Council Member Thomas moved to approve the ordinance granting the Specific Use Permit for a period of 5 years. Council Member Beyer seconds the motion. Motion carried 8-0.

2. Award Contract for Water Well No. 16

Consideration, discussion and possible action to award a contract to the low bidder Weisinger Incorporated, in the amount of $629,300.00 for the Water Well No. 16 project and authorize the City Manager to fund the project from the Well 16 Project Fund.

Council Member Penson moved to award a contract to the low bidder Weisinger Incorporated, in the amount of $629,300.00 for the Water Well No. 16 project and authorize the City Manager to fund the project from the Well 16 Project Fund. Council member Brashar seconds the motion. Council member Penson amended her motion to include authorizing the City Manager to approve change orders up to 25% of the contract. Council Member Brashar agrees to the amendment. Motion carried 8-0.

3. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH ALLIANCE WORK PARTNERS (AWP) PROVIDING INSURANCE COVERAGE UNDER AN EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EAP) FOR CITY EMPLOYEES FOR A PERIOD OF TWELVE MONTHS AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATED THERETO

Council Member Brashar moved to approve the Resolution as presented. Council Member Bega seconds the motion. Motion carried 8-0.

4. A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TEXAS CAPITAL FUND PROGRAM

Council Member Penson moved to approve a Resolution approving an application for funding through the Texas Department of Agriculture. Texas Capital Fund Program. Council Member Arreaga seconds the motion. Motion carried 8-0.

5. Ordinance Canceling General Election for Wards 1, 2, And 4

AN ORDINANCE ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF "CERTIFICATE OF UNOPPOSED STATUS" PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.052 TEXAS ELECTION CODE; DECLARING UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES TO BE ELECTED TO THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICES AND CANCELLING THE MAY 5, 2018 GENERAL ELECTION FOR WARDS 1, 2, AND 4; PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS CLAUSE AND REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES

Council Member Brashar moved to approve the ordinance as written. Council Member Penson seconds the motion. Motion carried 8-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Cannon asked if anyone had any announcements. Amy Miller announced Sip, Shop and Stroll on Thursday and Mead tasting at Elgin Goods and a ribbon cutting at Rainey Real Estate.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Recess the Regular Council meeting and call to order Executive Session in a closed session.

Mayor Cannon recessed the Regular Council Meeting at 7:57 P.M.

Mayor Cannon adjourned into Executive Session at 8:07 P.M.

1. **Adjourn into Executive Session**

Adjourn into Executive pursuant to Section 551.072 Deliberations about Real Property: to receive a staff briefing and deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of certain real property (a) for the possible location of a new Wastewater Lift Station and (b) for the possible acquisition of property in the historic downtown area.

RECONVENE

Adjourn Executive Session and call public back in to Reconvene Regular Council meeting.

Mayor Cannon Adjourned the Executive Session and Reconvened into Regular Council meeting at 9.01 p.m.

No action taken during Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Cannon adjourned the City Council meeting at 9:02 P.M.

APPROVED

Chris Cannon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amelia Sanchez, City Secretary