

El Paso City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2018

A Regular Meeting of the El Paso City Council was called to order by Mayor Price on August 20, 2018 at 7:35 PM.

Council Members Present: Mayor Price, Brucker, Kearney, Rigsby, Steffen, Kilpatrick and Rigsby. Absent: None

Also Present: Director of Public Service Jack Hickok, Administrative Assistant Sandee Kessinger, Chief David Duncan, Casey Jones, Derek Stoller, Colton Scott, Ken Faulk, Chris Gentes, Becky Carter, Local Press Kim Kearney.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Steffen, seconded by Rigsby to approve the agenda as presented. Voice vote taken of all ayes.

Consent Agenda

Council Minutes: The minutes of the August 6, 2018 City Council Meeting were presented in written form.

Zoning Board Minutes: The minutes of the August 16, 2018 Zoning Board of Appeals Hearing were presented in written form.

The Treasurers Report for the Month ending July 31, 2018 showing Investments and Revenue and Expenses were presented in written form.

Register of Bills: The Register of Bills in the amount of \$99,789.86 was presented.

Approval of the Consent Agenda: Motion by Steffen, seconded by Kearney to approve items on the Consent Agenda. Voice vote taken of all ayes.

Public Comments: none

New Business

Mayor Price has submitted the name of Ken Faulk to complete the unexpired term of Alderman for Ward 3. Motion by Rigsby, seconded by Kilpatrick to approve the submission. Voice vote taken of all ayes.

Mayor Price swore in Ken Faulk as the new Alderman of Ward 3 with the term expiring May 2019.

Zoning Board Action Presented: Motion by Brucker, seconded by Kilpatrick to accept the Board's recommendation to approve an area variance for Chris Gentes at 103 Delaney Drive. Voice vote taken of all ayes.

Discussion of Billboard Ordinance: Hickok stated that there was an ordinance in place regarding billboards but the ordinance must have been overlooked when the permits were signed in the fall of 2015. After viewing billboard ordinances from many area towns, the Council agreed to pattern an ordinance after the one that Eureka has in place. They would like to schedule a work session with Attorney Stoller.

Director of Public Service Report

Pool permit has still not been approved. Farnsworth is still working on it.

New power stations have been installed at Jefferson Park as the old ones were no longer safe. Events taking place in the park such as the Corn Festival and Kiwanis Christmas light display will be able to use them.

Street closures for the Corn Festival are in an ordinance already so there is no need for any action. They will be closed Wednesday to Sunday of the Corn Festival week.

Mayors Report

Proclamation for National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month will be read at the next meeting.

Becks Expo Day was quite successful. It brought many people to El Paso.

National Night Out was a success again this year. Had many good comments.

Kevin Layden is resigning from the Zoning Board so the Mayor will be looking for a replacement.

IML Conference is coming up and need to book rooms if attending or can go as a day trip.

Woodford County will be voting on a new wind farm to be at city limits of Eureka, this could happen to any town. Mayor is encouraging people to call our county board members to voice your opinion.

Council Comments

Concerned about smoking in front of the bars on Front St. and many cigarette butts on the ground. Chief Duncan will look into enforcing the smoking ordinance.

Staff Reports

Police: National Night Out had approx. 400 people there and went well.

Officer Burton will be back from his National Guard duty soon.

New officers have passed all their tests and are still training by riding along with other officers. Chief Duncan and Jack Hickok are going to Star Com Radio's informational meeting this week. Rigsby questioned why Police Officer's pictures weren't on the city's website so people can identify them. Chief is not interested in doing that for safety reasons for the officers.

Public Works: Spray patch cost so far is about 1/3 of the price we spent last year with an outside company. Still removing trees. Waiting on MFT bids. Casey is not sure he wants to spend \$10,000 for an outside company to give us a score on our roads from best to worst. He would rather spend that money fixing the roads he knows are not good.

Water/Sewer: Water meters are still being replaced and have fixed a few small leaks. Sewer has been quiet. Steffen would like to see report on billed water vs used water since many leaks have been fixed.

Parks and Rec: In house soccer starting with 14 teams. Girls travel basketball tryouts are coming up. Boys will be in September. Discussion on lifeguard certification reimbursement. Derek will check to see if any lifeguards did get certified or recertified. Many of the lifeguards were supposed to take the certification class at El Paso's pool with Derek helping teach the class. Since the pool did not open this summer, Derek is not sure if any of them went elsewhere to get certification.

No City Clerk or City Attorney reports

Motion by Kearney, seconded by Brucker to adjourn. Voice vote was taken of all ayes. Meeting adjourned 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
Sandee Kessinger, Administrative Assistant