

MINUTES
ELGIN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
ELGIN PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNEX CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
404 NORTH MAIN STREET
October 25, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Brashar called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Sue Brashar, Mayor Pro Tem
Joy Casnovsky, Council Member
Arthur Gibson III, Council Member
Chuck Swain, Council Member
Matthew Callahan, Council Member
Al Rodriguez, Council Member
Forest Dennis, Council Member

Absent: Theresa McShan, Mayor
Skyler Maldonado, Council Member

Mayor Pro Tem Brashar stated that there was a quorum. She stated that Mayor McShan is out due to an illness and Mr. Maldonado is out due to a funeral. Mr. Callahan made a motion to excuse Mayor McShan and Mr. Maldonado. Mr. Gibson 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
David Harrell, Development Services Director
Owen Rock, ED Director

INVOCATION

Mr. Rodriguez provided the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Brashar 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 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 Rezone As PDD Planned Development District The Property Containing 49.93 Acres, Situated In The William Hines Survey, Ab. No. 53, Located In Travis Co., TX; Subject Tract Being Described In Deed To Diann Tenney Smith As Recorded Under Document No. 2020197159, Official Public Records Of Travis Co., TX Being More Particularly Described In Exhibit "A"; And Providing For A Savings Clause And Repealing Conflicting Ordinances And Resolutions.

Diane Dunigan, 17615 FM 1100, stated that she was here tonight representing Diane Tenney Smith. She stated that she was upset about a package in the mail she received Friday morning. She stated that 2.7 acres were attached to the 11 acres that make up her farm in unincorporated Travis County. Ms. Dunigan stated that she mentioned this to Mr. Harrell and his response was that it was an error. She stated that she wanted the response to be on public records and that someone did error and omit it.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeff Asmussen, 128 Forest Drive, stated that Highway 290 and 95 are the only methods of daily travel, and the timing of the traffic lights adjusted by TxDOT relies on citizens to complain. Mr. Asmussen stated that he would like safe left turns and for assistance from city leaders to weigh in with TxDOT.

PRESENTATION

1. A PROCLAMATION DECLARING NOVEMBER 1, 2022, AS DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS DAY IN THE CITY OF ELGIN

Mayor Pro Tem Brashar read the proclamation and presented it to members of the Día De Los Muertos Committee.

2. ADDENDUM ADD ITEM TO THE REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Pro Tem Brashar read the proclamation.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

1. #ETX150 Sesquicentennial Update & Event Highlights

Ms. O'Brien encouraged those in attendance to make purchases before the online store closes at the end of the year. She provided information about Arbor Day and the Veterans Appreciation Day Parade.

2. General Activity Report And/Or Project Update

Mr. Mattis stated that the Hogeye Festival was a success this past weekend. He stated that there was a grant-funded beautification project on Highway 290 and Highway 95. Mr. Mattis stated that traffic lights in the city limits are operated by the Texas Department of Transportation. He stated there will be a Ward 1 meeting tomorrow evening and provided an update on the council meeting schedule for the remainder of the year.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes-October 11, 2022

The minutes passed on the consent agenda.

2. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE BASTROP COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION ACTION PLAN -2022 UPDATE AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATED THERETO.

The resolution passed on the consent agenda.

3. CONSIDER WAIVING THE OPEN CONTAINER ORDINANCE ON MAIN STREET FROM LEXINGTON ROAD TO BRENHAM STREET; AND ON 2ND STREET, FIRST STREET, DEPOT STREET, CENTRAL AVENUE, AUSTIN STREET, BRENHAM STREET FROM MAIN STREET TO AVENUE C; AND ON AVENUE C FROM BRENHAM STREET TO 2ND STREET ON SATURDAY DECEMBER 3, 2022 FROM 11am To 10pm FOR TIME TO SHINE

The item passed on the consent agenda.

4. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS, APPROVING THE 2022 TOTAL AD VALOREM TAX LEVY FOR THE CITY OF ELGIN; MAKING FINDINGS OF FACT; AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS.

The resolution passed on the consent agenda.

5. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS, APPROVING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF A LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS AND BROOK WATSON & COMPANY, CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2022-2026, WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED

HEREIN AS EXHIBIT A; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT.

The resolution passed on the consent agenda.

Mr. Dennis made a comment about a typo on item 3. Mr. Dennis made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Swain seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Review And Discussion Of A Staff Proposal To Consider The Inclusion Of Green Building And/Or LEED-Certification Principles In The Construction Of The New City Of Elgin Police Station

Mr. Mattis provided information about utilizing additional American Rescue Act (ARPA) funds towards Silver Leed Certification for the new police station. He stated the increase in cost would be about 12%. Mayor Pro Tem Brashar recommended taking the additional funds to another needed area that does not have a building next to it that will never be LEED certified. Mr. Callahan mentioned it was noted that certification is not guaranteed, and it would be a crime to go through the process and then not achieve the certification. Mr. Mattis stated that it was a CYA for the architect and a part of the administrative process. Mr. Dennis stated that there would be a lot of administrative reports to keep track of after certification. Ms. Casnovsky asked if there were a list of projects to use the proceeds from the American Rescue Plan Act. Mr. Mattis stated that the list is the 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan. Discussion followed.

2. Discuss Learning Opportunities And Takeaways From The Texas Municipal League Conference Held On October 5-7

The item was tabled due to the Mayor not in attendance. Mr. Dennis recommended hosting a worksession for this item.

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.

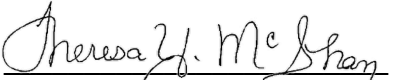
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Brashar reminded the public about Día De Los Muertos and Safe Trick or Treating. Mr. Dennis asked if anyone from the city has had conversations about the status update for the sidewalk improvements for trick or treating. Mr. Mattis stated no but the city will. Mayor Pro Tem Brashar stated this Thursday, Elgin FFA is having a fundraiser at the Rising Sun

Vineyards. Chief Noble introduced Josh Moses, County Liaison Officer with the Texas Division of Emergency Management. Mr. Mattis mentioned some additional sidewalk improvements downtown and congratulated Mayor Pro Tem Brashar on baking a successful cake that raised some money for the community. Mayor Pro Tem Brashar stated that she appreciated city staff.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Brashar adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.


Theresa Y. McShan, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jennifer Stubbs, City Secretary