

## 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 July 20, 2020 at 7:30 PM.

Council Members Present: Kearney, Wheatley, Brucker, Faulk, Moore and Kilpatrick. Absent: None. The Mayor reported the meeting is being recorded.

Present in Person: Director of Public Services Jack Hickok, Supervisor Casey Jones Chief Dave Duncan, Treasurer Linda Haas, and Clerk Fever and Kim Kearney the local press.

Also present in Person: Don Boswell, Todd and Kathy Johnson, Joe Monemurro, Ron and Cara Howard, Officer Bryan Wilkey, Officer Cole Mekley, Jeannie Mekley, and Kurt Russow.

Also present by Zoom Application: Administrative Assistant Sandee Kessinger, Others names from zoom software Lisa Hocker, Karen Wilkey, Dave G., Bob, Jennifer B, and MW, iphone.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited.

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

Consent Agenda.

Council Minutes: The minutes of the July 6, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting were presented in written form.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report for the month ending June 30, 2020 showing investments, revenue and expenses were presented in written form.

Register of Bills: The Register of Bills in the amount of \$ 104,925.44 was presented.

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

Public Comments:

Todd & Kathy Johnson: Todd and Kathy of 55 E 7th St., spoke of Sewer backup in their basement just after a 14 month remodel was completed last week. Todd asked that the Council to get it done as far as sewer issues. He also expressed that we do it or do not talk about.

Don Boswell: Don of 485 W 4th St., said that his toilet in basement overflowed and the pump sewerage for 2.5 hours all into backyard, He said he has lived here many years and this has never happen before.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

1. Kirby Foods, DBA El Paso IGA: Motion by Brucker ,seconded by Moore to approve renewal of liquor licenses for Kirby Foods for classes E & G. Roll call vote taken of all ayes.

2. Freedom Oil: Motion by Moore ,seconded by Wheatley to approve renewal of liquor licenses for Freedom Oil for classes C, F & I. Roll call vote taken of all ayes.

Oath for Officer Cole Mekley: Clerk then swore Cole Mekley in as Patrolman for the El Paso Police Department.

Director of Public Service: Jack reported on water problems. We have inquired with IRWA for a possible smoke testing program. and other means to repair infiltration to our sewer system. He also gave report for Parks and Recreation Department.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor spoke that last Wednesday was tuff for all in our community. He told about a video of one resident of sewer backup but it also show his sump pump discharge shows it is going into sanitary sewer. He committed that we will make every effort to stop infiltration into sewer system.

City Council Comments: Alderman Moore spoke of a great baseball season and recommends to younger players that it would be a neat experience to watch the college age players in games they are having at South Pointe Diamonds.

Alderman Kearney ask about recycling and was told we are accepting newspapers and cardboard and to watch for other items returning.

Police Report: Chief Duncan report Cole Mekley is back full time replace Jesse King who has left for other employment. Range qualification for all officers have been delayed till Thursday this week because of storms last week. His department has recovered a stolen trailer from Peoria. They continue to work on Ordinance Violations.

Public Works: Casey reported the continue to work on concrete on parking spaces at community building and dealing with water and sewer issues.

Clerk's Report: Clerk reported discount card program delayed to August 15th. He also presented a report concerning minutes that lift station have run in July and gallons pumped into sewer lagoon by day for July.

Executive Session: Motion by Kearney, seconded by Moore, to recess into an executive session to discuss 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. Meeting adjourned into executive session at 8:17 P.M. Staff members to be present are: Jack Hickok, Treasurer Linda Haas, Administrative Assistant Sandee Kessinger on Zoom and Clerk Fever. The executive session is anticipated to last 20 minutes and will begin at 8:25 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 called back to order at 8:39 PM.

Police Chief Position: Motion by Brucker, seconded by Kearney to hire Joe Monemurro as Police Chief as proposed with him qualifying to serve as a policeman in Illinois. Roll call vote taken of all ayes.

Mr. Monemurro was present and thanked the Council for the opportunity to serve El Paso.

Motion by Wheatley, seconded by Kilpatrick to adjourn. Voice vote taken of all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, David W. Fever, City Clerk

