

MINUTES
ELGIN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
ELGIN PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNEX CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
404 NORTH MAIN STREET
March 1, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Ron Ramirez, Mayor
Arthur Gibson III, Council Member
Jessica Bega, Council Member
Thomas Ibis, Council Member
Matthew Callahan, Council Member
Skyler Maldonado, Council Member
Sue Brashar, Mayor Pro Tem
Susie Arreaga, Council Member
Forest Dennis, 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
Jennifer Stubbs, City Secretary
Michael Gonzalez, Public Works Director
David Harrell, Dev. Services Director

INVOCATION

Mr. Gibson 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 An Ordinance Amending Ch. 32, Art. IV, Sec. 32-242; Amending Ch. 2, Art. IV, Sec. 2-189.1; Amending Ch. 6, Art. I & II, Art. IV – VII; Adding Ch. 6, Art. IX – XII; And Amending Ch. 18, Art. II, Code Of Ordinances, City Of Elgin, TX, And Providing For A Savings Clause And Repealing Conflicting Ordinances Or Resolutions.

No one wished to speak under the Public Hearing Item. Mr. Harrell provided comments and stated this Ordinance would get the codes up to date.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Melanie Boston, 23203 Ingram Dr., stated she thinks the Rumor Mill makes the city look bad and that it belittles the city. She said the posts should be deleted and that a FAQ posting would be more appropriate.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

1. Discussion And Possible Direction To Staff Regarding Traffic And Safety Improvements Proposed By The Texas Department Of Transportation (TxDOT) For The Intersection Of Main St. And Harris St.

Theresa McShan, 501 S. Main, stated she has lived right by this intersection her entire life and has been unable to use her front yard because of the accidents that have happened. She stated she has replaced her mailbox three times. She stated that something needs to be done.

Mr. Mattis provided a proposal from TxDOT and asked the Council if they were interested in the plan. Mr. Maldonado asked for another option. Mr. Mattis stated this is the proposal TxDOT has submitted, and they are ready to move forward. Discussion followed.

2. 2021 Certificates of Obligation-Capital Investment Program Project Update

Mr. Mattis provided an updated on the CO projects and answered questions of the Council. Mayor Ramirez left the dais at 7:05 p.m. Mayor Ramirez returned to the dais at 7:06 p.m.

3. Monthly Reports by Department

Mayor Ramirez stated that the Library and the Rec Center continues to make improvements. Mayor Ramirez asked what the cases placed on inactive status means. Mr. Mattis stated that staff would provide an answer to his question.

4. General Activity Report And/Or Project Update

There was no discussion on this item.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes – February 1, 2022

The item passed on the consent agenda.

2. City Council Worksession Meeting Minutes – January 25, 2022

The item passed on the consent agenda.

3. CONSIDER REQUEST TO CLOSE STREETS FOR THE JUNETEENTH FESTIVAL AND PARADE ON SATURDAY JUNE 11 FROM 8:00AM TO NOON.

The item passed on the consent agenda.

4. CONSIDER REQUEST TO WAIVE FEES FOR JUNETEENTH STREET DANCE PARADE AND FESTIVAL.

The item passed on the consent agenda.

5. CONSIDER WAIVING THE OPEN CONTAINER ORDINANCE FOR THE JUNETEENTH FESTIVAL AND PARADE ON FRIDAY JUNE 10 FROM 6PM To MIDNIGHT AND ON SATURDAY JUNE 11 FROM 8:00AM TO 6PM IN VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK AND DEPOT STREET FROM MAIN STREET TO AVENUE B.

The item passed on the consent agenda.

6. CONSIDER REQUEST TO CLOSE STREETS FOR THE WESTERN DAYS FESTIVAL PARADE ON SATURDAY JUNE 25 FROM 8:00AM TO NOON.

The item passed on the consent agenda.

7. CONSIDER REQUEST TO WAIVE FEES FOR WESTERN DAYS PARADE AND FESTIVAL.

The item passed on the consent agenda.

8. CONSIDER REQUEST TO WAIVE OPEN CONTAINER ORDINANCE FOR WESTERN DAYS IN ELGIN MEMORIAL PARK JUNE 24, 2022 FROM 6:00P.M. - 12:15A.M. AND JUNE 25, 2021 FROM 8:00A.M. - 8:00P.M.

The item passed on the consent agenda.

9. CONSIDER REQUEST TO CLOSE STREETS FOR THE VETERANS APPRECIATION PARADE ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 12 FROM 8:00AM TO NOON.

The item passed on the consent agenda.

10. CONSIDER REQUEST TO WAIVE FEES FOR VETERANS APPRECIATION PARADE.

The item passed on the consent agenda.

