

City of Erin
Regular Board Meeting
June 2, 2020

The City of Erin met in regular session on Tuesday, June 2, 2020. Those present were: Aldermen Lisa Moore, Jackie Smith, Jackie Parchman, Jennifer Warren, Ted Carson, P.J. Gooden and Cecil Baggett. Alderman Lisa Bass was absent. Others present included: James Stevens – Attorney, Angela Neilson – Recorder, Phillip Baggett – Director of Operations, Jackie Wyatt – Chief Water Plant Operator, Liz Buttermore – Houston County Herald, Jimmy Highers – GMC, Greg Black – TVA, James Tipton – TVA, Kevin Featherston – TVA and Pastor Steven Cathey. No one called in by electronic means.

Mayor Bailey was present and presiding.

Pastor Steven Cathey from the Elk Creek Baptist Church gave the opening prayer.

Mayor Bailey called the meeting to order.

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

Communications:

- Non-Resident Property Right Voters are eligible to vote in the August Election. In the City of Erin, to vote as a non-resident property rights voter, you must fill out a separate registration and provide proof of ownership before the registration deadline of July 7, 2020. In accordance with City of Erin Ordinance #607, all property rights voters must vote absentee by mail.
- COVID 19 update
 - Continual Change in guidelines; City is practicing social distancing.
 - The City Hall lobby is still closed to the public. Things are running smoothly. Customers use the drop box and mail for returning payments and paperwork. If needed, the ladies will meet customers out-front. The City staff is and has been present every day.
- Mayor Bailey noted that we were happy to have Mr. Stevens with us after his heart bypass surgery.

Old Business:

Motion to approve Ordinance 623, Budget Amendments for Budget Year 2019-2020 on second and final reading made by Gooden, second by Moore. No comments were voiced. Roll Call vote as follows: YES –

Smith, Moore, Baggett, Parchman, Warren, Gooden, Carson. Alderman Bass was absent. Motion carries.

Motion to approve Ordinance 624, Budget for PY 2020-2021 on second and final reading made by Moore, second by Parchman. Comments were NO tax increase, NO water or sewer rate increase. Roll Call vote as follows: YES – Smith, Moore, Baggett, Parchman, Warren, Gooden, Carson. Alderman Bass was absent. Motion carries.

New Business:

TVA Agreement

- History - TVA (Tennessee Valley Authority) is a customer of the City of Erin and has been since 1968. TVA has approached the City of Erin concerning the availability of potable water to their Landfill Site on the West of the TVA property in Stewart County. This project would include road access upgrades and water line installation to the landfill site by way of Buckeye Road and Old Scott Road.
- TVA representatives were present at tonight's meeting. Mr. Kevin Featherston addressed the Board of Mayor and Alderman with the following:
 - TVA is excited to partner with the City of Erin. This project will be a benefit to the area. TVA appreciates the work put in (to determine the need and cost). TVA will be covering all costs as a reimbursement.
 - Mr. Featherston stated "TVA is proud to partner with the City of Erin. This water line will be a benefit to both parties and to the community."
- Alderman Moore asked about the daily usage demand of potable water the landfill site will require. Mr. Featherston stated the estimated usage was originally 90,000 gallons per day but has been reduced to 10,000 gallons per day due to a permit from TDEC to draw out of Wells Creek for use for dust control for the CCR Materials storage site.
- Alderman Carson confirmed TVA would need raw and potable water at this location and Mr. Featherston said yes.
- Alderman Warren confirmed that if TVA needed to add additional gallons of potable water per day, TVA would give adequate notice as the City of Erin would need to do upgrades to the Water System.
- Alderman Moore asked for more specific details about the draw of raw water from Wells Creek and TVA representative James Tipton stated "TVA is in the permitting phase with TDEC".
- Alderman Carson inquired about additional access to this site and Mr. Featherston stated Scotts Chapel Road.
- Mr. Featherston commented that it was good to have local people working at the Cumberland Plant (referring to Mr. Greg Black).

- Alderman Moore questioned the time frame to have this Landfill Project up and going. Mr. Tipton stated “it depends on the project, but about one year. As soon as the connections are made, TVA will begin using water. TVA will be working with the Engineer for the City of Erin [on plans, specs and drawings], easements will have to be purchased, road work will have to be completed.”
- Alderman Warren reiterated about the increase in demand later down the road by TVA, would TVA and the City of Erin revisit discussions concerning upgrades to the City of Erin Water System. Mr. Featherston reiterated that “if we (City of Erin) has to increase capacity, TVA understands it would be for TVA’s benefit and TVA will work with (the City of Erin) as they are doing now.
- Alderman Carson stated 10,000 gallons per day is the maximum unless the City does upgrades to the system.
- Alderman Moore stated we do not want to get to that point [of endangering our water system], TVA has represented our County well. Mr. Featherston answered “as soon as we know the need for more demand, will work with you (the City of Erin). Mr. Featherston also stated he realizes this is a process for the City.
- Mayor Bailey discussed the need to have the Board approval to continue the process, being contingent on Mr. Stevens approving the document (agreement) and giving Mr. Stevens the authority to sign off on the agreement.
- Phillip Baggett discussed the letter of first refusal from the Town of Cumberland City, was one needed? (upon review of the Agreed Order in 2016, the letter of first refusal is needed if 1) new customer within the Industrial Park or 2) new customer within the corporate limits of the Town of Cumberland City. Neither of these apply to the TVA Landfill Project.)

Motion to approve the agreement between the City of Erin and TVA contingent on Mr. Stevens approval with confines we have been looking at; and with the approval of Phillip Baggett. In the future, if potable water demand increases, TVA will come back to assist with upgrades to the City of Erin Water System made by Gooden, second by Moore. All said yes. No opposition was voiced. Motion carries.

Police Report:

Chief Moore provided the police report for the month of May, 2020.

- The total of calls answered were 244
- 22 citations written
- 7 arrests
- 4 accidents without injury


Fire Report:

Chief Warren provided the fire report for the month of May 2020.

- 2 storm incidents
- 1 rescue from a structure due to a fallen tree
- 1 wreck with injuries
- 1 commercial fire alarm
- 1 residential fire alarm
- 1 report of smoke in a commercial structure
- 1 landing zone
- 1 commercial hazardous material incident
- 1 confined space rescue and recovery
- Fire Fighters each completed 6 hours of hazardous materials awareness and incident mitigation last month
- Participated in a county wide vehicle extrication class totaling 30 hours

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

Approved: 
Paul Bailey, Mayor

Attest: 
Angela Neilson, Recorder