

El Paso City Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
August 6, 2018

A Regular Meeting of the El Paso City Council was called to order by Mayor JW Price on August 6, 2018 at 7:30 PM.

Council Members present: Kearney, Rigsby, Kilpatrick and Steffen.

Absent: Brucker

Also present: Director of Public Service Jack Hickok, Treasurer Linda Haas, Attorney Jim Stoller, Chief Duncan, Administrative Assistant Sandee Kessinger, Patrolmen Wilkey & Montoney, Kim Kearney as the local press and many other members of the community.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Steffen, seconded by Rigsby to approve swapping Consent Agenda item A with item B. Voice vote taken of all ayes.

Consent Agenda

Council Minutes: The minutes of the July 16, 2018 City Council Meeting were presented in written form.

Beautification Minutes: The minutes of the July 16, 2018 Beautification Committee Meeting were presented in written form.

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

Public Comments:

Shelby DeMarb requested that the Council consider reimbursing the lifeguards for the amount that it cost them to get their lifeguard certification since the pool has not been opened.

Jenna Kronen stated that she was responding to the letter that Jack Hickok had sent out to the softball players parents and coaches in regards to their attempt to prepare the softball field for practice. She has also written a letter with other parents stating complaints and changes that they think would work for the softball programs. She would also like the City to allow a "Commissioner" for the leagues to schedule and oversee all games.

Ashley Brown wants the City to consider refunding the certification fee to the life guards. Her child chose not to work for the City doing the odd jobs that were offered.

Michelle Ramsey was also a parent who had assisted in writing the letter wants the City to consider options especially a concession stand.

#### New City Business

New Zoning Committee persons were sworn in for a 4-year term by Mayor Price. They are: Thad Mool, Mary Wilkey and Kevin Wheatley.

New Police Officers were sworn in by Mayor Price. They are: Bryan Wilkey and Sean Montoney.

Mayor Price explained the CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) Program that EPG School District, Eureka and Roanoke-Benson schools are planning to join. It prepares students with hands on training to start their own businesses the Mayor would like the City to make a 1 time donation of \$3,000 as a start-up sponsor.

Motion to donate to the CEO Program was made by Steffen and seconded by Kilpatrick. Voice vote taken of all ayes.

#### Director of Public Service Report:

Public Works is using the new spray patch machine, tree stumps will be ground down at a later date, Media Com rates will be going up, Invoice Cloud update, Auditors have begun their annual audit, reminder that National Night Out is tonight.

Police Report:

National Night Out, new officers will start on Wednesday, Burton is gone for reserve duty until Aug 20, so far there have been 28 Ordinance Violations on cars alone.

Mayors Report:

Chuck Burton resigned from the Council for personal reasons. Anyone wanting to fill in his spot must contact the Mayor or City Hall before the meeting on August 20, 2018. Thank you to Chuck for his service.

Pool permit has been denied again for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time. The pool will not be opening this year. Permits cost \$200 plus engineer fees each time we submit. The City will keep on submitting until we get it approved.

Parks & Rec Department (Stoller & Scott) are working hard at making changes and people need to be patient.

Beck's is holding a large meeting in El Paso tomorrow, they are expecting 100's of people into our community.

Casey has been to a Tri County meeting and is considering using a machine that will be able to evaluate the condition of the streets. This will help him determine which streets need repair sooner than others.

Council Comments:

Kearney would like to go to the IML Conference, the Mayor is considering going.

Motion by Kearney, seconded by Steffen to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote taken of all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

Respectfully Submitted by

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