

The Early City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Mayor Mangrum

Council members:

Benny Allcorn

Leland Acker

Garry Forisha

Charles Matlock

City Administrator Tony Aaron

Economic Development Director Larry McConn

City Secretary Brenda Kilgo

City Attorney Mark Bessent

Council member Travis Eoff was absent.

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

Consideration of the minutes of special meeting held on August 19, 2022.

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

Citizen's comments

There were no citizen comments.

Special Recognition of service for Public Works Director Wade Walker

Although Mr. Walker was not present at tonight's meeting, the Mayor, Council and Staff recognized him for this 37 years of service to the City of Early. Wade was hired as a laborer in 1987 and obtained his Water license that same year, his Sewer license two years later and worked his way up to the appointment of Director of Public Works in 1997. He announced his retirement earlier this year, 2022. A special plaque was presented for Wade Walker by Mayor Mangrum and a round of applause was given for his value, dedication and service to the City of Early.

Special recognition of Board members.

Stephanie Johnston and Missy Ryan were both recognized for their service on the Early Municipal Development Board. Mrs. Johnston was appointed to the Board in 2020 and Mrs. Ryan in 2021. Both women have recently moved out of the district, disqualifying them from serving on the EMDD Board. Plaques were presented as recognition of their service. Neither were present at the meeting.

Consider appointment of three (3) board members to Early Municipal Development District.

Mr. Forisha made motion to re-appoint Benny Allcorn, Joel Johnson and Alicia Newton to the Early Municipal Development District Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Acker and all members present voted "aye".

Consider appointment of two (2) board members to Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mr. Acker made motion to re-appoint Joe Baucom and Scott Bird for another two-year term on the Planning and Zoning Commission. The motion was seconded by Mr. Matlock and all members present voted “aye”.

Consideration to reappoint Brent Moseley to represent City of Early and Early ISD as member on Brown County Appraisal District Board for 2022-2023 term.

Mr. Matlock made motion to re-appoint Brent Moseley for 2022-2023 term on Brown County Appraisal District Board. Mr. Forisha seconded the motion and all members present voted “aye”.

Consider nominees for TML Health Benefits Pool, Region 6, 2022, Board of Trustee Election.

There were three persons on the ballot for the Region 6 place on the Board of Trustee Election. Stephen Haynes is currently serving in that place and is one of the three listed on the ballot. The City of Early received a letter from Mr. Haynes expressing appreciation of the City’s continued support.

Mr. Forisha made motion, seconded by Mr. Matlock, to elect Stephen Haynes to continue his service on the TML Health Benefits Pool Board of Trustees. All members present voted “aye”.

Consideration to approve street closure and barricades for Early ISD Homecoming parade and 5K event.

Mr. Aaron stated that the parade will be on September 21st and the 5K run will be held on September 24th and both will follow the same streets route as previous years with the exception that the route will be in reverse direction. Road closures will be needed for the parade but are not necessary for the 5K event.

Mr. Acker made motion to approve the road closures and barricades for the parade and 5K as presented. Mr. Matlock seconded the motion and all members present voted “aye”.

Consideration to approve Resolution 2022-R09, approving the negotiated settlement between Atmos Cities Steering Committee and Atmos Energy regarding the 2022 Rate Review Mechanism filing.

Mr. Aaron stated that a few months earlier the City approved a resolution, at the recommendation from the Atmos Steering Committee, which denied the requested rate increase by Atmos. A settlement has been negotiated between the Steering Committee and Atmos.

Original total increase to revenue requested by Atmos - \$141.3 million
Negotiated settlement increase to revenue - \$115 million

Mr. Allcorn made motion to approve Resolution 2022-R09 to approving the negotiated settlement as presented. Mr. Matlock seconded the motion and all members present voted “aye”.

Consideration of Resolution 2022-R10, approving an application for the Bullet Resistant Shield Grant Program.

As a result from recent active shooter incidents this grant program is through the Office of the Governor and is a 100% grant reimbursement program. The Early Police Department will be applying for 2 bullet resistant shields for a total of \$6,000.

Mr. Matlock made motion, seconded by Mr. Forisha, to approve Resolution 2022-R10 to approve application for the Bullet Resistant Shield Grant Program. All members present voted "aye".

Discuss and consider approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between City of Early Police Department and Texas Department of Public Safety for use of Texas Statewide Interoperability Channel Plan (TSICP).

Mr. Aaron explained that the MOU is for a specific use agreement for TXDPS statewide channel for operational only agreement, not financial for use of the channel.

Mr. Acker made motion, seconded by Mr. Matlock, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) as presented. All members present voted "aye".

Consideration to award bid proposal for Bank Depository contract for October 1, 2022-September 30, 2027.

Four proposals were received from local banks in response the RFP posted for the five-year contract. A summary of the proposals was provided for the Council's review and it was noted that there was very little difference between the four proposals. The current contract is with MC Bank.

Mr. Allcorn made motion to accept the proposal and award the contract to MC Bank for the five-year term. Mr. Matlock seconded the motion and all members present voted "aye".

Consideration to approve Ordinance 2022-13, amending 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget.

Due to the additional sales tax receipts over budgeted amounts and the grant funds from EMDD for Kelcy Way project – total revenue amendment of \$1,737,674, applied to some expenditure overages such as overtime coverage in the Fire Department salaries and purchases of heavy equipment – total expenditures amendment of \$915,740, the remaining balance will be shown within the fund balance of General Fund of \$821,934.

Mr. Acker made motion, seconded by Mr. Forisha, to approve Ordinance 2022-13 amending the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget. All members present voted "aye".

Consideration of Ordinance 2022-14, amending the procurement policy within the Comprehensive Financial Management Policy

This item was not addressed and will be postponed until a future meeting.

Adjourn

Concluding all business, Mr. Acker made motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Forisha seconded the motion and all members present voted "aye", adjourning the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

10-11-2022

DATE

Robert J. May

MAYOR

Brenda Kilgo

CITY SECRETARY