

MINUTES
ELGIN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2015, 7:00 P.M.
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS-- 310 NORTH MAIN STREET
ELGIN, TEXAS 78621

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Marc Holm called the regular meeting at 7:08 p.m. with the following members:

Marc Holm, Mayor
Chris Cannon, Mayor Pro-Tem
Keith Joesel, Council Member
Sue Brashar, Council Member
Edward Maldonado, Council Member
Juan Gonzalez, Council Member
Mary Penson, Council Member
Jessica Bega, Council Member
Craig Fromme, Council Member

INVOCATION

Council Member Mary Penson gave the invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vince May, 9022 Ingrid Drive, Elgin
Road improvements are much better on Highway 290. Improvements in Manor include three lanes of traffic, changes in red lights, speed limit changes and synchronization. These have all improved traffic between Austin and Elgin. Thanks for supporting highway improvements.
New Business: Hope to see more road improvements along Highway 290, and also new transit buses between Austin and Elgin.

Kim Pena, 112 Terra Drive, Elgin
New Business: Treasurer of the Elgin Petitioners Committee. Citizens would like to have a say in the matter of this petition.

PRESENTATIONS

None

REPORTS

1. Monthly Department Reports for November Council Informational Monthly Updates.
Kerry Lacy, City Manager, stated department monthly reports are for informational purpose only.
2. Update and discussion on recent robberies in the Elgin area.
Chris Cannon, Mayor Pro-Tem

Chris Bratton, Police Chief, stated the Elgin Police Department is working with Texas Department of Public Safety, Bastrop County Sheriff's office, Texas Rangers and using all resources available with similar robbery cases in the Central Texas area. At this time there is not enough evidence or positive identification for arrests, but we are getting very close in the next few days. Officers are watching the stores and following all leads reported.

Mayor Pro-Tem Chris Cannon left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting December 2, 2014.
Lucretia Alvarez, City Secretary
2. Approval of minutes of the special meeting December 9, 2014
Lucretia Alvarez, City Secretary
3. Approval of waiving the open container ordinance on Main Street from Second Street to Austin Street; Second Street, First Street, Depot Street, Central Avenue and Austin Street from the Union Pacific Railroad tracks to Avenue B on Thursdays January 8, February 12, March 12, April 9, May 14 and June 11 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for Sip Shop and Stroll.
Amy Miller, Parks and Community Development Director
4. Approval of waiving the open container ordinance on Depot Street between North Main Street and Avenue C and in Veterans Memorial Park, on Saturday, April 25, 2015 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for the Purple and White Jubilee Street Dance.
Amy Miller, Parks and Community Development Director
5. Approval of street closure on Depot Street between North Main Street and Avenue C on Saturday, April 25, 2015 for the Purple and White Jubilee from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Amy Miller, Parks and Community Development Director

Council Member Sue Brashar made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, Council Member Edward Maldonado seconded, and motion approved unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Discussion and action approving an Ordinance amending Chapter 42, Utility, Article II Water Service Regulations fee schedules of the City of Elgin Code of Ordinances.
Dodie Thomas, Utility Billing Supervisor
Buck LaQuey, Finance Director

Council Member Sue Brashar made a motion to approve Ordinance 2015-1-6-1 as presented, Council Member Craig Fromme seconded, and motion approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-1-6-1

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 42, SECTIONS 41 AND 42, CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS, REGARDING WATER AND WASTEWATER FEE ADJUSTMENTS; PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS CLAUSE AND REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS.

2. Discussion and action approving an Ordinance amending Chapter 46, Zoning Regulations, City of Elgin Code of Ordinances.
Gary Cooke, Planning and Development Director
Kerry Lacy, City Manager
Chris Cannon, Mayor Pro-Tem

Council Member Keith Joesel made a motion to approve Ordinance 2015-1-6-2 with the contingency on Section 46-335 adding 25 percent of parking to be covered parking for multi-family, Council Member Sue Brashar seconded, and motion approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-1-6-2

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 46, SECTION 46.1, CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS, TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "MASONRY CONSTRUCTION"; AMEND GARAGE RESTRICTIONS, AND TO DELETE THE DEFINITION OF "ROOF PITCH/SLOPE"; PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS CLAUSE AND REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Discussion and action to accept a petition filed by the Elgin Petitioners Committee for an election to amend Article II of the Elgin City Charter to add the following:**
The City has the power to spend taxpayer money to construct and maintain streets, roads, highways, bike trails, sidewalks and mass transit facilities, except that no taxpayer money may be spent on or contractually pledged to any passenger train project unless a public bus line shall have first demonstrated a need for train service by having 500 intercity boardings in Elgin per weekday, averaged over three months, connecting to the City of Austin.
Lucretia Alvarez, City Secretary

Council Member Juan Gonzalez made a motion to accept the petition, Council Member Craig Fromme seconded, and motion approved unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

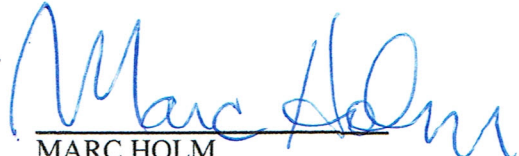
None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

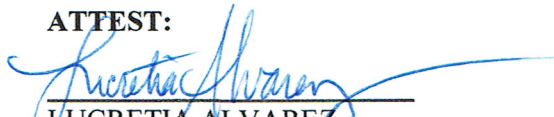
- Police Department thanks everyone who remembered them over the holidays with extra snacks.
- Bastrop County Future Farmers of America Livestock Show
- Sip Shop Stroll on Thursday 5-8 pm
- City of Elgin was awarded a \$150,000 grant for sidewalk projects on the south end of downtown.
- MLK Walk will be in Smithville on Monday, January 19.
- Craig Fromme's family welcomed a new baby girl, Gatlin Belle, on December 30.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Marc Holm adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.


MARC HOLM
Mayor of Elgin, Texas

ATTEST:


LUCRETIA ALVAREZ
City Secretary of Elgin, Texas