

City of Erin
Regular Board Meeting
August 4,2020

The City of Erin met in regular session on Tuesday, August 4, 2020. Those present were: Aldermen Lisa Moore, Jackie Smith, Jackie Parchman, P.J. Gooden and Cecil Baggett. By electronic means were Aldermen Lisa Bass and Jennifer Warren. Alderman Ted Carson was absent. Others present included: James Stevens – Attorney, Angela Neilson – Recorder, Jackie Wyatt – Chief Water Plant Operator, Liz Buttermore – Houston County Herald, and Brother Richard Neal.

Mayor Bailey was present and presiding.

Brother Neal gave the opening prayer by reading a community wide prayer that is shared by many of the Churches and community members throughout our area. Passages included: Matthew 18 and 19; John 17,20 and 21; Psalm 34: 1-3; and Psalm 133.

Mayor Bailey called the meeting to order.

Motion to approve the July minutes made by Moore, second by Warren. All said YES.

Communications:

- Mayor Bailey announced that Alderman Carson was under the weather and we need to keep him in our thoughts and prayers.
- Brother Neal gave an update just before the meeting began about the Bethesda Mission. No clients are allowed inside so the staff of the mission will go to the cars; the numbers are down from last year (Brother Neal contributes this to the extra payments people are receiving from unemployment benefits and he expects the request to surge once benefits from the government cease); the mission has been receiving small grants from TVA and MLEC to help with COVID related issues; Many donations are coming in from individuals that have not been received before; Donations from United Way to the mission have been cut by \$3,000 because Clarksville/Montgomery County cut the amount of donations they normally give. As of June 30, 2020, the mission has given out 396 boxes of food to provide for 1049 household members and \$42,682.00 in financial assistance to 212 households.
- COVID 19 update
 - Continuing to follow guidelines set forth: practicing good hygiene, social distancing, wearing mask when appropriate and using good judgement and common sense and checking temperatures each morning upon arrival.

- The City Hall lobby is still closed to the public. Things are running smoothly. Customers continue to 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.
- The Right of Way along Main Street (Highway 49) was a topic of discussion as far as cutting the trees out of the creek from Family Dollar to Covenant Care. The property is privately owned to the center of the creek and from the center of the creek to the highway is TDOT right of way. A copy of the map downloaded from the Comptroller Property Data Assessment site was provided for a visual of the areas in question. Sheriff Kevin Suggs is checking with TDEC to confirm he would be allowed to have the inmates walk the creek and manually remove the trees and brush as this poses a potential flood hazard to our community when the creek is clogged. Mayor Bailey stated appreciation to Sheriff Sugg for his assistance.

Committee Meetings:

- Public Hearing on Ordinance 625 to re-zone the area of 4774 E. Main Street was held just prior to this meeting. No comments or concerns were voiced.

Old Business:

- Motion To approve Ordinance 625, an Ordinance to re-zone the area of 4774 E. Main Street, Map 0200, Parcel 03.00 from C-2 to C-1 on second and final reading made by Gooden, second by Parchman. Roll Call Vote as follows: YES – Aldermen Smith, Moore, Bass, Baggett, Parchman, Warren, and Gooden. Alderman Carson was absent. Motion carries.
- Motion To grant approval and permission for the City of Erin to have TAUD conduct a water and sewer rate analysis per the direction of the Water Wastewater Financing Board made by Baggett, second by Gooden. All said YES. Motion carries.
- Motion To approve Resolution 08012020 to establish threshold amounts for capitalization made by Warren, second by Gooden. All said YES. Motion carries.
- Motion To approve the following donations as a whole:
 Resolution 08022020 – Bethesda Mission - \$3,000
 Resolution 08032020 – Highland Rim - \$1,000 – for
 Community Utility Assistance Program use

Resolution 08042020 - Houston County High School Cheerleaders - \$500 - to be issued to the program once in person school resumes

Motion made by Warren, second by Gooden. Roll call vote as follows: YES - Aldermen Moore, Baggett, Parchman, Warren, Gooden. NO - Alderman Smith. Alderman Carson was absent. Alderman Bass did not respond. Motion carries.

Police Report:

Chief Mark Moore gave the police report for the month of July:

- Total calls answered - 254
- Citations issues - 64
- Arrests - 25
- Accidents - 4 (one with injuries)

Fire Report:

Chief Danny Warren provide the fire report for the month of July:

- The department emergency responses as follows: 1 residential structure fire 1 landing zone set-up, 1 EMS assist, 2 fire alarms, 1 report of smoke, 2 natural gas leaks, and 2 residential burn permits were issued.
- Firefighters trained on forced entry and application of Aqueous Film Forming Foam applications for class A and B fires. Each firefighter completed a total of 8 hours of training this month between these two topics.

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

Approve: _____

Paul Bailey, Mayor

Attest: _____

Angela Neilson
Angela Neilson, Recorder