

City Council Work Session Minutes.

From the Work session held March 7th, 2019

held at El Paso City Hall

The El Paso City Council held a work session meeting on March 7th, 2019 at the El Paso City Hall.

The meeting was convened by Alex Brucker at 6:04 PM. Present were Council Members, Brucker, Kearney, and Wheatley. Also present were Dave Fever, Jack Hickok Sandee Kessinger and Casey Jones.

The 1st item covered was the Peddlers permit process. The Staff would like to improve our application for permits to help insure that peddlers are background checked, have proper IDs, obey the rules and are accountable for any mis behavior. The City of Rochelle Illinois has an ordinance that we reviewed and decided to modify as a draft policy for presentation to the council. It was noted that we have many peddlers in town, and it is difficult to identify them when driving by. Jack, Sandee and Jenny will modify the Rochelle policy and submit for review.

The next item covered was the recycle process. Casey noted that many days now that cardboard is overflowing due to not being compacted. On weekends overtime is needed to keep the area clean and accessible. The glass bottles that we collect and pay to have hauled away go to the land fill instead of recycling. There is no demand or market for used glass. Casey Jones presented a work sheet showing income VS loss for recycling. This does not include daily Labor except for Overtime on weekends and Holidays for one person as noted. Several ideas were discussed. The most agreed upon idea would be to require all garbage companies that operate in El Paso to offer curbside recycling. Jack will discuss this and other possible alternatives with all garbage companies soon.

Tree and Limb pickup along with other lawn debris was discussed. Casey presented picture of excessive amounts of tree limbs along the street. The discussion was to set some limits on amount and size of debris to be picked. Also, consideration to timing for pickup. Spring Fall or year-round. Residents would be able to contact the City to make arrangements to take material to the disposal site with their personal vehicles.

The last item discussed was how to handle calls for trapping nuisance animals. We receive many calls throughout the year for skunks, opossums, racoons and other animals in people's yards. When our current employee that handles these calls retires, no one else will take over this duty. The best option is to supply the residents with contact information from a person that does this type of work. Currently there is someone in Eureka that does this.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:43 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jack Hickok, Director of Public Service