

The Early City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Mayor Mangrum

Council members:

Benny Allcorn

Leland Acker

Garry Forisha

Charles Matlock

Travis Eoff

City Administrator Tony Aaron

Economic Development Director Larry McConn

City Secretary Brenda Kilgo

City Attorney Mark Bessent

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

**Consideration of the minutes for regular meeting held on July 25, 2023.**

Mr. Eoff 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.

**Consider approval of Resolution 2023-EDR05, amending the loan terms for the purchase of real property by Early Municipal Development District.**

Mr. Aaron explained that there is a change in the interest rate for this note. The previous resolution, 2023-EDR03, was approved with an interest rate not to exceed 6.25% and due to the delay of closing on the property the interest rate increased to 6.7%. In their regular meeting yesterday the MDD Board approved the amended terms within the resolution presented tonight.

Mr. Forisha made motion, seconded by Mr. Acker, to approve Resolution 2023-EDR05 amending the loan terms for a 6.7% rate. All members present voted "aye".

**Consideration to award bid for Seal Coat project.**

Direct notice of a bid solicitation for the annual seal coat project was sent out in July with the bid open date as August 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. Only one bid was received by Mobley Construction in the amount of \$27,950. This is for the labor/equipment only portion of the project, the City will purchase all materials. In the past the City has provided the materials and the labor and incorporating the assistance of Kelcy Paving with the use of his equipment and experience. However, with so many other projects in progress at this time and the City's labor force stretched fairly thin, a bid solicitation was considered as an alternative. Staff has reviewed

Mobley's proposal, it does fall within the amount budgeted for the project, and it is their recommendation to award the bid to Mobley Construction for the seal coat project.

Mr. Acker made motion, seconded by Mr. Forisha, to approve the bid and award the contract to Mobley Construction for the seal coat project. All members present voted "aye".

**Executive Session in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Section 551.072 Real Property, Section 551.074 Personnel Matters, City Administrator employee agreement, and Section 551.087 Economic Development.**

Mr. Acker made motion, seconded by Mr. Forisha, to enter into Executive Session. All members voted "aye", entering into closed session at 6:07 p.m.

**Reconvene into Open Session and consider action, if any, on items discussed in executive session. Section 551.074 - Personnel Matters, regarding City Administrator annual evaluation and employment agreement.**

Reconvening back into Open Session at 7:07 p.m., Mr. Forisha made motion to extend the City Administrator employee agreement for 1-year. Mr. Matlock seconded the motion and all members present vote "aye".

Mr. Allcorn made motion, seconded by Mr. Acker, to provide a one-time \$2500 bonus each for City Administrator Tony Aaron and Assistant City Administrator Larry McConn to be paid after October 1, 2023 and the beginning of the 2023-2024 fiscal budget year.

### **Administrator's Report**

#### Crescent Drive Sewer Rehabilitation Project:

- TWDB funds, remaining from WWTP construction, approximately \$800,000
- Replace sewer mains and residential taps
- Notice of Bid solicitation to be submitted next week, anticipate award in September
- City funds will be used to repair / overlay street cuts for the taps & mains

### **Budget Workshop**

A Budget Summary was provided showing all funds; total revenues \$16,671,441, total expenditures \$16,355,877, net fund balance \$335,564; Includes Capital Project fund for Town Center development with EDA grant funds of \$1 Million and loan construction funds (COs) of \$4 Million.

Some minor cuts within department requests but all basic needs are met as well as most requested items. It was noted that Department Heads are very good at requesting needed items not wish list items.

A tax rate comparison sheet was also provided showing rates for all entities within Brown County for 2020, 2021 and 2022.

**Announcements**

August 15th 6:00PM - Public Hearing - 2023 Proposed Tax Rate

August 22nd 6:00PM - Public Hearing - 2022/2023 Fiscal Year Budget

**Adjourn**

Mr. Matlock made motion, seconded by Mr. Acker, to adjourn the meeting. All members present voted "aye" adjourning the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

08/15/2023

DATE

Ronald W. Mayer

MAYOR

Brenda Kilgo

CITY SECRETARY