

City of Erin  
Regular Board Meeting  
October 6, 2020

The City of Erin Board of Mayor and Alderman met in Regular Session on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 6:00 pm at the Erin City Hall. Those present included: Aldermen Jennifer Warren, Paul Gooden, Betsy Ligon, Wesley Mitchum, Jackie Parchman, Ted Carson, Cecil Baggett and Lisa Moore. Others present included: Angela Neilson – Recorder, Chief Mark Moore, Liz Buttermore – Houston County Herald, Jamie Mandrell – Erin United Methodist Church, Cissy Mandrell, Officer Rick Gordon, Jackie Wyatt. Attorney James Stevens attended by conference call.

Mayor Paul Bailey was present and residing.

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Pastor Jaime Mandrell, the new Pastor for the Erin United Methodist Church gave the opening prayer.

Motion to approve the September minutes made by Baggett, second by Warren. Roll call vote as follows: YES – Mitchum, Moore, Ligon, Baggett, Parchman, Warren, Gooden, Carson. Motion carries.

Communications:

- Discussion concerning the yard signs posted in the park was opened by Mayor Bailey. Advice was received from the City Attorney as the following: Disallowing signs would have to be by Ordinance consisting of two meeting votes and a public hearing; have to be content neutral (example could not ban political signs but allow Irish Celebration signs; could not be completed by November 3<sup>rd</sup> election; Mr. Steven's sited several examples of court cases; Aldermen Moore and Ligon voiced opinion to pursue the issue to include: a possible charge per sign, removing them to mow and the owner would have to reinstall said sign, limit the number of signs, any other options not discussed.
- Liquor by the Drink will be on the November 2020 Election Ballot. The City of Erin is working with MTAS for the corresponding ordinance that will be on the agenda for December 2020.

Planning Commission 9/28/20:

- Discussion of an RV being allowed on Spring Street next to Little Rock Baptist Church and a mobile home on McMillian Street. The Planning Commission voted to approve both. The next step will be a public hearing for each and on the agenda for the Board of Zoning Appeals.

- Public Hearings for both and The Board of Zoning Appeals meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2020.

Old Business:

N/A

New Business:

Paving 2020 Project

- One bid was received
- McIntosh Construction out of Clarksville, TN – Base bid amount \$454,483.00
- Bid included the two deductive alternates
  - Midway Drive
  - Gray Drive
- Discussion of the monies allotted for this project: \$58,000 from Governors Grant, \$100,000 budgeted, and \$109,000 Rural Development Grant
- Money is available in the Maple Street account to use toward street and bridge projects
- At the September meeting, Mayor Bailey had asked each Alderman to drive their wards to confirm what each thought needed to be addressed
- Areas to deduct from the project included: Gray Drive, Price Lane, South Boone, and estimated one half of Midway (estimated area from the Coon Club back towards Rocky Hollow)

Motion to accept and award the Bid from McIntosh Construction for the Paving 2020 project with the following deductions: estimated one half of the length of Midway Drive, Gray Drive, Price Lane and South Boone Street from said project; Use funds from the Maple Street account to complete the project made by Ligon, second by Warren. Roll call vote as follows: YES – Mitchum, Moore, Ligon, Baggett, Parchman, Warren, Gooden, Carson. Motion Carries.

Motion to approve on first reading, Ordinance 627, An Ordinance To Amend Title 8 Of The City Of Erin Municipal Code, Title 8, Chapter 1, Section 116, Inspection Fees to include the percentage allowed by State Law which is currently in the amount of eight percent (8%) of the wholesale price of alcoholic beverages supplied by a wholesaler pursuant to and allowed by Tennessee Code Annotated, § 57-3-501 made by Gooden, second by Ligon. Roll call vote as followed: YES – Mitchum, Moore, Ligon, Baggett, Parchman, Warren, Gooden, Carson. Motion Carries.

Motion to approve on first reading, Ordinance No. 626 Municipal Floodplain Zoning Ordinance, an Ordinance Adopted for The Purpose of Amending the City Of Erin, Tennessee Municipal Zoning Ordinance Regulating Development Within The Corporate Limits Of Erin, Tennessee, To Minimize Danger To Life And Property Due To Flooding, And To Maintain Eligibility For Participation In The National Flood Insurance Program made by Moore, second by Baggett. Roll call vote as follows: YES – Mitchum, Moore, Ligon, Baggett, Parchman, Warren, Gooden, Carson. Motion Carries.

Motion to approve on first reading, Ordinance 628, Erin Police Department Section 3.01 Role and Authority – Subject Use of Force to establish guidelines and limitations concerning the appropriate and acceptable use of deadly and non-deadly force made by Warren, second by Gooden. Roll call vote as follows: YES – Mitchum, Moore, Ligon, Baggett, Parchman, Warren, Gooden, Carson. Motion Carries.

Motion to approve the purchase of a new police vehicle as a replacement, and will use funds from the insurance recovery and the balance to be from the Drug Fund made by Gooden, second by Warren. Roll call vote as follows: YES – Mitchum, Moore, Ligon, Baggett, Parchman, Warren, Gooden, Carson. Motion Carries.

### Police Report

Chief Mark Moore gave the police report for the month of September as follows:

- Total calls answered 335
- Citations 43
- Arrests 30
- Accidents 4 (one with injuries)
- October 1<sup>st</sup>, the Erin Police Department, Houston County Sheriff's Office, Community Corrections, Tennessee Highway Patrol, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, 23<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District Drug Task Force and Stewart Co. Sheriff's Office joined efforts and conducted sex offender compliance checks, Probation Checks, warrant service and traffic enforcement.
- Congratulations to Officer Donald Gordon on finishing the Police Academy

### Fire Report

Chief Danny Warren provided the fire report for September 2020

- Erin Fire Department responded to 2 wrecks, 1 residential structure fire, 1 natural gas leak, 1 report of smoke, and 1 vehicle fire. 1 municipal burn permit was issued.
- Training topic for the month was motor pump operator. Our engineers completed 16 hours of training each.
- On Patriots Day, Ladder 1 crew displayed the American flag in remembrance of the lives lost September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001. 343 firefighters, 71 police officers, 55 military personnel, and 2,135 civilians perished in the initial attacks that day. The number continues to grow as rescuers at the World Trade Center continue to perish due to illness incurred in the aftermath.
- October is fire prevention month. This year's topic is kitchen safety. We have been working with educational institutions throughout our community to deliver fire prevention education to our youth via Zoom. As always, check smoke alarms monthly, and change your batteries when you change your clocks!

Other

- October 31<sup>st</sup> – turn the clocks back one hour
- October 28<sup>th</sup> – Kickoff for Houston County 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday in the Square
- October 31<sup>st</sup> – Trunk or Treat in the Park
- October 30<sup>th</sup> – Rotary Clay Shoot

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

Approve: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Paul Bailey – Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Angela Neilson - Recorder