

City of Erin
Regular Board Meeting
April 6, 2021

The City of Erin Board of Mayor and Alderman met in Regular Session on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 beginning at 6:00 pm at the Erin City Hall. Those present included: Alderman Wesley Mitchum, Lisa Moore, Betsy Ligon, Cecil Baggett, Jackie Parchman, Jennifer Warren, Paul Gooden, and Ted Carson. Others present included: Angela Neilson- Recorder, Chief Mark Moore, Sheriff Kevin Sugg, Liz Buttermore- Houston County Herald, Attorney James Stevens, Jason Schmidt, Jackie Wyatt, Logan Irish, Charles Thornburg.

Mayor Paul Bailey was present and presiding.

Kevin Sugg thanked Mayor Paul Bailey, Angie Neilson, and the City Police for helping hand out food at the Sheriff's Office last week. There were 135 meal boxes given out.

Charles Thornburg gave the opening prayer. Charles Thornburg will be taking over the Bethesda Mission in the next few months. Brother Neal has a lot going on in his private life and feels he can no longer run it like it needs to be. Brother Neal approached Charles about taking over the mission because he is a natural fit. Brother Charles Thornburg was very appreciative of the opportunity to offer a prayer of blessings to City Board.

The scheduled time for the National Food Drive has always been the weekend of Mother's Day. With the conflict of the parade being the same weekend, the Post Office will not be collecting that day. The Bethesda Mission is asking to partner with the community to figuring out a way to still collect food items. A normal mail drive collects roughly 5,000 pounds of food. There was an idea brought up about possibly having a float driven through the parade to collect food. Ted Carson mentioned setting up a booth to sell goods to people from out of town to give back to our community. The goal for this year is to meet or exceed the 5,000 number.

Beer Board:

The Houston County Fair Board has applied for 2 special event permits. Chief Moore ran background checks through TBI and nothing came back to prevent them from getting the permits. They were approved last year, but the events were cancelled due to covid-19. This has been run in the paper. It will be a trailer setup at both locations (Perdue and the Betsy Ligon Park).

Motion to approve sending both request presented by the Houston County Fair Board to the Board of the Mayor and Alderman made by Ligon, second by Parchman. All said yes.

Motion to approve March minutes made by Warren, second by Moore. All said yes.

Current Business:

Irish Celebration

- Everything is still set to go for the kick off on April 30, 2021
- Chamber and other clubs are working to get everything together
- Rec Club is going to do different things for scholarships

Anyone who has concerns regarding covid-19 is encouraged to contact the Health Department to see about getting added to their list to get vaccinated. Once they open the vaccine, it has to be used that day or it will be thrown out. If someone doesn't show up to their appointment, the Health Department will go down the list calling people to come get it.

1. Audit Report

- No findings to report
- All department heads and people are doing good
- Copy of the audit has been passed out

2. Wastewater Treatment Plant Project

- Starts April 12th
- The bid was more than we originally thought due to items continually going up, but additional funding (loan/grant) will take care of the extra amount
- Things are progressing well

New business:

Motion to approve permits made by Warren, second by Parchman. All said yes.

Police Report:

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

- Total calls answered- 295
- Citations- 56
- Arrests-49
- Citations in Lieu of Arrest- 14
- Accidents- 3 (none with injuries)

The City of Erin Police Department assisted the Houston County Sheriff's Department in delivering food boxes to the community. The Police Department also acquired a John Deere Gator and Ford F150 from the military.

Fire Department Report:

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

- Responded to 7 wrecks
- Responded to 3 structure fires
- Responded to 1 brush fire
- Responded to 3 fire alarms
- Responded to 2 landing zone set-ups
- Responded to 1 special rescue
- 3 municipal burn permit applications were received

The fire station was staffed during the inclement weather events this last month. The 3 fire rated pumping apparatus was pump tested. The vendor conducting pump tests stated they will no longer certify a pump

test on Engine 4 after this year due to it being 30 years old and reaching end of service status for pumping apparatus.

It's coming up on budget time. The budget committee consists of Paul Gooden, Jackie Parchman, Cecil Baggett, and Lisa Moore, but all are welcome. First meeting will be held at Erin City Hall on April 8, 2021 at 4:00 pm. There will be at least a couple of meetings, one being April 15, 2021 at 4:00 pm and possibly April 22, 2021. Need something to present at the Work Session on April 29, 2021.

There is a new covid-19 testing site at the old Dollar General building. National Guard is assisting in that.

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

Approved: 

Mayor Paul Bailey

Attest: 

Angela Neilson, Recorder