

## Important Notice

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**This meeting will be held with Council Members and the Mayor at the El Paso City Hall at 125 W Front Street.**

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**Pursuant to law, The Governor of Illinois Executive Order for wearing a mask and social distancing will still be enforced. If you are having issues or have questions, please contact us at the number below, prior to the meeting. (309) 527-4005.**

***Public comment will only be allowed in person at the council meeting.***

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Mayor Pro Tem: Motion by Kilpatrick, seconded by Moore to approve Alderman Brucker as Mayor Pro Tem for this meeting. Voice vote taken of all ayes.

A Regular Meeting of the El Paso City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Brucker on April 4, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

Council Members Present: Brucker, Mool, Moore, Staulcup and Kilpatrick. Absent: Barker. The Mayor reported the meeting is being recorded. Mayor Price was in attendance by Zoom but Alderman Brucker was to run meeting.

Present in Person: Director of Public Services Barry Kauther, Treasurer Linda Haas, Clerk Fever and Colton Scott.

Also present by Zoom Application: Administrative Assistant Sandee Kessinger. Others names

from zoom software was Tom and Karen.

Others present: Officer Barth, his parents and 5 friends were present at the start of the Meeting.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Moore, seconded by Staulcup to approve agenda as presented. Voice vote taken of all ayes.

Consent Agenda.

Council Minutes: The minutes of the March 21, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting were presented in written form.

Register of Bills: The Register of Bills in the amount of \$ 79,759.79 as of April 4th were presented.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion by Kilpatrick, seconded by Staulcup to approve items on consent agenda as presented. Voice vote taken of all ayes.

Public Comments: None.

Officer Barth Swearing In: Clerk Fever then swore in Charles Barth as Patrol Officer. Officer Barth was then congratulated by his Parents, Council and Attendees,

Old Business: Recreation Building Loan: Loan proposals were received from Heartland Bank and Trust Company and Flanagan State Bank, one with a 5 year fixed rate and the other with a 10 year fixed rate. It was requested that the five year submit a 10 year fixed, which they did. Possible Options were presented to 5 members of City Staff on Friday as follows: Plan 1.10 at rate of 2.75% and with payment of \$164,210 a year, 1st 10 year interest would be estimated as \$547,135. And Plan 1.20 at a rate of 2.60% with same payment, interest would be estimated as \$517,394. Staff choose plan 1.20 and recommended to Council. Motion by Kilpatrick, seconded by Staulcup for the approval of authorization to obtain a 2.5 million dollar loan with plan 2.10 subject to constructing proposed Recreation Building. Motion also gives authorization to Mayor, Treasurer and Clerk to sign documents required for loan. Roll call vote taken of all ayes. It was announced that plan 2.10 was from Heartland Bank and Trust Company. Flanagan State Bank presented the 2.75% fixed rate and Heartland Bank and Trust Company presented the 2.60% fixed rate.

New Business:

Liquor License Renewals:

1. Kirby Foods: Motion by Moore, seconded by Kilpatrick to approve renewal of liquor licenses for Kirby Foods Inc. DBA El Paso IGA classes E & G Voice vote taken of all ayes

2. L. Percy Tucker Post: Motion by Staulcup, seconded by Moore to approve renewal of liquor licenses for L. Percy Tucker Post, DBA El Paso VFW for classes C, F & I Voice vote taken of all ayes.

3. Freedom Oil Company: Motion by Moore ,seconded by Kilpatrick to approve renewal of liquor licenses for Freedom Oil Company for classes C, F & I. Roll call vote taken of all ayes.

4. Casey's Retail Company: Motion by Mool, seconded by Staulcup to approve renewal of liquor licenses for Casey's Retail Company E & G Roll call vote taken of all ayes.

5. TNT Holdings LLC: Motion by Mool, seconded by Moore to approve renewal of liquor licenses for TNT Holdings DBA The Legacy Building for class J Voice vote taken of all ayes.

Director of Public Service: Barry presented a written report and reported on concrete work completed for center of Franklin Park and Gazebo will be ordered. A storm tile has been unplugged at South Pointe Park and much of the tile will need to be replaced within the park. The new flag pole at McGrath Highway Chevrolet has been installed.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor had nothing additional.

City Council Comments: None.

Police Chief: Chief spoke of new Officer and reported that Kayley Burke had resigned and is employed by the Sheriff's Department.

Parks & Recreation: Colton reported a tournament with 8 teams was held last Saturday and the maiden appearance of the Concession Trailer went well. Planning for possible Recreation Building continues.

Clerk's Report: The Clerk had nothing additional.

Attorney Stoller was absent.

Executive Session: Motion by Moore, seconded by Staulcup, to adjourn into an executive session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation of employees under 5 ILCS 120/2 Exception C1 and to discuss the purchase or lease of real property for the public body under 5 ILCS 120/2 Exception C!. Meeting adjourned into executive session at 7:35 P.M. Staff members to be present are: Barry Kauther, Administrative Assistant Sandee Kessinger by Zoom, Treasurer Linda Haas and Clerk Fever. The executive session is anticipated to last 30 minutes and will begin at 7:45 PM and will resume in open session at 8:15 PM, at which time the City Council may move to continue in executive session if additional discussion is warranted. Action is anticipated following the executive session. Voice vote taken of all ayes

Open session was called back to order at 9:06 PM with no action from Executive Session.

Motion by Brucker, seconded by Moore to adjourn. Roll call vote taken of all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

David W. Fever, City Clerk