

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 Zoom Meeting on May 17, 2021 at 7:00 PM. Alderman Alex facilitated the meeting.

Council Members Present: Brucker, Moore, Staulcup, Barker, Kearney and Kilpatrick. Absent: None. The Mayor reported the meeting is being recorded.

Present in Person: Director of Public Services Barry Kauther, Attorney James Stoller, Clerk Fever, Police Chief Joe Montemurro and Recreation Director Colton Scott. Also present were Marcia Mool, Kelly Mool, Barry Brenneman, Ty Nowark, Todd Waggoneer and Kim Kearney as the local press.

Also present by Zoom Application: Administrative Assistant Sandee Kessinger, Operations Manager Casey Jones, Lisa Hocker, Marc Featherstone of Ameren IP, and Karen. Monitor by

cell phone Linda Haas.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Kilpatrick , seconded by Moore to approve agenda as presented.
Roll call vote taken of all ayes.

Consent Agenda.

Council Minutes: The minutes of the April 26, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting were presented in written form.

Register of Bills: The Register of Bills in the amount of \$ 143,406.51 as of May 17th was presented.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report for the month ending April 30, 2021 showing investments, revenue and expenses were presented in written form.

Council Work Session Minutes: The minutes of the May 5, 2021 Council Work Session were presented in written form.

Zoning Board Minutes: The minutes of the April 29, 2021 Zoning Board Hearing were presented in written form.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion by Kearney, seconded by Staulcup to approve items on consent agenda as amended. Roll call vote taken of all ayes.

Public Comments: Jennie Kearney distributed her written views on Zoning Issues.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

New Council: The Certified Voting Results were reported as follows.

Results of April 6, Election

Mayor	JW Price	138	
City Clerk	David Fever	152	
City Treasurer	Linda Haas	153	
Alderman Ward I	Thad Mool	43	Jennie Kearney 37
Alderman Ward II	Mary Ellen Kilpatrick	44	
Alderman Ward III	Jennifer Staulcup	24	
Alderman Ward III	Brandon Barker	24	
2 year term			

Clerk Fever swore in Aldermen Kilpatrick, Staulcup and Barker.

Swearing in of others including Mayor Price, Treasurer Haas, Clerk Fever and Alderman Mool will be completed in next few weeks.

The new council was then seated and Mayor Price thanked Alderman Kearney for her several years as Alderman for Ward I.

New Council was called to order at 7:12 P.M.

Zoning - 196 S. Elm St.: Motion by Moore, seconded by Barker to approve recommendation of the Zoning Board and approve Variance to Todd Waggoner concerning setback of roof overhang on an accessory structure at 196 S. Elm St. A written agreement concerning handling of future issues for this variance and possible removal of awning was also presented requiring signature by Mr. Waggoner. Roll call vote taken of Ayes: Moore, Barker, Staulcup and Brucker. Nays: Kilpatrick.

Zoning - Ameren Illinois: Motion by Kilpatrick, seconded by Moore to approve Zoning Board's recommendation for concerning slope at Ameren IP Power Plant expansion. Mr. Marc Featherstone attended by Zoom and answered any questions from the Council. Roll Call vote taken of all ayes.

Proposed Ordinance 1043 Motion by Kilpatrick, seconded by Staulcup to pass proposed Ordinance 1043, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 293 regarding motorized vehicles. Roll call vote taken of all ayes.

Agreement - 11 E 1st St. Motion by Barker, seconded by Kilpatrick to enter into an Agreement between the City and Ty and Tabatha Nowark to allow use of 26 feet of land west of 11 E 1st Street. Roll call vote of all ayes.

Director of Public Service: Barry reported that Clean Up Day will be June 5th at the El Paso Fire Department at 700 S, Fayette Street. Plans for Front Street water and sidewalk projects continue and he has taken a letter to each business on Front Street and meetings with business will be planned. Brothers Bar has applied to the State for gaming machines and will apply to City for Gaming upon receipt from State. We will be registering for American Rescue Act funds.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor thanked everyone working on planning of projects.

City Council Comments: Alderman Kilpatrick ask about sign at Ace, which was approved by Zoning Board but not needing Council Approval.

Police Chief Report: Chief reported on calls and more Officers are resigning.

Operations Supervisor: Casey reported they have been busy at pool house and sump pump project.

Parks and Recreation Department: Colton reported South Pointe Park Bathrooms are to get new floors and paint. It was also noted that Convoy of Hope will be at South Pointe Saturday, May 22nd.

Clerk's Report: The Clerk reported Sales Tax for February 2021 is up 17% from 2020.

Attorney Stoller is seeking input on some Code Book recommended changes.

Motion by Kilpatrick, seconded by Moore to adjourn. Voice vote taken of all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

David W. Fever,
City Clerk