MINUTES
ELGIN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
ELGIN PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNEX CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
404 NORTH MAIN STREET
August 16, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Theresa McShan, Mayor
Sue Brashar, Mayor Pro Tem
Skyler Maldonado, Council Member
Joy Casnovsky, Council Member
Matthew Callahan, Council Member
Forest Dennis, Council Member
Al Rodriguez, Council Member
Chuck Swain, Council Member

Absent: Arthur Gibson III, Council Member

Mayor McShan stated there was a quorum and that Mr. Gibson is not here because of work. Mayor Pro Tem Brashar made a motion to excuse Mr. Gibson's absence. Mr. Maldonado seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

Staff: Thomas L. Mattis, City Manager
Jennifer Stubbs, City Secretary
Amy Miller, Community Development Director
Michael Gonzalez, Public Works Director
Chris Noble, Chief of Police
Pam Sanders, HR Director
Marty Coursey, Interim CFO
David Harrell, Development Services Director

INVOCATION

Mr. Callahan 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

Ms. Courtney Paris, 506 Lexington Rd, submitted a public comment and requested to speak before the specific item rather than the public comment item. Mayor McShan stated she could. There was no one else from the audience who wished to speak under the public comment item.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

1. Presentation Of The Proposed FY2022-23 City Of Elgin Annual Operating Budget

Mr. Mattis presented the proposed budget. He stated that there is no deficit spending and submitted a balanced budget. Mr. Mattis stated that the total appropriations are just shy of $30 million dollars. He stated this is the first-year sales taxes will exceed property taxes. Mr. Mattis stated that the property tax rate would decrease 17% over a two-year period and answered questions of the Council.

2. General Activity Report And/Or Project Update

Mr. Mattis provided an update about the parking issue at Peppergrass. He recommended to a resident, Tammy Dunn, gather a petition of the neighbors agreeing to a no parking restriction of some sort. Ms. Dunn was not in attendance but her husband, Mr. Dunn submitted the petition on her behalf. Discussion followed.

Ms. Dorene Simms, address unknown, stated that there are concerns with the high school to get neighbors involved. She stated that she agrees with the no parking signs and there are also issues with vandalism, threats, and jumping the fence.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes August 2, 2022

The minutes passed on the consent agenda.

2. City Council Worksession Meeting Minutes - August 2, 2022

The minutes passed on the consent agenda.

3. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS TO APPROVE A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH BASTROP COUNTY TO PROVIDE DISPATCHING SERVICES TO THE ELGIN POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT

The item was pulled from the consent agenda and placed under new business.

4. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AQUA WSC MASTER AGREEMENT FOR TRANSFER

OF THE EAGLES LANDING PHASE 5 WATER CCN SERVICE AREA FROM AQUA WSC TO THE CITY OF ELGIN AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATED THERETO

The resolution passed on the consent agenda.

Mayor Pro Tem Brashar made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Swain seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS TO APPROVE A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH BASTROP COUNTY TO PROVIDE DISPATCHING SERVICES TO THE ELGIN POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT

Mr. Swain asked for some background information. Mr. Mattis stated that staffing was the issue. Discussion followed. Mr. Swain made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Dennis 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 provided information and stated this is to move forward with the final design of the new police station. Mayor Pro Tem Brashar made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Maldonado seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

3. SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ELGIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND CIRCLE BREWING COMPANY LLC

Mr. Rock stated that there have been delays in the supply chain, weather, and costs have increased. He stated that the EDC is comfortable with providing a small certificate of deposit of $125,000 upfront, and Circle Brew will pay it back over five years. Discussion followed. Mr. Dennis made a motion to approve the amendment that the Economic Development Corporation has presented to us. Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

4. AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING GENERAL RULES AND PROCEDURES, INCLUDING APPOINTMENTS, TERM LIMITS, AND RELATED MATTERS FOR ALL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS; REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS CLAUSE

Ms. Courtenay Paris, 506 Lexington Road, stated that section 8.7 of the previous ordinance has been removed. She stated that she looked at the application, does not think the process causes an undue burden, and hopes the Council considers removing it or places other procedures in place before the appointments.

Mr. Mattis provided comments and stated this ordinance reflects the Council's desire. Discussion followed. Mr. Mattis stated that the board appointments will take place on September 27th. Ms. Casnovsky made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Mayor Pro Tem Brashar seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

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.

The Council did not retire into Executive Session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Miller provided information about the Founder's Day event this Saturday and invited the public to join. Mr. Dennis stated that there is volunteering training tomorrow at 3:00 PM at the Fleming Center. Mayor Pro Tem Brashar stated that today is the city manager's 37th wedding anniversary and wished him a happy anniversary. Mr. Swain stated that he was impressed with the water department.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McShan adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Theresa Y. McShan

Theresa Y. McShan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jennifer Stubbs

Jennifer Stubbs, City Secretary