

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 September 21, 2020 at 7:30 PM.

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

Present in Person: Chief Dave Duncan, Treasurer Linda Haas, Recreation Supervisor Derek Stoller, Administrative Assistant Sandee Kessinger, Operations Manager Casey Jones, Barry Kauther, Ed Faulk, Vince Savers, Jennifer Staulcup, Clerk Fever and Kim Kearney the local press.

Also present by Zoom Application: Others names from zoom software Lisa Hocker, Taylor Wilkey, Deb, Chief Joe, Jennifer B and iPhone.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited.

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

Consent Agenda.

Council Minutes: The minutes of the August 17, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting were presented in written form.

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Register of Bills: The Register of Bills in the amount of \$ 82,474.87 was presented.

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

Public Comments: Vince Savers representing VFW, thanked the City for use of picnic tables and spoke of how well using a tent this year was and hopes to continue next summer.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Police Chief Oath: Clerk Fever then swore in, Joseph L, Muntemurro as Police Chief by Zoom Meeting.

Ward III Alderman Position: Mayor Price appointed Jennifer Staulcup to the unexpired term of Alderperson Ward III until May 1, 2020. Motion by Kearney, seconded by Kilpatrick to accept the Appointment of Jennifer Staulcup as Alderperson Ward III for unexpired term. Roll call vote taken of all ayes.

Alderman Oath: Clerk Fever then swore in Jennifer Staulcup as Alderperson for the unexpired term for Ward III.

Business Stimulus Program: A Business Stimulus Program offering up to \$5,000 to businesses within the city limits at low interest from what is known as CDAP fund. Motion by Kilpatrick seconded by Moore to approve the program and have rules and details available by Friday. Applications will be reviewed and possible approval by Director of Public Service, City Treasurer and City Clerk. Roll call vote taken of all ayes.

Director of Public Service: Jack reported he is receiving many Zoning Issue requests, that the planned MFT projects will not take place this year. Two of the new Aerators at lagoon are in service and disposal wipes are causing problems and a resolve is being sought. He is also working on some safety programs for employees.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor spoke that fireworks were at El Paso Golf Club over the Labor Day weekend and said that in 2021 we will do 2 years of MFT projects.

City Council Comments: None.

Police Report: Chief Duncan reported new squad car is in service. Brandon Mounce has completed his training and has been hired for part time Nick Hoeflinger is going to PT Academy. Several ordinance violations have been served and a court date has been set for some. Several additional building violations served over this week, Starcom Radio System not start until the first of the year,

Public Works: Casey reported that in the past 6 weeks, they have continued to use camera in sewer main lines. They have not found any major issues with camera but will continue recording found laterals and issues. They are also raising some manholes. The other 3 new aerators need electrical work but should be put in service in the next couple weeks, Clean Up day will be October 3rd at South Pointe Park. A water leak was repaired at Jefferson and Walnut Streets. Software issues with water softener is close to be repaired.

Parks and Recreation: Derek reported soccer continues and that last weekend and next a ball field is being rented to the Cornbelters Association for their tournaments. An additional 9 holes are being added to the Frisbee golf course in South Pointe Park.

Clerk's Report: Clerk reported on Discount Card Program, and the DCEO form will be sent in by October 1st concerning Covid funding,

Attorney Stoller had nothing additional to report.

Executive Session: Motion by Moore, seconded by Kearney, to adjourn 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 8:28 P.M. Staff members to be present are: Jack Hickok, Treasurer Linda Haas, Administrative Assistant Sandee Kessinger, Operations Manager Casey Jones and Clerk Fever. The executive session is anticipated to last 60 minutes and will begin at 8:55 PM and will resume in open session at 9:30 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 was called back to order at 9:54 PM and it was announced that no action needed.

Motion by Kearney, seconded by Kilpatrick to adjourn. Voice vote taken of all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:56 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
David W. Fever, City Clerk