

Important Notice

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A Regular Meeting of the El Paso City Council was called to order by Mayor J.W. Price on on July 19, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

Council Members Present: Brucker, Moore, Staulcup, Barker, Kilpatrick and Mool. Absent: None. The Mayor reported the meeting is being recorded.

Present in Person: Director of Public Services Barry Kauther, Treasurer Linda Haas, Attorney James Stoller, Clerk Fever, Police Chief Joe Montemurro, Operations Supervisor Casey Jones, and Recreation Director Colton Scott. Also present was Kim and Jennie Kearney as the local press.

Also present by Zoom Application: Administrative Assistant Sandee Kessinger, Bob and Karen.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Brucker, seconded by Staulcup to approve agenda as presented. Roll call vote taken of all ayes.

Consent Agenda.

Council Minutes: The minutes of the June 21, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting were presented in written form. Correction to draft to change Council attendance from Kearney to Kilpatrick.

Judiciary Committee Minutes: The minutes of the July 1, 2021 Judiciary Committee Meeting were presented in written form.

Register of Bills: The Register of Bills in the amount of \$ 170,163.57 as of July 19th was presented.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report for the month ending June 30, 2021 showing investments, revenue and expenses were presented in written form.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion by Moore, seconded by Staulcup to approve items on consent agenda as amended. Roll call vote taken of all ayes.

Public Comments: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Water and Sewer Fees: Motion by Mool, seconded by Brucker to amend the fee schedule Section 302-89 deleting the fee of \$100.00 for multiple water shut off's within a year of first shut off. Multiple shut off's will be \$75.00. Roll call vote taken of all ayes.

Authorized Transactions with Heartland Bank & Trust Company: Motion by Kilpatrick, seconded by Moore to approval documentation for Heartland Bank & Trust Company concerning authorized transactions and who is approved to take action. Roll call vote taken of all ayes.

Proposed Ordinance #1045, amending Chapter 315: Motion by Brucker, seconded by Staulcup to approve Proposed Ordinance #1045, An Ordinance Eliminating Building Permits for Routine Maintenance or Repairs. Roll call vote taken of all ayes.

Director of Public Service: Barry reported that they have been trimming trees and Ameren IP will be working on substation expansion in October and bases for new power lines in November.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor acknowledged that the parks are looking good and new park signs will be installed this week.

City Council Comments: Alderman Barker asked about a children at play sign on Clay by Elm. Chief to study and make a recommendation.

Police Chief Report: Chief reported numbers of calls for month of June and they will be adding to each squad car an ecrash and ecitation, making El Paso PD as first department in Woodford to have both.

Operations Supervisor: Casey reported they are continuing with concrete work, and they repaired a water leak between 5th and 6th Streets last week. Sump pump inspections are going slow, mostly as people are not answering doors. Camera work of Sewer Lines is going well.

Parks and Recreation Department: Colton reported Tractor/Car Show will be August 7th. Baseball and Softball are done and the pool's last days will be August 21st and 22nd.

Clerk's Report: The Clerk reported on Sales Tax received for sales in the month of April, 2021 which was over \$188,000 up 75.5% from month of April 2020.

Attorney Stoller reported Ameren IP will be putting up single tower poles south of South Pointe Park.

Executive Session: Motion by Moore, seconded by Staulcup, to adjourn into an executive session to discuss Security procedures and/or a reasonable potential danger to safety of employees, and the appointment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity and the purchase of lease of real property for the public body. Meeting adjourned into executive session at 7:29 P.M. Staff members to be present are: Barry Kauther, Administrative Assistant Sandee Kessinger, Treasurer Linda Haas and Clerk Fever. The executive session is anticipated to last 30 minutes and will begin at 7:35 PM and will resume in open session at 8:05 PM, at which time the City Council may move to continue in executive session if additional discussion is warranted. No action is anticipated following the executive session. Voice vote taken of all ayes

Open session was called back to order at 8:05 PM with no action from Executive Session.

Motion by Moore, seconded by Staulcup to adjourn. Voice vote taken of all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

David W. Fever,
City Clerk