

The Early City Council met in special session on Friday, August 19, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Mayor Mangrum

Council members:

Benny Allcorn

Leland Acker

Travis Eoff

Charles Matlock

Garry Forisha

City Administrator Tony Aaron

Economic Development Director Larry McConn

City Secretary Brenda Kilgo

City Attorney Mark Bessent was absent.

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

Consideration of the minutes of regular meeting held on August 9, 2022.

Mr. Acker made motion, seconded by Mr. Matlock, to approve the minutes as written. All members present voted "aye".

Citizen's comments

There were no citizen comments.

Public Hearing – 2022/2023 Fiscal Year Budget

Mayor Mangrum opened the Public Hearing at 12:02 p.m. and indicated for Mr. Aaron to begin the presentation. Mr. Aaron noted that the presentation showing on the smart screen monitor is also available each member's iPad and will be available on the City's website for view convenience throughout the fiscal year.

Total Operating Revenue	\$11,286,968	0.23% increase over last year
Total Operation Expenditures	\$10,939,039	5.12% increase over last year

This budget is based on a 0.36238 property tax rate (27.4% reduction from last year) at a 50% collection rate and a higher sales tax revenue of \$1.5 million (16.2% increase from last year). Expenditures include various vehicle and equipment purchases within several departments, addition of full-time positions in Fire (2), CVB (1), and Public Works (2), multiple projects within public works (water & sewer infrastructure maintenance and rehab) and Town Center (public restroom, landscaping, boardwalk, batting cages), 3% cost of living increase for all employees, and an increase to city contribution per employee for insurance coverage.

Increases to services from Brown County Water Improvement District and City of Brownwood Landfill resulted in an increase to the base rate for City of Early customers. Increase solely to cover increase of cost, not as additional revenue.

Water rate increase of \$3.50 to base rates; no change to tier usage rates.

Sanitation rate increase of \$1.00 to base rates.

No rate increase on Sewer rates.

Budgeted revenues and expenditures include sufficient balances to service all debt payments (\$1,552,551 annually).

Having no inquiries or further discussion the Public Hearing was closed at 12:20 p.m.

Consideration to approve Ordinance 2022-09, adopting 2022/2023 Fiscal Year Budget.

Mr. Acker made motion, seconded by Mr. Matlock to approve Ordinance 2022-09 adopting the 2022/2023 Fiscal Year Budget as presented. All members present voted "aye".

Consideration to approve Ordinance 2022-10, setting 2022 Tax Rate.

Mr. Acker made motion to approve Ordinance 2022-10, setting 2022 Tax Rate at 0.36238. Mr. Allcorn seconded the motion and all members present voted "aye".

Consideration to approve Ordinance 2022-11, amending Water rates.

Mr. Acker made motion, seconded by Mr. Eoff, to approve Ordinance 2022-11 as presented.

Consideration to approve Ordinance 2022-12, amending Sanitation rates.

Mr. Matlock made motion to approve Ordinance 2022-12 amending Sanitation rates as presented. Mr. Matlock seconded the motion and all members present voted "aye".

Consider a Resolution, 2022-EDR05, approving Early Municipal Development District 2022-2023 fiscal year budget.

Mr. Aaron provided the following budget information for Early MDD:

Beginning Fund Balance	\$994,472
Total revenues (incl. fund balance)	\$1,581,072
Total expenditures	(\$1,484,509)
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 96,563

Mr. Acker made motion to approve Resolution 2022-EDR05 to approve EMDD 2022/2023 fiscal year budget. Mr. Forisha seconded the motion and all members present voted "aye".

Consider a Resolution, 2022-CVR02, approving Early Convention and Visitors Bureau 2022-2023 fiscal year budget.

Mr. Aaron provided the following budget information for Early CVB:

Beginning Fund Balance	\$154,911
Total revenues (incl. fund balance)	\$374,411
Total expenditures	(\$355,394)
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 19,017

Mr. Acker made motion, seconded by Mr. Matlock, to approve Resolution 2022-CVR02 to approve CVB 2022/2023 fiscal year budget. All members present voted "aye".

Consideration to award bid for the construction of the Early Town Center Pond project.

Mr. Aaron explained that the submittal deadline was extended by one week due to an amendment to the pond size (trimmed off a portion at the northeast end). There were a total of five (5) bids received:

ERS of MS Inc.	\$1,899,328
Grider Paving, LLC	\$ 811,011
Prater Dirt Work, LLC	\$ 728,479
Mobley Construction, LLC	\$ 396,363
BGBX3 Enterprises	\$ 384,175

Mr. Aaron stated that the lowest bid provider did not submit a bid bond with their proposal which disqualifies their bid submittal. Staff reviewed all bids and cost analysis and it is their recommendation to award the bid to Mobley Construction for \$396,363.

Mr. Allcorn made motion, seconded by Mr. Matlock, to award the Town Center Pond Project bid to Mobley Construction, LLC for \$396,363. All members present voted "aye".

Executive Session in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Section 551.086 Economic Development.

Mr. Allcorn made motion, seconded by Mr. Acker, to enter into Executive Session. All members present voted "aye" entering into closed session at 12:31 p.m.

Reconvene into Open Session and consider action, if any, on items discussed in executive session.

Mr. Matlock made motion to reconvene into open session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Acker and all members present voted "aye", coming out of closed session at 12:53 p.m.

Adjourn

Concluding all business, Mr. Allcorn made motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Eoff seconded the motion and all members present voted "aye", adjourning the meeting at 12:54 p.m.

09/13/2022
DATE
Robert W. Matlock
MAYOR

Brenda Kilgo
CITY SECRETARY