

The Early City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Mayor Mangrum

Council members:

Benny Allcorn

Travis Eoff

Garry Forisha

Charles Matlock

Leland Acker

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

**Consideration of the minutes for regular meeting held on March 12, 2024.**

City Secretary stated that there was a change to the minutes from the copy provided for review. The hotel occupancy tax grant amount was incorrect and was changed from \$2500 to \$3500 per the motion approved.

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

**Citizen's comments**

There were no citizen comments.

**Proclamation – National 9-1-1 Education Month**

Mayor Mangrum read aloud a proclamation recognizing national 9-1-1 services and employees and encouraging the support of these programs, acknowledging April as National 9-1-1 Education Month.

**Consider accepting 2024 Telecommunication Right-of Way Access Line rates as provided by Public Utility Commission.**

Mr. Essary stated that the right-of-way access line rates have increased by 2.2484% for 2024 due to inflation and is recommending that the new rates be accepted as provided by the Public Utility Commission. No action is required to accept the default rates, however if we wish to decline the increase action would be required and notification to the PUC would follow.

Having no motion, indicating no action to decline the increase, the 2024 default rates are accepted.

**Consider continuation of the variance granted for privacy fence at 305 Sunrise Drive.**

Mr. Essary reported that a current inspection of the fence and drainage showed no obstruction or debris within the area and recommends the approval to continue the variance for another year.

Mr. Allcorn made motion, seconded by Mr. Matlock, to approve the annual variance for 305 Sunrise Drive. All members present voted "aye".

**Consider approval to solicit for proposals for audit services from qualified and experienced certified accounting firms.**

Mr. Aaron requested the approval to begin the solicitation of RFPs of audit services for the current and subsequent two fiscal years. A list of firms have been recommended either by Mr. Krischke or other municipalities and upon approval those firms will be direct solicited.

Mr. Acker made motion to approve the solicitation for audit proposals. Mr. Matlock seconded the motion and all members present voted "aye".

**Executive Session in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 551, Texas Government Code Sections 551.071-Consult with Attorney, 551.072-Real Property, and 551.087-Economic Development.**

Mr. Acker made motion, seconded by Mr. Matlock, to enter into Executive Session. All members voted "aye" and entering into closed session at 6:10 p.m.

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

Mr. Matlock made motion, seconded by Mr. Acker, to reconvene into open session at 7:15 p.m. All members present voted "aye".

Entering back into Open Session, Mr. Aaron recommended the approval of Resolution 2024-R07 authorizing a 380 agreement for the purpose of economic development between the City of Early, Early MDD and Atwood Distributing L.P.

Mr. Allcorn made motion to approve Resolution 2024-R07 with the changes discussed for a 380 agreement between City of Early, Early MDD and Atwood Distributing LP. Mr. Matlock seconded the motion and all members present voted "aye".

**Administrator's Report**

No report.

**Announcements**

State of the City - Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> 11:30AM  
Smart City Expo - Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at McDonald Park 4pm-7pm

**Adjourn**

Mr. Acker made motion, seconded by Mr. Eoff, to adjourn the meeting. All members present voted "aye" adjourning the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

05-14-2024  
DATE

Robert J. Mangione  
MAYOR

Brenda K. Igo  
CITY SECRETARY