

El Paso City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the El Paso City Council was called to order by Mayor Mool on March 21, 2016 at 7:30 PM.

Council Members Present: Brucker, Burton, Price, Benedict, Benedict, and Roberts. Absent: None.

Also Present: Utilities Director Chuck Arbuckle, Casey Jones, Director of Public Service Jack Hickock, Sgt. Bryan Clark, Sgt. Dave Duncan, Jim McWilliams, Ray & Donna Haas, Mark Kapraun, Randy Garrels, and Treasurer Jennie Kearney as the local press.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited.

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

Consent Agenda. Council Minutes: The minutes of the March 7, 2016 City Council Meeting were presented in written form.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report for the month ending February 29, 2016 showing Investments and revenue and expenses were presented in written form.

Register of Bills: The Register of Bills in the amount of \$111,905.83 was presented.

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

Public Comments: None

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Food Pantry Building: Much discussion was held concerning the food pantry building and program. After which Motion by Benedict, seconded by Price to offer to sell city building at 148 E Main Street and to list with all Realtors in town. Roll call vote taken of ayes.

Attorney Stoller stated that if multiple agreements made with multiple Realtors they should be uniform and any agreement should be presented on our next agenda for action

Mayor's Report: The Mayor had nothing additional to report.

Director of Public Service: Jack reported he is working on budget and wage rates.

City Council Comments: None.

Staff Reports:

Police Chief: Bryan Clark and Dave Duncan reported on IRS and Publishers Clearing House scams effecting El Paso citizens.

Public Works: Casey reported all street signs except on Route 24 and Route 251 are installed and they continue to pickup brush.

Parks & Recreation Director: Brandon Martin report spring and summer planning and registrations continue. Cleaning up limbs in parks should start now with spring weather.

Utilities Director: Chuck Arbuckle had left meeting responding to an alarm at south lift station.

Staff Reports: Clerk's Report: The Clerk reported Sales Tax for sales for Calendar year 2015 total is \$1,127,658.56 and up 15% from 2014. A printed proposed 2016-2017 Operating and Capital Budget was passed out for review and with final approval proposed for Thursday, April 28, 2016.

City Attorney: Attorney Stoller requested to council members review recommended parking, stop, and yield listings to be included in code book. Listings will be presented for approval at next council meeting. Rules concerning billboards within city will be reviewed. He also asked if chapter on ESDA is being worked on, and was told the County is working on a draft and Ron will customize for city.

Executive Session: Motion by Burton, seconded by Benedict, to recess into an executive session to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for employment or review the performance of a public employee. Voice vote taken of all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 P.M. Staff members to be present are: David Fever, City Clerk and Jack Hickock. The executive session is anticipated to last 30 minutes and will begin at 8:40 PM and will resume in open session at 9:10 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 9:55 PM and it was announced that no action is to be taken this evening.

Motion by Brucker, seconded by Steffen to adjourn. Voice vote taken of all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:56 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, David W. Fever, City Clerk