

El Paso City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2021

A Regular Meeting of the El Paso City Council was called to order by Mayor JW Price on January 18, 2021 at 7:30 PM.

Council Members Present: Brucker, Moore, Barker, Kearney, and Kilpatrick. Staulcup was present via Zoom.

Absent: None. The Mayor reported that the meeting is being recorded.

Present in person: Director of Public Service, Barry Kauther; Chief Montemurro; Treasurer, Linda Haas, Administrative Assistant, Sandee Kessinger (managing the Zoom meeting); Parks & Rec Director, Colton Scott and Kim Kearney as the local press.

Also present by Zoom application: Public Works Manager, Casey Jones and Karen.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Brucker and 2nd by Kearney. A voice vote was taken of all ayes.

Consent Agenda:

- The minutes from the January 4, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting were presented in written form.
- The Register of Bills in the amount of \$56,762.21 was presented in written form.
- Discussion was made regarding the Treasurers Report as there looks to be an error. Haas will look into it tomorrow and an updated report will be sent out.
- Motion was made by Brucker to accept all items but not the Treasurers Report, Moore 2nd. A voice vote was taken of all ayes.

Public Comments: None

New Business: None

Director of Public Service Report:

- Kauther notified the council that a realtor was inquiring if an assisted living home could be on the land now housing Millers Antique Autos. The Council is willing to listen to a proposal.
- The new poles that Ameren will be putting up on the south side of South Point Park should not affect the ballfields or the walking trail, but Barry will be meeting with a representative to show him exactly where the poles will be.
- The Administrative Staff has finished the training on the new software.
- Still submitting information for the grants for \$135,000. And \$20,000.
- Kauther and Brandon Barker went to see an audio/visual system set up and will be visiting another place before a decision is made on what to purchase for the Council Chambers.
- The owner of the property at 158 W Lincoln St. has requested an address change to Elm St. There is currently no house on the property and it is a corner lot. Due to the zoning setbacks a house can not be built on the property if the address is on Lincoln St. but can if the address is on Elm street.
- With the Governors change in COVID mitigations, City Hall will be open again and we will begin scheduling events at the Community Building if the mitigation rules for occupancy are followed.
- The new front door at City Hall should be installed soon.

Mayor's Report

- Thank you to the Public Works Department for all their work cleaning up after the January 1st ice storm.
- Thank you to Wes Ooms for his many years of service on the zoning board. We now have 2 openings on the Zoning Board.

Council Report

- Kearney questioned the Dead-End sign on Ford Dr. Jones explained that has been there for a few years, it is intended to keep semi's from getting to far down the road as there is no way for them to turn around.

- Kearney also spoke about residents replacing trees on their property since we have lost so many recently.

Staff Reports

- Chief Montemurro stated that he is looking into getting an emergency phone for public access outside the PD building.
- Casey Jones reported that they are still picking up branches and sticks from the ice storm.
- Colton Scott reported that the parks have been cleared of the broken branches and sticks. The Pool floor is complete. The Holiday 5K had 27 participants. He is attending meetings for travel baseball. 5th & 6th grade volleyball players have been able to practice at Christ Community Church in Gridley. The 5th grade will be playing at Eastview Church in Normal and the 6th grade will be playing in Peoria. He will be meeting with the school next week to see if/when there will be gym availability for our programs.

A motion was made by Jennie Kearney to adjourn and Mary Ellen Kilpatrick 2nd. A voice vote was taken of all eyes and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by

Sandee Kessinger