11. CONSIDER REQUEST TO CLOSE STREETS FOR THE LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE ON SATURDAY DECEMBER 3 FROM 5:00PM To 8:00PM.

The item passed on the consent agenda.

12. CONSIDER REQUEST TO WAIVE FEES FOR ELGIN LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE.

The item passed on the consent agenda.

13. CONSIDER WAIVING THE OPEN CONTAINER ORDINANCE IN VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK AND ON DEPOT STREET FROM MAIN STREET TO AVENUE B FOR MUSIC IN THE PARK FRIDAYS APRIL 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 AND FRIDAYS MAY 6, 13, 20, 27 FROM 6:30PM TO 10PM

The item passed on the consent agenda.

14. CONSIDER REQUEST TO WAIVE OPEN CONTAINER ORDINANCE FOR THE LUNA MARKET FRIDAY JUNE 3, 2022 FROM 5:00 PM To 10:00 PM IN ELGIN MEMORIAL PARK MAIN PAVILLION.

The item passed on the consent agenda.

15. REQUEST TO WAIVE FEES FOR THE ELGIN HIGH SCHOOL HOMETOWN HOLLYWOOD FROM SATURDAY APRIL 9, 2022

The item passed on the consent agenda.

16. CONSIDER WAIVING FEES FOR RELAY FOR LIFE SATURDAY APRIL 23, 2022.

The item passed on the consent agenda.

Mr. Mattis stated the Consent Agenda includes items to waive fees associated with community events and parades throughout the year. Mr. Mattis stated the goal was to get this taken care of in a more uniform way with one action. Mr. Maldonado made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and discussed. Mayor Pro Tem Brashar seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS, DESIGNATING FGM ARCHITECTS INC. AS THE MOST QUALIFIED FIRM TO PROVIDE DESIGN

SERVICES FOR THE ELGIN POLICE DEPARTMENT STATION RENOVATION AND EXPANSION PROJECT; AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATED THERETO

Mr. Mattis stated this is the contract for Phase 1 of the project. He stated that once design is approved, it will come back to the Council. Mayor Ramirez asked why the committee selected FGM Architects. Mr. Mattis stated that all firms were qualified to do the job, but FGM Architects showed a high level of energy and excitement to get started on the project for Elgin.

Mayor Pro Tem Brashar made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented and discussed. Mr. Maldonado seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

2. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH FGM ARCHITECTS INC. FOR DESIGN SERVICES RELATED TO THE ELGIN POLICE DEPARTMENT STATION RENOVATION AND EXPANSION PROJECT; AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATED THERETO.

Mr. Mattis stated this is for the design services, contracting with FGM Architects, totaling \$35,430.00. Mr. Dennis made a motion to approve the Resolution as read. Ms. Bega seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

3. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH MOORING USA FOR ASBESTOS ABATMENT OF 206 AND 202A DEPOT ST. AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATED THERETO

Mr. Mattis stated this is for the Poth building. He stated the asbestos removal needed to be separate from the actual construction updates of the building. Mr. Maldonado made a motion to approve the Resolution as discussed. Mayor Pro Tem Brashar seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

4. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 32, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 32-242; AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 2-189.1; AMENDING CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE I – II, ARTICLE IV – VII, ADDING CHAPTER 6 ARTICLE IX – XII, AND AMENDING CHAPTER 18, ARTICLE II, CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS, AND PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS CLAUSE AND REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Mattis stated this is a routine item that is typically revised every 3 years. Mr. Harrell stated the code is 3-5 years behind. Mr. Ibis asked if the fees were changing. Mr. Harrell stated no, they were not changing.

Mr. Ibis made a motion to approve the Ordinance as read. Mr. Callahan seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion was carried.

5. TIRZ-Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone – Councilmember Ibis

Mr. Ibis asked for a list of TIRZ members and asked what the debt is for the TIRZ. Mr. Mattis stated he would get the information to him. No action was taken.

6. County Line Road – Councilmember Ibis

Mr. Ibis asked when there would be a Public Hearing for County Line Road. Mr. Mattis stated we could not hold a Public Hearing until all the right of way is acquired. No action was taken.

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.

Mayor Ramirez stated the Council would not be retiring into Executive Session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

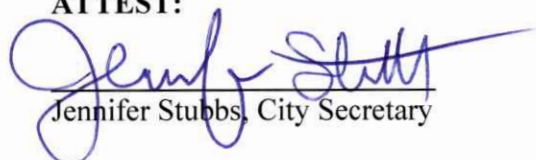
Mr. Dennis stated there was a 150th committee meeting tomorrow evening at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Mattis stated there was a Chamber Luncheon on Thursday at 7:30 a.m. at Southside.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ramirez adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.



Ron M. Ramirez, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jennifer Stubbs, City Secretary