

El Paso City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2021

Important Notice

This meeting will be held with Council Members and the Mayor at the El Paso City Hall at 125 West Front Street.

The meeting will be available for your viewing and listening at home via the internet through the ZOOM application or phone. To use this application, you will need to install ZOOM to your electronic device. The below access code and/or link can be used by anyone in the public to access the meeting in ZOOM. If you would like an official invite or have access questions, you may email your request to cityhall@elpasoil.org by 4:30pm on Monday to enable us to send you a meeting Invitation.

Pursuant to law, a small amount of public can also still attend the meeting in person at El Paso City Hall. The Governor of Illinois Executive Order for size of groups and social distancing will still be enforced. We would encourage anyone wanting to attend the meeting, to do so electronically. If you are having issues or have questions, please contact us at the number below, prior to the meeting. (309) 527-4005.

A regular meeting of the El Paso City Council was called to order by Mayor JW Price on September 20, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

Council Members present: Moore, Kilpatrick, Staulcup, and Mool.

Absent: Brucker; Barker; Treasurer, Linda Haas and Clerk, David Fever.

Present in person: Chief Montemurro; Director of Public Service, Barry Kauther; Operations Supervisor, Casey Jones; Parks & Rec Director, Colton Scott; Jennie Kearney; Officer, Kaleb Rhoads and family and Officer Kayley Burke and family.

Also present via Zoom application: Administrative Assistant, Sandee Kessinger and Karen.

The Mayor reported that the meeting is being recorded.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of the Agenda: A motion was made by Mool and seconded by Kilpatrick to accept the agenda. A voice vote was taken of all ayes.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Moore and seconded by Staulcup to accept the Consent Agenda which includes the August 30, 2021 Meeting Minutes, the Register of Bills for \$93,160.28 and the August 2021 Treasurers Report. A voice vote was taken of all ayes.

Public Comments: None.

New Business:

Mayor Price Swore in new full time Police Officers Kayley Burke and Kaleb Rhoads.

A motion was made by Kilpatrick and seconded by Moore to accept the proposal to furnish materials and install a new water main and service lines of Front St between Walnut St and Central St. The bidder is Pipco, Inc for \$290,000.00. A roll call vote was taken of all ayes.

A motion was made by Mool and seconded by Staulcup to retain Farnsworth to perform construction services for the Front Street Water Main Project for \$5,000. A roll call vote was taken of all ayes.

A motion was made by Kilpatrick and seconded by Staulcup to accept the Council Meetings for 2022. A voice vote was taken of all ayes.

Director of Public Service Report:

Kauther reported that Ameren's expansion project for new power lines south of South Pointe will begin on September 29th. Woodford County Board will take up the matter of awarding the contract for county projects on September 21st, the City's portion will be going towards the Front Street Sidewalk Project. The Cats of Woodford County have offered a proposal but would like Kauther to look into any City Ordinances that can help back them up if cats need to be removed.

Mayors Report:

The Mayor reported that the Corn Festival went well. He has had a few complaints about the tar and chip that has been laid on some of the city streets. He advised the Council Members to direct any complaints to City Hall and Kauther will talk to them. The Mayor will be out of the state for work for 11 weeks so this will be his last in person meeting until December. He is planning to attend the meetings via Zoom if his work schedule allows. Brucker will be Mayor Pro Tem while he is gone.

City Council Comments: None.

Police Chief Report:

Chief Montemurro reported that Officer Hoefling is completing his classes at the Full Time Academy. Officer Henderson is still on medical leave after an on-duty altercation last month. Training is going well with new Officer Rhoads.

Operations Supervisor:

Jones reported that the Corn Festival went well. His department will probably be out the end of this week to sweep up the loose gravel from the tar and chip. The bushes and bricks have been removed from the center of Franklin Park to prepare for new concrete to be poured. The plan is to put a gazebo there next year. The sewer camera project will start back up soon.

Parks and Recreation Director:

Scott reported that he is still waiting for two of the dog park gates to be installed and the concrete entry pads will be poured. They are adding a clay mix to the infields of the ball diamonds. Recreation soccer games were recently hosted on the high school football field. Recreation basketball and volleyball will be starting soon.

City Clerk Report: None

City Attorney Report: None

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made Moore and was seconded by Kilpatrick. A voice vote was taken of all ayes and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sandee Kessinger
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City of El Paso