

CITY OF EL PASO

CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

125 W Front Street
Monday February 1, 2016
7:30 PM

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call:**

Ron Mool	Mayor
John Benedict	Ward I
Sarah Steffen	Ward I
Alex Brucker	Ward II
J. W. Price	Ward II
Robert Roberts	Ward III
Chuck Burton	Ward III
4. **Approval of Agenda**
5. **Consent Agenda:**
 - A. Consideration and approval of the minutes for the January 18, 2016 City Council Meeting.
6. **Public Comments**
7. **New City Council Business:**
 - A. Consideration and approval of the 2015 Audit.
 - B. Consideration and approval to solicit professional accounting services to evaluate and make recommendations where they would recommend outside accounting assistance in the fiscal operations of the City.
 - C. Discussion of unresolved code revisions, Chapter 171 regarding Explosives and Fireworks, and Chapter 115 regarding Animals.
8. **Mayor's Report**
9. **Director of Public Service Report:**
10. **City Council Comments**

11. Staff Reports:

1. City Clerk
2. City Attorney

12. Adjourn

El Paso City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2016

A regular meeting of the El Paso City Council was called to order by Mayor Mool on January 18, 2016 at 7:30 PM.

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

Also Present: Administrative Assistant Karen Tallman, Director of Public Service Hickok, Utilities Director Arbuckle, Casey Jones, Brian Clark, Police Chief Jeff Price, Parks and Rec Director Brandon Martin, Rick Phillips, Treasurer Jennie Kearney

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited.

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

Consent Agenda:

City Council Minutes: The minutes of the January 4th, 2016 City Council Meeting were presented in written form.

Treasurers report. Treasurers report for month ending Dec 31, 2016 showing revenues and expenses were presented in written form.

Register of bills for January, 2016 was presented in the amount of \$67,533.60.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion by Price, Seconded by Benedict to approve items on the consent agenda as presented. Voice vote taken. All ayes

Public comments: None

New City Council Business: None

Mayors Report: Mayor Mool discussed snow removal from the last snow and the damage and repairs done to trucks.

City council Comments: Alderman Brucker discussed issues at Franklin park with garbage being thrown on the ground and general disrespect of park areas from people using these facilities. He has had numerous complaints of littering and noise. Chief Price and Director Hickok detailed some of the actions taken to resolve this ongoing issue.

Staff Reports:

- A. Chief Price stated that checks on Parks are ongoing and Police presence has been increased in these areas.
- B. Public Works. Casey stated that storm cleanup continues as weather permits. Crews have been over entire town once and will check all areas and pick up as need on a continuing basis.
- C. Parks and Recreation Director. Reported that trash pickup at the parks will be twice a week to ensure garbage cans are available. Basketball tournaments are ongoing.
- D. Utilities Director. All facilities are running. Replaced a sensor on one lift station after the power outage. Finished up meter reads after issues with readers was resolved.
- E. Director of Public Service. Jack stated that he felt the city crews had done a good job with brush cleanup. All equipment has been repaired and ready for next storm. Checking parks daily for trash.
- F. City Clerk. Absent
- G. City Attorney. Absent

Executive session:

Motion by Price, seconded by Brucker to recess into an Executive Session at 8:23 PM. Voice vote taken all ayes.

Executive session:

A. To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or review the performance of a public employee.

Motion to adjourn executive session at 9:55 PM by Burton. Seconded by Price. Voice vote taken. All ayes.

Motion to adjourn Council meeting by Burton. Seconded by Steffen. Voice vote taken of all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:57 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Jack Hickok, Director of Public Service

FIREWORKS / EXPLOSIVES CODE

DEFINITION OF FIREWORKS

The term fireworks shall mean and include any explosive composition or any substance or combination of substances, or article prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or audible effect of a temporary exhibitional nature by explosion, combustion, deflagration or detonation, and shall include blank cartridges, toy cannons in which explosives are used, the type of balloons which require fire underneath to propel the same, firecrackers, torpedoes, sky rockets, Roman candles, bombs or other fireworks of like construction and any fireworks containing any explosive compound; or any tablets or other device containing any explosive substance, or containing combustible substances producing visual effects. The term "fireworks" shall not include snake or glow worm pellets; smoke devices; sparklers; trick noisemakers known as "party poppers", "booby traps", "snappers", "trick matches", "cigarette loads" and "auto burglar alarms"; toy pistols, toy canes, toy guns, or other devices in which paper or plastic caps containing twenty-five hundredths grains or less of explosive compound are used, provided they are so constructed that the hand cannot come in contact with the cap when in place for the explosion; and toy pistol paper or plastic caps which contain less than twenty-five hundredths grains of explosive mixture; the sale and use of which shall be permitted at all times.

§ 171-1. Storage of fireworks. [Amended 1978 by Ord. No. 507]

It is unlawful to store any fireworks in the City, except as may be necessary for the giving of a licensed public exhibition of pyrotechnics, as hereinafter provided for. Any such storage must be under the supervision of, and subject to the approval of the State Fire Marshal.

§ 171-2. Discharge of fireworks. [Amended 1979 by Ord. No. 533]

It is unlawful to discharge or set off any fireworks or pyrotechnics in

the City; provided, the public exhibitions of fireworks and pyrotechnics may be given if a permit therefor be granted by the city council.

§ 171-3. Dynamite.

It is unlawful to keep or store any dynamite in the City in on any premises or in any building, unless the individual or corporation has an appropriate explosive license to handle and store dynamite from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

§ 171-4. Gunpowder.

It is unlawful to keep or store any black powder or gunpowder or guncotton in excess of five pounds on any one premises in the City.

§ 171-5. Rules of state Fire Marshal.

All explosives kept or stored in the City shall be kept and stored in accordance with the rules enforced by the State Fire Marshal, with regard thereto.

It is unlawful to discharge

§ 171-6. Penalty. [Amended 1978 by Ord. No. 507; 1979 by Ord. No. 533]

Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this code shall be subject to the general penalty provisions provided by this chapter.