

Open Forum:
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CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF EAST TAWAKONI, TEXAS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19th, 2019 @ 7:00pm

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE EAST TAWAKONI CITY COUNCIL ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19th, 2019 @ 7:00PM IN THE CIVIC CENTER OF EAST TAWAKONI, AT WHICH MEETING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF BUSINESS WILL BE CONSIDERED, TO-WIT:

The City Council of the East Tawakoni reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time to discuss any of the matters listed below, as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations Regarding Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations Regarding Prospective Gifts), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations Regarding Security Devices) and 551.087 (Economic Development).

MINUTES

Mayor Johnnie LaPrade called the meeting to order at 7pm.

The following councilmembers were present: David Rose, Gary Reeves, Chris Roberts, Pam Patterson, and Lynn Wallace. Mayor LaPrade stated we have a quorum.

Mayor LaPrade led the pledges to the US and Texas flags.

Mayor LaPrade led the invocation.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Consent items are considered to be self-explanatory and will be enacted with one motion.

Motion made to accept the consent items in their entirety.

Motion made by Pam Patterson.

Motion seconded by Lynn Wallace.

All in favor: Rose, Reeves, Roberts, Patterson, Wallace

All opposed: None

Motion: Carries

NEW BUSINESS:

No citizens signed up to speak during Open Forum.

John Holden with Champion EMS spoke to the council regarding EMS services for the City. Mr. Holden stated that EMS services are housed out of Emory and are contracted with ESD. Their typical response time to the City is 16 minutes. They work closely with the first responder organizations in our area including the volunteer fire department, Rains county, and City police department. They also have mutual aid with AMR in Hunt County if needed. Mr. Holden said that our first responders are very good at responding and working wonders with the patients until their arrival. Champion EMS also just delivered a second defibrillator to the East Tawakoni VFD. Mr. Holden also stated that they have ambulances staged in Winnsboro, Wills Point, and Grand Saline. If their ambulance receives a call, one of the other areas stages to take any other calls in our area and that at no time is our City not covered.

Chief Steven Prock presented the annual Racial Profiling report to the Council.

Charles Edwards with Resource Management discussed the resolution regarding Civil Rights and Fair Housing for the TxCDBG contract #7218120. He stated that the project is moving along great and construction should be starting within 60 to 90 days of bid awards which will be going out in March.

Motion to approve the resolution for Civil Rights and Fair Housing for the TxCDBG contract #7218120.

Motion made by Pam Patterson.

Motion seconded by Chris Roberts.

All in favor: Rose, Reeves, Roberts, Patterson, Wallace

All opposed: None

Motion carries.

Charles Edwards with Resource Management reviewed the resolution regarding signatories for the TxCDBG contract #7218120.

Motion to approve the resolution regarding signatories for the TxCDBG contract #7218120.

Motion made by Pam Patterson

Motion seconded by Chris Roberts

All in favor: Rose, Reeves, Roberts, Patterson, Wallace

All opposed: None

Motion carries.

Charles Edwards discussed with the Council the grants and loans available to City entities. He had been asked what types of grants are available for City Hall and Police Department buildings. He stated there are no a lot of grants for facilities. He stated that there are loans through the USDA (community facility funds) and will sometimes give loan forgiveness at the end of the loan. He stated the City would have to come up with a contractual plan. He stated that Yolanda Collins with USDA out of Canton would be able to assist the City on what may be available for construction grants/loans. Mr. Edwards will forward the City Secretary information regarding the program to share with the Council.

Joel Garduno presented the Water Department report.

Chief Steven Prock presented the Police Department report.

Jeff Swaggerty presented the Code Enforcement report

Vilma Garduno presented the Fire Department report.

Economic Development had no members present for reporting.

Robin McPeters said there was nothing to report for Planning and Zoning.

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During Council comments, David Rose asked all citizens to make sure they have their address posted on their home. Not just on the mailbox and in a different color that is easy to read on their homes. He also asked that you keep your medications and health conditions on a list to provide to the first responders. It makes it easier to them to assist you. Also, if you are a family member, let the patient respond to their questions. It is part of their assessment of the patient.

Pam Patterson stated that the Police and Fire departments are having a community relations event Thursday, February 21st at the storm shelter/library. She asked all to try and attend.

Lynn Wallace made a motion to adjourn the City Council Meeting.

Pam Patterson seconded the motion.

All in favor: Rose, Reeves, Roberts, Patterson, Wallace

All opposed: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

JOHNNIE LAPRADE, MAYOR

ELINKA M. HARPER, CITY SECRETARY

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the preceding Notice of the Regular Meeting, City Council of East Tawakoni with scheduled Agenda is a true and correct copy of said notice; and that same Notice and Agenda was posted February 15th, 2019 @ 3 pm in the glass notice case outside of City Hall which is convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of meeting.

ELINKA M. HARPER, CITY SECRETARY