

El Paso City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2018

A Regular Meeting of the El Paso City Council was called to order by Mayor Price on September 17, 2018 at 7:30 PM.

Council Members Present: Kearney, Brucker, Faulk, Steffen and Kilpatrick. Absent: Rigsby.

Also present: Director of Public Services Jack Hickok, Treasurer Linda Haas, Chief Dave Duncan, Casey Jones, Derek Stoller, Becky Carter and Kim Kearney as the local press.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Steffen, seconded by Kearney to approve agenda as presented. Voice vote taken of all ayes. Remove Item B.

Consent Agenda.

Council Minutes: The minutes of the August 27, 2018 Special City Council Meeting were presented in written form.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report for the month ending August 31, 2018 showing Investments and revenue and expenses were presented in written form.

Register of Bills: The Register of Bills in the amount of \$128,625.40 was presented.

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

Public Comments: Shelby Demarb spoke of lifeguard certification and was asking for fees to be reimbursed to guards because they did not work.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

National Suicide Prevention Proclamation. A proclamation of awareness of 'National Suicide prevention' was read by Mayor Price. Motion by Brucker, seconded by Steffen to approve proclamation. Voice vote taken of all ayes.

A Discussion of Development of a solar farm ordinance for the City of El Paso was discussed. A few recommended changes by Jennie, will be included in Ordinance prior to presented for action.

Director of Public Service: Jack reported he was gone last week, but he got updates from Farnsworth today including pool application was submitted again, IDPH and supplier disagree, plans for drainage on softball diamond are being completed and they continue to look at Beck's storm water issues.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor reported that the Woodford County RLF is supposed to release money for 2 projects within the next year. He has received a thank you from the CEO program and he wishes to thank the Corn Festival Committee from this year. He then read a letter of resignation from Sarah Steffen as she is resigning October 2nd. He thanked her for her service and announced he would receive suggestions for a replacement council person.

City Council Comments: Alderman Kilpatrick spoke about an e-mail from Seth Campbell complimenting the Recreation Department.

Alderman Kearney spoke of a hole at 452 E 3rd created by Heartland Cable.

Alderman Brucker spoke about a Parks & Recreation Focus Group composed of graduate students from ISU and their Professor. They will meet and will be back with their findings and suggestions.

Staff Reports:

Police Department. Chief Duncan reported Corn Festival went smooth with only one arrest. New officers are to be shadowed yet and the canine car is being cleaned and will be striped.

Public Works: Casey reported they finished spray patching, City Cleanup Days are the 1st 3 Mondays of October. They will be doing the first installation of fire hydrants on their own tomorrow and we now have a service which will be checking all sewer pumps regularly.

Parks & Recreation: The In House Soccer has two weeks left, travel soccer for 8 more weeks, volleyball registration is over, with boys try outs Thursday, and there will be a 3rd team for both girls and boys travel.

Clerk's Report: Clerk reported Sales Tax Receipts for sales in June 2018 are up 24.68% from June 2017 and year to date up 18.36%.

City Attorney: Attorney Stoller absent

Executive Session: Motion by Kearney, seconded by Kilpatrick, to recess into an executive session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensations, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees or a public body. Meeting adjourned at 8:24 P.M. Staff members to be present are: City Clerk Fever, Chief Duncan, Public Services Director Jack Hickok and Treasurer Linda Haas. The executive session is anticipated to last 30 minutes and will begin at 8:30 PM and will resume in open session at 9:00 PM, at which time the City Council may move to continue in executive session if additional discussion is warranted. Action

is not anticipated following the executive session. Voice vote taken of all ayes

Open session was called back to order at 9:10 PM and it was announced that no action will be taken.

Motion by Kearney, seconded by Kilpatrick to adjourn. Voice vote taken of all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:11 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

David W. Fever,
City Clerk