

The Early City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Early Visitors and Events Center with the following members present:

Mayor Mangrum	City Administrator Tony Aaron
Council members:	Economic Development Director Larry McConn
Leland Acker	City Secretary Brenda Kilgo
Travis Eoff	City Attorney Mark Bessent
Benny Allcorn	
Charles Matlock	

Councilman Scott Callison was absent.

Establishing a quorum present, Mayor Mangrum called the meeting to order. Mr. Matlock gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Special recognition of service for Early Volunteer Fire Department retiree Travis Eoff.

Fire Chief Chad Hill presented Mr. Eoff with a special designed and engraved fire axe in recognition for his 43 years of service to the Early Volunteer Fire Department. Chief Hill thanked him for his dedicated service and expressed his gratitude and respect for Mr. Eoff. Several volunteer firemen were present at the meeting as well as many Eoff family members.

Mr. Eoff stated that he feels very blessed to have served as many years as his physical health allowed. He also expressed his gratefulness for the department family, the support of the City and the valuable donations from the community for the department's equipment and facility. He is excited to see the continued growth of the fire department as a full time paid department of the City.

Consideration of the minutes of meeting held on October 13, 2020.

Mr. Matlock made motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Acker, and all members present voted "aye".

Citizen's comments

No comments from citizens.

Consideration to accept resignation of Council member Scott Callison.

Mayor Mangrum read aloud Mr. Callison's resignation letter and called for a motion from the Council on its acceptance.

Mr. Allcorn made motion, seconded by Mr. Eoff, to accept the resignation of Scott Callison as Council member. All members present voted "aye".

Consider appointment of Council member to fill vacancy.

Mayor Mangrum recommended Mr. Garry Forisha be appointed as Council member to fill the vacancy. Mr. Forisha recently concluded two two-year terms on the MDD Board and is willing to serve as City Council member.

Mr. Matlock made motion to appoint Garry Forisha as Council member to fill the vacancy from Mr. Callison's resignation. Mr. Allcorn seconded the motion and all members present voted "aye".

At the completion of the vote for the appointment, Mayor Mangrum administered the Oath of Office to Garry Forisha.

Consideration to reappoint Brent Moseley to represent City of Early and Early ISD as member on Brown County Appraisal District Board for 2020-2021 term.

Mr. Aaron explained that Mr. Moseley's place on the Board represents the City as well as the Early ISD. He has spoken with ISD administration and it is their intent to reappoint Mr. Moseley. Both entities feel that they have been well served and fairly represented by his place on the Board.

Mr. Eoff made motion, seconded by Mr. Matlock, to reappoint Brent Moseley as member on Brown County Appraisal District Board. All members present voted "aye".

Special Recognition of outgoing Board members:

1. Scott Callison – City Council
2. Bobby Brinson – MDD Board
3. Garry Forisha – MDD Board
4. Larry Shields – Planning & Zoning Commission

Mayor Mangrum presented an engraved plaque and expressed the appreciation for the service to the Board, the City and Citizens of the city of Early to each of the members present. Mr. Callison and Mr. Shields were not in able to attend the meeting.

Administrator's Report

- COVID update
 - o related to change of venue for this meeting, ability to better social distance
 - o some staff and departments affected by COVID and exposure creating shortage of staff within departments
 - o Departments are still separated as much as possible during breaks, etc.
- CRF grant funds request submitted includes approximately \$95,000 for payroll and supplies expenditures. This request is still going through the verification and approval process. Deadline to request reimbursement is December 15th. Some projects to be included with before that deadline are:
 - o Phone system w/auto attendant to connect all facilities and departments
 - o Technology updates to the Council room
 - o Payment drop box at City Hall
 - o Remote access for the ability to work from home for staff if needed
- R.O.W. monument signs getting a facelift with same design featured on the Welcome monument at EVEC

- ADA sidewalks and parking at City Park – anticipate letting for bids in November, awarding bids in December and construction to begin by February
- Dispatch equipment status – agreements signed with City of Brownwood and LCRA; Brownwood anticipates order to process by end of year and LCRA will probably occur after the first of the new year (2021)
- Job postings:
 - o Hired Ricky Ray for Executive Asst./Marketing & Communication Specialist; good quality applicants across the board, interview 7 and felt that any one of the top four would be great asset to City.
 - o Hired Simeon Bates for PT CVB Marketing & Communication Specialist; also good quality of applicants; will compliment well with Ricky Ray on projects.
- As it relates to COVID, requesting input and thoughts regarding annual Christmas Tree lighting and City party

Announcements

A birthday drive-by parade for Debra Shields, wife of Larry Shields, will be held on Saturday 17th; Chief of Police will lead and any participation from the community and citizens is welcomed.

Adjourn

Concluding all business matters, Mr. Matlock made motion, seconded by Mr. Acker, to adjourn the meeting. All members present voted “aye”, adjourning the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

11-10-20

DATE

Robert Mangum

MAYOR

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CITY SECRETARY