

MINUTES
ELGIN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
ELGIN PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNEX CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
404 NORTH MAIN STREET
April 4, 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
Al Rodriguez, Council Member
Matthew Callahan, Council Member

Mayor McShan called roll call and stated that Ms. Casnovsky was out due to work. Mayor Pro Tem Brashar made a motion to approve the absences of Ms. Casnovsky. Mr. Rodriguez 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. Callahan 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

Stephanie Lippke, 1112 N. Main Street, stated that after listening to the budget meeting at the police station, she wanted to provide a few comments. She stated that the police deserve a safe building. Her concern is the plan for a remodel of the police station. She stated that the budget was increased by 66%.

PRESENTATION

1. City Of Elgin 101 Graduation Ceremony

Ms. Stubbs provided comments about the program. Ms. Love provided a graduation speech. Mayor McShan and Ms. Stubbs provided the certificates to the graduates of the City of Elgin 101 program.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Public Safety Advisory Committee Quarterly Report

There were no questions on this item.

2. Historic Review Board Quarterly Report

There were no questions on this item.

3. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Quarterly Report

There were no questions on this item.

4. Library Advisory Board Quarterly Report

There were no questions on this item.

5. General Activity Report and/or Project Update

Mr. Mattis stated that there is a groundbreaking tomorrow morning for the new Elementary School. There was no additional discussion on the item.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes - March 21, 2023

The minutes passed on the consent agenda.

2. City Council Worksession Meeting Minutes - March 29, 2023

The minutes passed on the consent agenda.

3. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FEES WITH FGM ARCHITECTS INC. RELATED TO THE ELGIN POLICE DEPARTMENT STATION PROJECT; AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATED THERETO.

The resolution passed on the consent agenda.

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH BAIRD/WILLIAMS CONSTRUCTION FOR AN AMENDMENT TO BID PACKAGE 1 GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE FOR THE NEW CITY OF ELGIN POLICE DEPARTMENT STATION; AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATED THERETO

Mr. Mattis stated that the first two items are interrelated. Ms. Casnovsky arrived at 6:49 p.m. Mr. Mattis stated that the staff is excited about this project. He provided information on sources of revenue to pay for additional items for the police station. Mr. Mattis stated that the all-in cost is \$6.48 million and will have no impact on the other CO projects. He stated that this will enhance the police station and will be at no additional cost to the taxpayers. Mr. Mattis stated this item is to approve an adjustment to bid package one and the second item is to approve the final product and bid package two. He answered questions of the council. Mr. Rodriguez made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Maldonado 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 A CONTRACT WITH BAIRD/WILLIAMS CONSTRUCTION FOR BID PACKAGE 2 GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE FOR THE NEW CITY OF ELGIN POLICE DEPARTMENT STATION; AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATED THERETO

Discussion took place earlier in the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Brashar made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Maldonado seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

3. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO AWARD A BID FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT EMERGENCY GENERATOR PROJECT TO ALTERRA POWER SYSTEMS OF SUN PRAIRIE, WISCONSIN; AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATED THERETO

Mr. Mattis provided information. He stated that there is an opportunity to purchase a generator by this winter rather than waiting until next year. Mr. Perry stated that the generator is already built and would be delivered to the site. He stated that there would have to be a bit more engineering completed and a small cost related to that. Mr. Perry stated that this generator could be in operation before this winter. Discussion followed. Mr. Dennis made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Ms. Casnovsky seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

4. 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 provided information and stated that there have been conversations about increasing the property tax exemption or adopting a property tax freeze. He stated that staff believes the better choice is to take the tax freeze route rather than increasing the exemption. Discussion followed. Ms. Casnovsky stated that she appreciated the math. Mayor Pro Tem Brashar made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented. Mr. Dennis seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

5. AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING ADJACENT AND CONTIGUOUS TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS, TO WIT: 12.04 ACRES OF LAND OUT OF A373 YOUNG, RICHARD TRACT 1, ACRES 12.04 IN BASTROP COUNTY, TEXAS, INCLUDING ADJACENT RIGHT-OF-WAY, AND BEING FULLY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A", ATTACHED HERETO; PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS CLAUSE AND REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Mattis stated that the last four items is all kind of related. He stated that this site has two separate owners but are all a part of the same family. He stated that for the owners to build a home, the tract of land must be annexed into the city. He answered questions of the Council. Mayor Pro Tem Brashar made a motion to approve the ordinance. Mr. Swain seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

6. AN ORDINANCE ASSIGNING NEWLY ANNEXED PROPERTY TO CITY COUNCIL WARD AREA NO. 1; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS CLAUSE AND REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS.

Discussion took place earlier in the meeting. Ms. Casnovsky made a motion to approve the ordinance. Mr. Gibson seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

7. AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING ADJACENT AND CONTIGUOUS TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF ELGIN, TEXAS, TO WIT: 4.00 ACRES OF LAND OUT OT A373 YOUNG, RICHARD TRACT 2, ACRES 4.00 IN BASTROP COUNTY, TEXAS, AND BEING FULLY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A", ATTACHED HERETO; PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS CLAUSE AND REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS.

Discussion took place earlier in the meeting. Mr. Callahan made a motion to approve the ordinance. Mayor Pro Tem Brashar seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

8. AN ORDINANCE ASSIGNING NEWLY ANNEXED PROPERTY TO CITY COUNCIL WARD AREA NO. 1; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS CLAUSE AND REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS.

Discussion took place earlier in the meeting. Mr. Gibson made a motion to approve the ordinance. 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

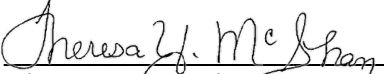
The City Council did not retire into Executive Session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

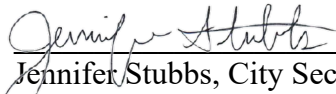
Ms. Miller stated that Music in the Park is back beginning this Friday night in downtown Elgin. She stated that on Saturday, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt at Thomas Memorial Park beginning at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McShan adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.


Theresa Y. McShan, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jennifer Stubbs, City Secretary