

The Early City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Mayor Mangrum  
Council members:  
Benny Allcorn  
Travis Eoff  
Garry Forisha  
Leland Acker  
Charles Matlock

City Administrator Tony Aaron  
City Secretary Brenda Kilgo  
Economic Development Director Larry McConn  
City Attorney Mark Bessent

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

**Consideration of the minutes for regular meeting held on August 27, 2024**

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

**Citizen's comments**

There were no citizen comments.

**Consider appointment of two (2) board members to Early Municipal Development District.**

Mr. Aaron stated that Board member Benny Allcorn's term has ended due to the completion of the two, two-year terms and an appointment for his seat is necessary. Mr. Aaron spoke with Travis Eoff and he has agreed to serve should he be appointed.

Mr. Allcorn requested to remain on the Board as an ex-officio, however, City Attorney Mark Bessent did not recommend that option. He stated that Mr. Allcorn could still attend the meetings but would not be able to go into closed session.

It is recommended to reappoint Joel Johnson and to appoint new Board member Travis Eoff to fill the seat of Mr. Allcorn as a Council representative.

Mr. Acker made motion, seconded by Mr. Forisha, to reappoint Mr. Johnson and appoint Mr. Eoff as stated. All members present voted "aye".

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

Mr. Aaron recommended the reappointment of Joe Baucom and Scott Bird for another term.

Mr. Acker made motion, seconded by Mr. Eoff, to reappoint Mr. Baucom and Mr. Bird for P&Z Commission Board. All members present voted "aye".

**Consideration to approve street closure and barricades for Early ISD Homecoming parade.**

Mr. Essary provided a map showing the same route as the previous year, from the high school and ending at the stadium, for the 2024 Homecoming parade to be held on September 18, 2024. Road closures include Sudderth Drive and Sunrise.

Mr. Acker made motion to approve the road closures as presented for the Early ISD Homecoming parade. Mr. Forisha seconded the motion and all members present voted "aye".

**Consideration to approve street closure and barricades for Early ISD Homecoming parade.**

Mr. Aaron provided the following information for the Early MDD 2024/2025 Budget:

Total Revenues (including beginning fund balance)	\$983,024
Total Expenditures	\$931,144
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 51,880

Mr. Acker made motion to approve Resolution 2024-EDR03 approving the Early Municipal Development District 2024/2025 Budget. Mr. Allcorn seconded the motion and all members present voted "aye".

**Consideration to approve a variance to construct a carport at 12 Mistletoe Lane.**

Mr. Essary presented a variance request from Mr. Joseph Doddson for a nine-foot set back variance to the front property line to construct a carport. Section 8-5-2 of the City's Unified Development Code (UDC) provides the variance permit criteria. Based on that criteria, it is not Staff's recommendation to approve the variance.

Mr. Doddson was present and provided information regarding the purpose of his request. It was noted that the 25-foot setback is from property line to house front; based on the measurement of the carport the end of the carport would be within 25-foot from the back of the curb.

Further discussion concluded that Mistletoe is not a high traffic street and that there are no current or future plans to widen the street; eight notices were sent as required but there was no response received for or against the request.

Mr. Acker made motion to approve the variance, based on item (e7) of Section 8-5-2 of the UDC, to construct a carport as requested. Mr. Matlock seconded the motion and all members present voted "aye".

**Consideration to approve Resolution 2024-R11, approving the negotiated settlement between Atmos Cities Steering Committee and Atmos Energy regarding the 2024 Rate Review Mechanism filing.**

Mr. Aaron stated that the Atmos Cities Steering Committee negotiated the RRM filing with the billing rate impacts as follows:

Residential – average monthly rate impact \$5.52, a 6.84% increase

Commercial – average monthly rate impact \$13.39, a 3.44% increase

Mr. Allcorn made motion, seconded by Mr. Acker, to approve Resolution 2024-R11 as recommended by Atmos Cities Steering Committee. All members present voted “aye”.

**Consideration to approve Ordinance 2024-12, amending 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget.**

This item was not needed, no action was taken.

**Consideration to support and authorize the participation in the Brown County Wildfire Protection Plan.**

Mr. Aaron explained that the Brown County Wildfire Protection Plan would include the participation of Early, Blanket, Bangs, Brownwood and the County to apply for a grant through the Forrest Service. The grant would allow the clearing of land for land owners with overgrown brush for the prevention of wildfires. It would consist of a plan of target areas and assistance for those property owners to receive the grant.

This item will be on the agenda at Commissioners Court on September 23<sup>rd</sup> with a signing ceremony to include all entities that are participating.

Mr. Acker made motion to authorize the participation and support of the County Wildfire Protection Plan. Mr. Eoff seconded the motion and all members present voted “aye”.

**Discuss and consider rescheduling the October 8, 2024 Council meeting.**

The 2024 TML Conference is scheduled for October 8 – 11 in Houston and City Administrator, Assistant City Administrator and City Secretary will be attending the conference. It is recommended to reschedule the October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting to October 7<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Acker made motion, seconded by Mr. Forisha, to move the regular scheduled meeting from October 8 to October 7, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. All members present voted “aye”.

**Executive Session in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 551, Texas Government Code**

No Executive Session

**Administrator’s Report**

Drilling of the piers for the Boardwalk has started, forms have been set and concrete is scheduled for tomorrow.

**Announcements**

Early Chamber of Commerce Banquet – September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6PM

**Adjourn**

Mr. Forisha made motion, seconded by Mr. Matlock, to adjourn the meeting. All members present voted "aye" adjourning the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

10-07-2024

DATE

Robert Mangum

MAYOR

Brenda Kilgo

CITY SECRETARY