

**MINUTES
ELGIN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
CITY ANNEX COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 310 NORTH MAIN STREET
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Chris Cannon

Jessica Bega, Mayor Pro Tem

Juan Gonzalez, Council Member

Susie Arreaga, Council Member

Mary Penson, Council Member

Daniel Lopez, Council Member

Phillip Thomas, Council Member

Neil Beyer, Council Member

Sue Brashar, Council Member

Mayor Cannon certified there was a quorum.

Staff: Thomas L. Mattis, City Manager

Charles Cunningham, Finance Director

Patrick South, Police Chief

Owen Rock, ED Director

Amy Miller, Community Development Director

Michael Gonzalez, Parks Director

Sandy Ott, Library Director

Doug Prinz, Utilities Director

Beau Perry, City Engineer

INVOCATION

Pastor Byron Green gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mayor Cannon recessed the regular meeting at 7:03 and opened Public Hearing.

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PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Cannon opened the Public Hearing at 7:04 P.M.

1. Public Hearing on the Proposed FY2018-19 Annual Budget and Ad Valorem (Property) Tax Rate for the City of Elgin.
2. Public Hearing on a submission of an application to the Texas General Land Office-Community Development and Revitalization for 2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Disaster Recovery (D) Funding.

Charles Cunningham Finance Director spoke and stated that due to the fact that Bastrop County did not do the calculations on the roll back rates and the effective tax rate as in other cities, it had taken him a while to get back into doing that. He stated he had made a couple of errors that did not amount to much, but that in the interest of full disclosure he wanted to make sure Council understood what those differences were. He stated the impact of it did not change anything as the proposed rate is the same rate as last year which is .656916 broken down by the O&M rate of .428269 and debt rate of .0228647 but that the effective tax rate did have a few changes and reduced it by less than a penny on each and just wanted to clarify that it was an error on his part.

With no one wishing to speak Mayor Cannon closed the Public Hearing at 7:10 pm.

Mayor Cannon opened the regular meeting at 7:10 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Cannon opened Public Comment.

Robert Allen spoke about the traffic on Robin Street. Mr. Allen provided two maps, an exhibit of the public roadway network from the Elgin Comprehensive Plan showing the area around Robin Street, a collector street designated to carry traffic through 11th and 2nd Street. The other map showing the area and traffic cuts through a one block residential side street, Robin Street, and he believes during the school year shuts down 2nd street to one direction and forces people to use those side streets and avoid the four way stop. He stated people liked to walk and it was not safe with cars going through that one block street and asked the Council to consider adding a traffic speed bump there.

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

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PRESENTATION

1. Employee of the Second Quarter.

Sandy Ott announced that Orlando Rodriguez had been chosen as the Employee of the Second Quarter and presented him with a certificate.

2. Employee of the Third Quarter.

Sandy Ott announced that Kayla Trantham had been chosen as the Employee of the Third Quarter and presented her with a certificate.

3. Introduction of new City of Elgin Utility Maintenance Department Employee.

- Travis Moseley

Doug Prinz, Utility Director introduced new employee Travis Moseley.

Mayor Cannon presented the Citizen's Award for the third quarter to Pastor Byron Green.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Review and Assessment of Priorities to Supply Raw Water to the Water Treatment Plant.

City Manager Thomas Mattis discussed an issue with wells #14 and 10 that produce a big part of our water and as it is pumped out of the ground it goes into one transmission line and then on to the water treatment plant. He stated that in the process of upgrading the wells it was discovered the transmission line, which both lines feed into, has become so corroded and created a situation where pumping out of both wells cannot be done at the same time. He stated that previously the focus was on upgrading the wells but now that the line was compromised, it was no longer the case. Mr. Mattis stated that this project had been identified and was already in the project plan but had not been funded. He stated that staff agrees that this needs to be moved to the top of the list as a major capital improvement project to the point that until the line is replaced there is no point in upgrading the wells. He stated that tonight they wanted to discuss how to proceed and that this project needed to be moved up quickly. After discussion with the City Engineer, Finance Director and Council it was decided to proceed with the project, using 2016 CO's for engineering and then before bidding the contract out come back to Council with a specific plan for funding.

2. Monthly Departmental Activity Reports - July.

There were no questions or discussion on the monthly reports.

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3. General Activity Report and /or Project Update.

Mr. Mattis discussed the tentative schedule of budget work sessions in the budget calendar and that one was scheduled for next Tuesday the 18th and for Tuesday the 25th.

