

The Early City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present:

**Mayor Mangrum**

**Council members:**

**Joel Johnson**

**Charles Matlock**

**Travis Eoff**

**Benny Allcorn**

**City Administrator Tony Aaron**

**City Secretary Brenda Kilgo**

**Economic Development Director Larry McConn**

**City Attorney Mark Bessent**

Council member Garry Forisha was absent.

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

**Citizen's comments**

No citizen present.

**Consider appointment of two (2) members for new terms on the Early MDD Board.**

Board members David Mercer (city employee representative) and Kris Sparks, are rolling off due to term limits, they've completed their (2) consecutive two-year terms.

Recommendations for new Board members are:

John Belcher, as an Early resident, and Amy Constancia, as city representative.

Mr. Belcher lives on Rainbow Drive and is an employee at Texas Bank. Mr. Belcher served on the Seminole Economic Development Board (2016-2018) and was Mayor of Seminole from May 2018 until April 2023 when he and his family relocated to Early.

Amy Constancia is the Marketing Coordinator for the City of Early and Visit Early CVB. She has been employed with the city since January 2022.

Mr. Johnson made motion that was seconded by Mr. Allcorn to appoint James Belcher and Amy Constancia for the Early MDD Board. All members present voted "aye" to pass the motion.

**Consider approval of Resolution 2025-R21 to deny the Oncor Electric Delivery rate change request.**

In June, Oncor filed an application with cities retaining original jurisdiction seeking to increase system-wide transmission and distribution rates by about \$834 million or approximately 13% over present revenues. As recommended by the Oncor Steering Committee, the City approved a request to suspend the effective date for 90 days to allow the Steering Committee to determine that the proposed rate increase is unreasonable.

Mr. Aaron stated that the purpose of this Resolution is to deny the rate change application proposed by Oncor and have it go through the appeal process with the PUC, as recommended by

the Oncor Steering Committee . Once the Resolution is adopted, Oncor will have 30 days to appeal the decision to the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("PUC") where the appeal will be consolidated with Oncor's filing (PUC Docket No. 58306) currently pending at the PUC.

Mr. Allcorn made motion to approve Resolution 2025-R21 to deny the ONCOR Electric Delivery rate change request as presented. Mr. Matlock seconded the motion and all members present voted "aye" to pass the motion.

**Consideration of approval to accept and dedicate Logan's Way as a street within City of Early corporate city limits.**

Logan's Way is the street that was constructed on the West of Atwoods Ranch & Home Goods for access to the parking lot for the store and to future development for the land behind the store. The street has been completed by the developer with a few cosmetic punch list items remaining so a formalized acceptance and dedication as a City street is required in order to establish maintenance responsibilities for the street and right-of-way.

Mr. Matlock made motion, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to accept and dedicate Logan's Way as a City of Early street. All members present voted "aye" to pass the motion.

**Discuss and consider date change of November 11th regular scheduled meeting.**

The first regular scheduled meeting for November is on the 11<sup>th</sup>, which is Veterans Day a national holiday. Discussion was whether to move the meeting to the 10<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> or to leave it as scheduled.

With a general consensus of availability, Mr. Matlock made motion, seconded by Mr. Allcorn, to reschedule the meeting to Monday, November 10th. All members present voted "aye" to pass the motion and move the regular scheduled meeting from November 11<sup>th</sup> to a special called meeting on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Executive Session in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Sections 551.072 and 551.087.**

Mr. Allcorn made motion to enter into Executive Session. Mr. Matlock seconded the motion and all members present voted "aye", entering into closed session at 6:08 p.m.

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

Mr. Matlock made motion to reconvene into Open Session. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion and all members present voted "aye", entering back into regular session at 6:19 p.m.

**Administrator's Report**

Public Restroom building – Now open to the Public; doors feature auto-lock system for closing period of 10PM to 5AM; temperature regulated with cooling and heating

Mangrum Street – curb and gutter progress helps define the street construction layout

Adjacent parking lot – preparation in progress of another 4" of base before 2 inches of hot mix; increases the number of parking spaces to approximately 219 from the 100 in the current lot; estimated completion of Mangrum and parking lot anticipated for end of November or first of December

Boardwalk – Still working through the final punch list; the turf and shade structure area is still a work in progress with stamped concrete border and setting footings for the shade structure itself

Butterfly Garden – garden and walkway under construction, plants to include pollination growth for monarch migration

Longhorn Subdivision – (3) homes currently under construction; drainage work in progress; road construction estimated to begin within a couple of weeks; three different square footage sizes ranging from 1300sf to 2100sf

McDonald Drive – plans received at approximately 95% complete; begin milling of road; Atmos to begin gas line replacement; sewer line replacement to be completed by City employees beginning in January

#### Announcements

- Early Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet - Thursday, October 16th 6:00PM
- Halloween Spooky Spectacular - Thursday, October 30th 4:30-6:30PM
- WCTCOG Annual Meeting – Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> 12:00PM in Abilene
- Annual Christmas Tree lighting - Tuesday, December 2nd 6:00PM
- Holly Jolly Tree Trail - December 7<sup>th</sup> - January 10<sup>th</sup>

Working on a date for Grand Opening of Boardwalk – not full completion by December 7<sup>th</sup> but anticipate some accessibility for the timing of the Tree Trail

#### Adjourn

Concluding all business matters, Mr. Matlock made motion that was seconded by Mr. Johnson to adjourn the meeting. All members present voted "aye" adjourning the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

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Robert Matlock  
MAYOR

Brenda Kile  
CITY SECRETARY