

El Paso City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the El Paso City Council was called to order by Mayor Mool on May 16, 2016 at 7:30 PM.

Council Members Present: Brucker, Burton, Benedict, Steffen, and Roberts. Absent: Price.

Also Present: Utilities Director Chuck Arbuckle, Casey Jones, Chief Jeff Price, Director of Public Service Jack Hickock, Recreation Director Brandon Martin, Sgt. Bryan Clark, Garrett Stockhum, Gene Heller, two representatives from Heartland Cable, Kim Kearney and Treasurer Jennie Kearney as the local press.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited.

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

Consent Agenda. Council Minutes: The minutes of the April 28, 2016 City Council Meeting were presented in written form.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report for the month ending April 30, 2016 showing Investments and revenue and expenses were presented in written form.

Register of Bills: The Register of Bills in the amount of \$98,147.01 was presented.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion by Burton, seconded by Steffen 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: Resolution 16-1 concerning sale of excess property at 148 E Main Street was presented. Motion by Benedict, seconded by Burton to pass proposed Resolution 16-1 with correction of date concerning sale listing agreement to October 31, 2016. Roll call vote taken of Ayes: Benedict, Burton, Roberts, Mayor Mool. Nays: Steffen. Abstain: Brucker.

Heartland Cable Proposal: City Ordinance 957 concerning cable franchises was discussed at length. After much discussion Attorney to draft an ordinance to change fee from 5% to 3% and present at June 6th meeting.

Boring Guideline Ordinance: Draft to be modified and presented in June.

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

Director of Public Service: Jack reported he has been working on several zoning requests.

City Council Comments: None.

Staff Reports:

Police Chief: Chief Price reported on towing fees over the past 4 years and Bryan Clark has graduated from his training.

Public Works: Casey reported City Wide Cleanup was completed today and 7 dumpsters were filled in the past 3 weeks.

Parks & Recreation Director: Brandon Martin reported that school activities are ending and they are hosting school regional games this week. Summer recreation leagues are starting and the pool is scheduled to open Memorial Day weekend. Life guard classes are next week.

Utilities Director: Chuck Arbuckle reported Lewis, Yockey and Brown are engineering water main along Walnut Street. North water tower inspection is being planned. A third meter reading system was demonstrated last week and they are planning on visiting other communities who use these three systems.

Staff Reports: Clerk's Report: The Clerk reported Sales Tax year to date after 2 months is up 8.49%.

City Attorney: Attorney Stoller asked why we require a bond for Liquor license Renewal. It is believe that this would be a guarantee that they will pay sales tax to state and city.

Attorney Stoller believes that within a couple months, Beck's will be asking for the City to vacate Second Street west of Fayette Street.

Motion by Benedict, seconded by Steffen to adjourn. Voice vote taken of all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:46 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

David W. Fever,
City Clerk