- National Night Out – October 2, 2018
- TML Conference – October 10-12

Mr. Mattis reminded everyone of the TML Conference in October, the Chamber luncheon this Thursday and asked about the October 2nd meeting since that was National Night Out.

Council Member Thomas moved to move the October 2nd regular council meeting to Monday, October 1st. Council Member Lopez seconds the motion. Motion carried 9-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Council Meeting Minutes – August 7, 2018 and City Council workshop Meeting Minutes August 14, 2018.

Council Member Brashar moved to approve the Minutes on the Consent Agenda with corrections: "Public" comment, first sentence missing period. Presentations No. 2, last sentence "and the Council agreed" take out the period. August 14 minutes: Staff includes Chief Chris Bratton, Invocation - Sentence missing period. Page 2 last paragraph - City Manager (manager is spelled incorrectly) Page 3 first paragraph - "stated that the \$1200.had". Council Member Penson seconds the motion. Motion carried 9-0

NEW BUSINESS

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 ZONE AS R-3 SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT, THE PROPERTY BEING APPROXIMATELY 0.281 ACRE OUT OF THE THOMAS CHRISTIAN ABSTRACT NO. A20, CITY OF ELGIN, BASTROP COUNTY, TEXAS; AND PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS CLAUSE AND REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTION

Sandy Menley a property owner spoke in opposition to the zoning change. She stated that rezoning to R-3 it would allow for placement of modular homes and it was important that their neighborhoods look good and she was concerned about the placement of a modular home on this lot. She stated that this lot was 45 ft. wide and if the home was more than 30 ft. wide it would have to be placed lengthwise. She stated she would prefer not to have modular homes in the city limits of Elgin anymore.

Ruby Sims stated that she lived at 730 E 2nd street and oversees property at 116 N Westbrook and stated that her family had owned this property since 1943 and never had a mobile home there. She

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stated that she went to Planning and Zoning meeting to contest the rezoning and did not want mobile homes in their neighborhood. She stated it would not improve the value of her property and that people should check the zoning before purchasing property.

Yadira Benitez spoke and stated that she did inquire about the zoning on the lot before purchasing the property. She stated that she was told they could put in a mobile home and that they could actually put in two homes. She stated that when she went to pull the permit to move the modular home she was told she could not move the home there. She stated that they could not have afforded to remodel the two homes that were there because they were basically trash. She stated that they were going to put in a modular home and not a mobile home.

Council Member Gonzalez moved to approve to change the zoning to R-3. Council Member Bega seconds the motion. Motion carried 6-3 with Council Members Gonzales, Bega, Arreaga, Lopez, Thomas and Mayor Cannon voting yes, and Council Members Penson, Beyer and Brashar voting no.

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Council Member Brashar moved to approve the Ordinance as presented. Council Member Lopez seconds the motion. Motion carried 9-0.

Review and Consideration of a Proposal by The City Of Elgin Economic Development Corporation to Authorize a Development Agreement and Sale of a Portion of Land within the Hidden Oaks Highway 290 Property to NH Management LLC to Construct an Assisted-Living Facility.

Council Member Penson moved to authorize the sale of a portion of land within the Hidden Oaks Highway 290 property. Council Member Lopez seconds the motion. Motion carried 9-0.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A CDBG-DR 2016 HOUSING OR NON-HOUSING PROJECT APPLICATION TO THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OR CITY MANAGER TO ACT AS THE CITY'S

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN ALL MATTERS
PERTAINING TO THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE CDBG-DR PROGRAM.

Council Member Penson moved to approve Resolution as written. Council Member Beyer seconds the motion. Motion carried 9-0.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ADDITIONAL POLICY GUIDANCE ADDRESSING
FEDERAL PURCHASING REQUIREMENTS

Council Member Penson moved to approve the Resolution as presented. Council Member Thomas seconds the motion. Motion carried 9-0.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BY
AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF ELGIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
AND OWEN M. ROCK AS REQUESTED AND RECOMMENDED BY THE CITY OF ELGIN
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MAKING
CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATED THERETO

Council Member Beyer moved to approve the Resolution as presented. Council Member Brashar seconds the motion. Motion carried 9-0.

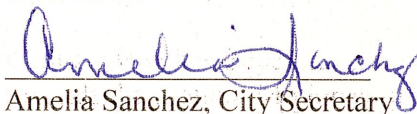
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Cannon adjourned the City Council Meeting at 9:05 p.m.



Chris Cannon, Mayor

ATTEST:


Amelia Sanchez, City Secretary