

The Early City Council met in special session on Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Mayor Mangrum

Council members:

Benny Allcorn

Leland Acker

Travis Eoff

Garry Forisha

Charles Matlock

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. Acker gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of the minutes for regular meeting held on June 27, 2023.

Mr. Allcorn 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.

Administrator's Report

- Autumn Drive
 - o Milled existing road
 - o Removed existing tinhorn at Longhorn, replace with concrete culvert
 - o Working on drainage currently
 - o Anticipate relocating sewer main at a lower depth to accommodate
 - o Weekly updates and notifications to citizens, keeping good/open lines of communication
- Town Center
 - o Lake construction finalizing on depth with shoreline stabilization and fish habitations
 - o Sidewalk contractor to begin construction next week
 - o Design completed for footbridge (cross over creek from lake to overflow), installation within next couple weeks
 - o Installation of fishing piers anticipated the first week of August
 - o Received 30% completion plans for Mangrum Street engineering
 - o Expect final plans for Boardwalk by end of July, anticipate letting for bids by the end of September

- EDA Grant
 - o No official letter award but correspondence with all parties confirms that all on track for grant funding of approximately \$1 million
 - o Receipt of funds within 30-60 days of award letter
- YMCA
 - o Met with and vetted an architecture consultant, to schedule a site visit within upcoming weeks
 - o Finalizing market assessment, working toward bond election plan
 - o Very positive response from community and needs assessment survey

Budget Workshop

Community Partners were invited to attend and present their annual subsidy requests, allowing Council and Partners to learn about the organizations, where and how funds are used, and the impact of the services for our citizens.

Brown County Child Welfare Board

Lisa Caldwell and Jonathon reported that there are 75 cases within Brown County; their annual budget is approximately \$40,000; subsidy request is \$2,500 from the City of Early.

Brownwood Public Library

David Clemons, Raul Garcia and Becky Isabel were in attendance and provided statistics for the Library, stating that it was the worst funded out of the 43 libraries in the state; subsidy request is \$12,500 for the 23-24 City of Early budget.

Corine T. Smith Animal Center

John Morris, President of the Board, stated that approximately 110 animals are brought in from Early PD and Early residents (zip code) out of an estimated 2000 per year from all of Brown County; subsidy request for 23-24 FY from City of Early is \$30,000.

The Ark

Savanna Cox stated that the organization provides services to three counties: Brown, Coleman and Comanche for approximately 300 individuals per year; main source of funds is from grants and grant match requirements from local support funds; subsidy request is \$4000 from the City of Early.

Brownwood Senior Citizens

Angie Dees and Emily Crawford reported that the center provides daily lunch Monday-Friday along with various activities (dominoes, coffee, cards, etc.) for citizens between 8am and 3pm; approximately 5700 Early (zip code) citizens were served in the 2021/2022 fiscal year; subsidy request of \$5000 for the 2023/2024 City of Early fiscal budget.

Center for Life Resources

Dion White provided some statistics stating that the Center serves a total of seven counties, approximately 5000 people overall with estimated 222 being of Early; receive small portion of funding from State, some grants (60/40 match) as a non-profit organization; subsidy request of \$4500 from the City of Early 2023-2024 budget.

Announcements

July 25th – Regular Council meeting, with budget workshop

Adjourn

Mr. Forisha made motion, seconded by Mr. Matlock, to adjourn the meeting. All members present voted “aye” adjourning the meeting at 12:53pm.

07-25-2023

DATE

R. B. Matlock

MAYOR

Brenda Kilgo

CITY SECRETARY