

El Paso City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2022

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 July 18, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

Council Members Present: Kilpatrick, Mool, Brucker, Barker and Moore. Absent: Staulcup. On Zoom: Mayor Price. The Mayor reported the meeting is being recorded and he is attending on Zoom.

Present in Person: Director of Public Services Barry Kauther, Clerk David Fever, Recreation Director Colton Scott, Police Chief Montemurro. Also present: Brandi Montalbano, Kim Kearney and Jennie Kearney as the local press.

Also present by Zoom Application: Administrative Assistant Sandee Kessinger and Public Works Supervisor Casey Jones. Other name from zoom software was Karen.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Brucker, seconded by Mool to approve agenda as presented. Voice vote taken of all ayes.

Consent Agenda.

Council Minutes: The minutes of the June 6, 2022 City Council Meeting were presented in written form.

Council Minutes: The minutes of the June 15, 2022 Special City Council Meeting were presented in written form.

Register of Bills: The Register of Bills in the amount of \$ 458,114.86 as of June 18th was presented.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report for the month ending June 30, 2022 showing investments, revenue and expenses was presented in written form.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion by Kilpatrick, seconded by Brucker to approve items on consent agenda. Voice call vote taken of all ayes.

Public Comments: Kim Kearney commented on a unsigned letter that her and the Council Members received in past week.

Brandi Montalbano was present and question three topics, they were: 1. The condition of one of the buildings in the first block of East Front Street with the concern rain may be entering it's basement and flowing to other buildings in same block. 2. She asked if sidewalk in same block was scheduled for replacement. (She was told it is not currently scheduled) 3. She also announced an Ice Cream Business has signed a lease for her property at 21 E. Front Street. She also question if the Chamber of Commerce can be reactivated.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Director of Public Service: Barry's report was presented in written form plus he spoke briefly that the Alley Bar was closing the bar business as of July 23, 2022 and would be converting to a retail non liquor business.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor reminded Council Members of upcoming IML Conference and request for coverage of expenses will be on August 1st agenda.

City Council Comments: None.

Police Chief Report: The Chief presented his written report for June activity and he spoke briefly of upcoming National Night Out on August 2nd.

Parks and Recreation Department: Colton reported that dirt removal for Recreation Building has been completed and soil tests were completed last week. Gravel will be hauled in for base. Registration for a possible third session of Summer Camp continues. Corteva sponsored a free swim day at pool last Saturday.

Clerk's Report: The Clerk reported Sales Tax for sales in April was down 9.18% from same period in 2021.

Attorney Stoller was absent.

Motion by Moore, seconded by Mool to adjourn. Voice vote taken of all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

David W. Fever,
City Clerk