

MINUTES  
ELGIN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
ELGIN PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNEX CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
404 NORTH MAIN STREET  
MARCH 21, 2023

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor McShan called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Roll Call**

**Present:**

Theresa McShan, Mayor  
Sue Brashar, Mayor Pro Tem  
Joy Casnovsky, Council Member  
Arthur Gibson III, Council Member  
Chuck Swain, Council Member  
Forest Dennis, Council Member  
Skyler Maldonado, Council Member

**Absent:**

Al Rodriguez, Council Member  
Matthew Callahan, Council Member

Mayor McShan called roll call and stated that Mr. Callahan was out due to a death in the family and Mr. Rodriguez was out of town. Mayor Pro Tem Brashar made a motion to approve the absences of Mr. Rodriguez and Mr. Callahan. Mr. Dennis seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

**Staff:**

Thomas L. Mattis, City Manager  
Jennifer Stubbs, City Secretary  
Amy Miller, Community Services Director  
Michael Gonzalez, Public Works Director  
Belen Pena, Finance Director  
Kaley Frye, Assistant Director EDC  
Pam Sanders, HR Director  
Sonia Browder, Media Specialist  
Owen Rock, ED Director  
Beau Perry, City Engineer  
Aaron Crim, Commander  
Kristina Alvarez, Main Street Manager  
Sonia Browder, Media Specialist

## **INVOCATION**

Mr. Swain provided the invocation.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor McShan led those in attendance in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

1. Discussion And Possible Direction To Staff Regarding Proposed Traffic And Safety Improvements For The Intersection Of Main St. And Harris St.

Mr. Mattis provided some background information. He stated that TXDOT would like an endorsement from the City Council on the next steps. Discussion followed. Mr. Perry answered questions of the Council. Mr. Dennis made a motion to endorse Plan B. Mayor Pro Tem Brashar seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

2. General Activity Report and/or Project Update

Mr. Mattis stated that storm debris is still being collected by staff and provided a brief update on the storm cleanup. He stated that the new chipper has arrived. Mr. Mattis stated that the police station's groundbreaking ceremony happened yesterday and that it went well. He stated that the bids came out higher than expected and that the team has been working hard at the overall numbers. Mr. Mattis stated that he discussed with the Mayor about having a worksession to discuss the police station project.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes March 7, 2023

The minutes passed on the consent agenda.

2. CONSIDER REQUEST TO WAIVE OPEN CONTAINER FOR LUNA MARKET IN ELGIN MEMORIAL PARK FROM 7:00PM To 10:00PM FRIDAY JUNE 2.

The item passed on the consent agenda.

3. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS, REQUESTING THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE TO DIRECT STATE FUNDS TOWARD BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATED THERETO.

The resolution passed on the consent agenda.

4. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH ADVANCED WATER WELL TECHNOLOGIES FOR WELL REPAIRS; AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATED THERETO.

The resolution passed on the consent agenda.

5. A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS SUSPENDING THE MAY 1, 2023, EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE PROPOSAL BY CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP., D/B/A CENTERPOINT ENERGY ENTEX AND CENTERPOINT ENERGY TEXAS GAS – SOUTH TEXAS DIVISION TO IMPLEMENT INTERIM GRIP RATE ADJUSTMENTS FOR GAS UTILITY INVESTMENT IN 2023 AND REQUIRING DELIVERY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY.

The resolution passed on the consent agenda.

Mayor Pro Tem Brashar made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Gibson seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. CONSIDER REQUEST TO NAME THE LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM AL GUERRERO MEMORIAL BOARD ROOM.

Mr. Mattis stated that this is a request that came from the Library Board and the Library staff. Ms. Miller provided some information about the contributions of Mr. Al Guerrero. Mr. Swain made a motion to approve the request. Ms. Casnovsky seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

2. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH LONE STAR SITEWORK LLC FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES RELATED TO ROY RIVERS ROAD PHASE 3 EXTENSION PROJECT AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATED THERETO.

Mr. Mattis stated that this project was partially funded through the 2021A Certificates of Obligation but is paid for by the EDC. He stated that there was a utility's grant awarded by the State. He stated that Carr Lane is relying on this project to come to completion and that the bid is close to the estimate that was projected. Mr. Mattis answered questions of the Council. Mr. Dennis made a motion to approve the ordinance. Mayor Pro Tem Brashar seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

3. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING AN AD VALOREM TAX LIMITATION FOR RESIDENTIAL HOMESTEAD PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CITY OF ELGIN WHO ARE DISABLED OR 65 YEARS OF AGE

OR OLDER; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mr. Mattis stated that this item has been previously discussed with the Council. He stated that last year, the city had already passed the deadline. He stated that a decision to affect this tax year would need a decision by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Mattis stated that there is a current tax exemption of \$50,000. He answered questions of the Council. Mayor Pro Tem Brashar stated that this is a long time coming and that she would like to provide some relief to Veterans, those who are disabled, and those who are over 65 years old. Discussion followed. Mr. Mattis stated that we could reach out to the school district and the tax office to check on the number of citizens who are eligible for the exemption. Ms. Casnovsky made a motion to table the ordinance until the next meeting. Mr. Swain seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**The City Council may announce that it will adjourn the public meeting at any time during the meeting and convene in Executive Session pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code to discuss any matter as specifically listed on the agenda and/or as permitted by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code**

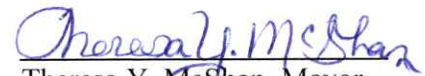
The City Council did not retire into Executive Session.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

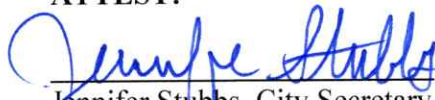
Mr. Dennis stated that he went to the dedication ceremony for one of the families who lost her home due to the tornados.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor McShan adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

  
Theresa Y. McShan, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Jennifer Stubbs, City Secretary