

City of Erin
Regular Board Meeting
March 2, 2021

The City of Erin Board of Mayor and Alderman met in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 beginning at 6:00 pm at the Erin City Hall. Those present included: Alderman Ted Carson, Paul Gooden, Betsy Ligon, Jackie Parchman, Wesley Mitchum, Jennifer Warren, Lisa Moore, Cecil Baggett. Others present included: Angela Neilson-City Recorder, Chief Mark Moore, Liz Buttermore-Houston County Herald, Jackie Wyatt, Attorney James Stevens, Josh MacDonald, Justus Perigo, Ray Bradley, Dana Johnson, Michael Rickard, Trista Rickard, Kevin Sugg, Beth Sugg, Shana O'Neal, and Ricky O'Neal.

Mayor Paul Bailey was present and presiding.

Ray Bradley gave the opening prayer.

Mr. Bradley expressed that TEC is very thankful for everything the Fire Department did to save their lines during the "Accent's by Bonnie" fire. The lines that were parallel to the building are the main fiber optic transmission lines for telephone and broadband internet service.

Mayor Bailey called the meeting to order.

Motion to approve February 2021 minutes was made good by Warren, second by Gooden. All said yes. Motion carries.

Communications from the Mayor:

- As of March 1st there were only 8 active cases of COVID 19 in Houston County.
- Repairs on the Clay Wright tank are set to begin Thursday March 4, 2021.
- The Water Department had several issues that began because of the winter storm that happened the last week of February.
 - City employees worked on a water leak that started Sunday night affecting 8-10 houses. They finished Monday night around 11:00 PM. This leak is a creek crossing on Hwy 46 near the intersection of Hwy 13 North.
 - Multiple leaks on Shoulder Strap, Denmark Road and Lewis Branch.
 - The tanks were somewhat low but the water is in good shape now. People left their faucets dripping when the snow/ice storm hit.
 - The Water Department cut off 28 customers for leaks during this period.
- Amy Miller - Tennessee State NIFP Coordinator sent an email that referenced a question concerning the discount on flood insurance by Alderman Mitchum:

"The note at the bottom of the Alderman's insurance form that stated 0% is for the Community Rating System Program. The Community Rating System (CRS) is a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management practices that exceed the minimum requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

In CRS communities, flood insurance premium rates are discounted to reflect the reduced flood risk resulting from the community's efforts that address the three goals of the program:

*Reduce and avoid flood damage to insurable property
Strengthen and support the insurance aspects of the National Flood Insurance Program
Foster comprehensive floodplain management*

It is a tedious process and The City of Erin is a Class 10 and doesn't get a discount. There are only 13 out of 400 that participate, so the vast majority doesn't participate and having a 0% at the

bottom is standard. I've been doing floodplain management for 7 years and no community has joined the program. You don't have the policy base or staff to justify participating in the program" further stated by Amy Miller.

- Andrew McElhenny from Goodwyn Mills and Cawood and Wayne Coates with NRCS will be in Erin next week to look at sites along Midway Drive, McMillan Street and Gang Street for Streambank Stabilization possible projects due to flooding and to assess the bridge situation on Midway Drive.
- Kevin Sugg addressed the Board as a citizen on Midway Drive.
 - The Sugg property has flooded each time the creek rises.
 - Mr. Sugg feels bridge connecting Midway Drive to the Cooksey property across the street is a contributing factor to his home flooding
 - Mr. Sugg ask the City of Erin to remove the bridge as no one lives on the property across the creek
 - Mr. Sugg ask at least some one look at the bridge for suggestions
 - Mayor Bailey stated that he had just previously stated that the City of Erin is having persons from Goodwyn Mills Cawood and NRCS visit this site and other sites mentioned to offer advice, suggestions and or a plan as to the steps that could be taken
 - Said bridge is access to (5) five separate parcels of property
 - The City of Erin built said bridge in 1982
 - Mr. Stevens – City Attorney will look into this matter and the impact of removing the said bridge.
 - Two property heirs of two separate parcels of land stated before the Board of Mayor and Aldermen met at 6:00 pm that they were opposed to removing the bridge.
 - City of Erin Police Chief Mark Moore ask “if the City of Erin would be liability if someone hit the bridge with their vehicle” as the bride is raised somewhat.
 - Chief Moore also ask if the “City allowed debris to build up underneath the bridge, is the City responsible?”
 - Mr. Sugg stated that if the “City removed the bridge, the City could put it back if someone required access to the properties across the street.”
 - Mr. Stevens will research

Committee Meetings:

Planning Commission- Otis Kelly's property, located at 4842 E. Main Street Erin, TN 37061, currently zoned as commercial was requested to change to residential zone. A motion was made for the property at 4842 E. Main Street, Erin, TN to go before a public hearing and the Board of Zoning Appeals for a conditional use to use as a rental property for the current tenant only. Once this tenant moves, the property will revert back to commercial zone.

New Business:

Motion to approve new hire, Dana Johnson, made by Ligon, second by Warren. All said yes. Motion carries.

Motion to sell police property: 2017 Durango VIN # 1C4SDJFT4HC637875 to the Houston County Board, the Rock-Climbing Wall and Vehicle Lift from Military Surplus, made by Gooden, second by Carson. All said yes. Motion carries.

Mark Moore informs the board that since the 2017 Dodge Durango will be sold, his officer will need a new patrol car. If approved, it will be purchased using the proceeds from the sale of the Dodge Durango. The balance will be paid out of the Drug Fund.

Motion to approve purchase of new patrol vehicle for Chief Moore with proceeds from the sale of the 2017 Dodge Durango and the balance from the Drug Fund made by Warren, second by Gooden. All said yes. Motion carries.

Police Report:

Chief Mark Moore provided the police report for the month of February as follows:

- Total calls answered-247
- Citations-36
- Arrests-21
- Accidents-4 (none with injuries)
- The police department sold a box truck that brought in \$15,700.00 and a Humvee that brought \$12,900.00 for a total of \$28,600.00 for the Drug Fund.
- Officers put in many hours during the inclement weather resulting in a couple officers having to sleep at the police department. The UTV was able to be utilized in order to get to some calls that a patrol car wouldn't have been able to.
- Chief Mark Moore commended Officer Justus Perigo for being first on scene at the utility pole/school bus incident, and getting the kids off the bus safely. (A tractor – trailer attempted to drive from Main Street to Walnut Street, by way of Church Street. Once they realized they could not make the turn onto Walnut Street, the driver continued straight up the hill – basically a one lane side street, where the truck snagged the power lines, breaking multiple utility poles)

Fire Report:

Chief Danny Warren provided the fire report for the month of February as follows:

- Responded to 3 wrecks
- Responded to 4 structure fires
- Responded to 2 gas leaks
- Responded to 1 commercial motor vehicle incident involving utilities and a school bus
- Responded to 1 brush fire
- Responded to 1 fire alarm
- Responded to 1 EMS assist
- Responded to 1 special rescue
- No municipal burn permit applications were received
- The station was staffed during our 2 inclement weather events this last month by rotating fire and rescue crews.

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

Approved: _____

Paul Bailey, Mayor

Attest: _____

Angela Neilson

Angela Neilson, Recorder