

The Early City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 22, 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. Forisha gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Consideration of the minutes for special meeting held on August 15, 2023.**

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

**Citizen's comments**

There were no citizen comments.

**Public Hearing – 2023/2024 Fiscal Year Budget**

Mayor Mangrum opened the Public Hearing at 6:01p.m.; Mr. Aaron provided a presentation of the proposed 2023/2024 Fiscal Year Budget.

Mr. Aaron started the presentation with a Budget Summary including all funds showing total proposed revenues at \$16,993,297 and total proposed expenditures at \$16,684,269; indicating a balanced budget with a net ending fund balance of \$309,028.

The proposed budget is based on a 0.39924 property tax rate; noting that Sales Tax revenues continue to grow and is actually the City's main revenue source. Approximately \$2.877 million in State and Federal grant funds have been submitted for application for various projects within the City. A majority of the capital outlay for this next budget year will be at the Early Town Center Development while also covering all department requested needs as far as personnel, equipment/vehicle and operational needs.

This budget also includes for approximately \$7/month increase to Water, Sewer and Sanitation base rates to help offset cost increases from suppliers and material vendors.

Increases to the employee benefits within this budget year include an increase to the longevity pay (from .03 to .20 per hour, per year of service) and a 6% rate increase to all employees with

less than five (5) years of service with the City; an increase to the City's match for the employee's retirement TMRS (from 1.5:1 to 2:1); increase to the city's contribution towards employee health insurance premiums (from \$850/month to \$1025).

Mr. Aaron ended his presentation with examples of how much growth and development the City of Early and community has seen and received over the last 5-8 years; indicating that the pattern of growth, the interest and excitement of the citizens, and the overall vision and appearance of Early, Texas is something to be very proud of.

Having no questions or further comments, Mayor Mangrum closed the Public Hearing at 6:18pm.

**Consideration of Ordinances:**

**2023-07 Adopting Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget**

Mr. Acker made motion, seconded by Mr. Matlock, to approve Ordinance 2023-07 adopting the 2023/2024 fiscal year budget. The motion passed with a record vote: Mr. Acker "aye"; Mr. Eoff "aye"; Mr. Allcorn "aye"; Mr. Forisha "aye"; and Mr. Matlock "aye".

**2023-08 Setting 2023 Tax Rate**

Mr. Acker made motion, seconded by Mr. Forisha, to approve Ordinance 2023-08 approving the 2023 Tax Rate at 0.39924. The motion passed with a record vote: Mr. Acker "aye"; Mr. Eoff "aye"; Mr. Allcorn "aye"; Mr. Forisha "aye"; and Mr. Matlock "aye".

**2023-09 Amending Water, Sewer, and Sanitation Rates**

Mr. Acker made motion, seconded by Mr. Matlock, to approve Ordinance 2023-09, amending the Water, Sewer, and Sanitation rates as presented. All members present voted "aye".

**Consider a Resolution, 2023-CVR02, approving Early Convention and Visitors Bureau 2023-2024 fiscal year budget.**

The CVB budget includes special projects and Hotel Occupancy Tax grants as listed within the budget notes.

Mr. Acker made motion to approve Resolution 2023-CVR02, approving the CVB budget as presented. Mr. Matlock seconded the motion and all members present voted "aye".

**Consider a Resolution, 2023-EDR06, approving Early Municipal Development District 2023-2024 fiscal year budget.**

Mr. Acker made motion, seconded by Mr. Matlock, to approve Resolution 2023-EDR06 as presented. All members present voted "aye".

**Announcements**

Next Council meeting is a regular scheduled meeting on September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

**Adjourn**

Mr. Matlock made motion, seconded by Mr. Forisha, to adjourn the meeting. All members present voted "aye" adjourning the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

Brenda Kilgo  
CITY SECRETARY

09-12-23  
DATE  
Robert J. Mangum  
MAYOR