

City of Erin
Regular Board Meeting
January 7, 2020

The City of Erin met in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 5:00 pm at the Erin City Hall. Those present included: Aldermen Jackie Smith, Lisa Moore, Lisa Bass, Cecil Baggett, Jackie Parchman, Jennifer Warren, Paul Gooden. Alderman Ted Carson was absent. Others present included: Jim Stevens – Attorney, Chief Mark Moore, Jimmy Highers – GMC, Tera Dillard, Angie Neilson – Recorder, Jimmy Clark, Officer Justice Perigo, Sam Nienow (Representative from Congressman Mark Green’s office) and Pastor Bill Wolfe.

Mayor Paul Bailey was present and presiding.

Pastor Bill Wolfe from the Carlisle Union Church gave the opening prayer.

Motion to approve the December minutes made by Warren, second by Parchman. All said yes. Motion carries.

Sam Nienow addressed the Board to introduce himself as the field Representative from Congressman Mark Green’s office that represents our area. He is based in the Clarksville office.

Ethics forms are due by January 31, 2020. They can be completed on line or by paper and mailed back. Angie Neilson can assist if anyone needs the form.

Committee Reports:

- Street Committee met at 5:00 pm Tuesday January 7, 2020. The committee recommended to table the official list of streets for the Paving Project 2020 Grant until the grant portion of the money amount is decided.

Old Business: N/A

New Business:

Motion to table the list of streets for the Paving Project 2020 until the grant portion of the money amount is decided made by Gooden, second by Parchman. All said yes. Motion carries.

Motion to grant approval to apply for a Paving Project 2020 Grant from Rural Development, 50/50 match, up to the amount of \$500,000 made by Warren, second by Gooden. All said yes. Motion carries.

Motion to advertise and hire two (2) patrol officers for the Police Department made by Moore, second by Smith. All said yes. Motion carries.

Fire Report:

The fire report was provided by Chief Warren with the following:

- Activity
 - One vehicle fire
 - Three structure fires
 - One commercial structure fire
 - One wreck with injuries
 - One wreck without injuries
 - Five water rescues
 - Two traffic control incidents
 - One commercial motor vehicle incident
- Pre-incident planning for Irish Day festivities have begun. TEMA will be involved with emergency management operation at the Houston County EOC this year.
- Engine 1, Ladder 1, and Engine 4 have all passed the annual pump test with a short list of minor repairs involving valves and streamer strainers.

Police Report

Chief Mark Moore provided the police report for the month of December 2019 with the following:

- 214 total calls answered
- 78 citations
- 12 arrests
 - 2 driving w/ revoked license
 - 3 domestic assault
 - 1 preventing an emergency call
 - 2 aggravated burglary
 - 2 criminal trespass
 - 2 vandalism
- 4 accidents

Updates:

The Waste Water Treatment Plant Project loan has a lower interest rate of 2.25 %. This will be a savings of over \$800,000 over the life of the loan. Water Pollution Control is reviewing the plans and specs. Bidding cannot begin until all agencies have given approval.

TVA Water Line Project is still waiting for approval from TDEC on TVA's end.

Updating the Charter has been brought up at the work session. We will contact MTAS for an opinion.

Alderman Bass asked why "the City was closed the week of Christmas when the County had to work". The County and City are separate entities and each have their own policies and procedures.

The City employees agreed to use vacation / personal days in order to be off those three days. "This is the first year the City has closed", Mayor Bailey said. All services were still covered, the same as after hours, weekends, and holidays. The City pays dispatching services annually and dispatching fields these calls. The Water Plant, Police Department and City Recorder were the skeleton crew on hand during this week of Christmas.

Motion to adjourn made by Parchman, second by Moore. All said yes. Motion carries.

Approve: 

Mayor Paul Bailey

Attest: 

Angela Neilson, Recorder