

City of Erin
Regular Board Meeting
June 1, 2021

The City of Erin Board of Mayor and Alderman met in Regular Session on Tuesday, June 1, 2021 beginning at 6:00 pm at the Erin City Hall. Those present included: Alderman Ted Carson, Lisa Moore, Wesley Mitchum, Cecil Baggett, Betsy Ligon, Jackie Parchman. Others present included: Angela Neilson- Recorder, Attorney James Stevens, Jackie Wyatt, Liz Buttermore- Houston County Herald, Chief Mark Moore, Logan Irish, Rick Gordon, Justus Perigo, Jay Reedy, Michael Dew, Angie Dew, Dale Perigo, Lisa Perigo, Macey Vincent.

Mayor Paul Bailey was present and presiding.

State Representative Jay Reedy gave the opening prayer and spoke for a few minutes. Comments included:

- Representative Reedy opened by saying “Thank You” to all that serves our community.
- Hopefully the City received an invite to the joint meeting at Montgomery Bell June 29th with comptroller
 - The city had received the invitation
- Cares Act funding rules have changed since the announcement of the funding
 - If spent inappropriately, The City will have to take money out of General fund to pay back the Federal Government
- Per the Comptroller, Projects to look at are infrastructure
- The federal government is giving so much money
 - The opportunities for education are great
- He is the vice chair of the government operations committee in the house & they have the oversight on all state departments and commissions.
- State of Tennessee Fiscal year 2021-2022 budget overview
 - State’s budget was 42.6 billion
 - #1 line item is health
 - #2 line item is education
 - 931 million for capital infrastructure improvements without incurring debt
 - Pay as you go- if they run out of money in the middle of a project they stop- they don’t go to the bank and borrow money for infrastructure
 - 100 million into rainy day fund - bringing savings account up to 1.55 billion
 - 60 million people on the census
 - Because of the population explosion, we will lose 2 state representatives in West TN and 1 in East TN - they will be put in Middle TN because we run by the number of people
 - In house district 74 he (Reedy) will lose Montgomery County
 - (Reedy) will have to go represent West TN
 - Email blast - he’ll keep you up to date with all sessions
 - Spot on for information- he’ll tell you about it in the email & also include the link to the State website where you can read about it there
 - Jay.Reedy@live.com
 - More than 50 million in taxes for one week sales tax holiday on groceries and prepared food sales
 - July 30th- August 5th

- Concerns on theft of fire arms
 - One year sales tax exemption on fire arm safes and locking devices
 - July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022
- Because of telehealth and remote learning, they added 100 million dollars to support broadband expansion so every Tennessean has the option to access high-speed broadband services
- Professional privilege fee- took \$100 out for next year
 - 5 professions left to tax
 - Got rid of Halls Income Tax- which was the taxing of Retirement Money
 - Went away January 1, 2021

Representative Reedy repeated his appreciation to everyone and all they do.

Mayor Bailey called the meeting to order.

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

Communications from the Mayor:

- COVID-19 update: There are 5 active cases in the county.
- Sewer Treatment Plant Project is moving forward

Committee Meetings:

- Board of Zoning Appeals
 - Randy Wood is wanting to put a trailer on Heitt Street & it was approved for conditional use

Old Business:

Motion to approve Water Rate Changes Ordinance 631 for Budget year 2021-2022 on second reading made by Baggett, second by Ligon. Roll call vote as follows: YES- Mitchum, Moore, Ligon, Baggett, Parchman, Carson. Motion carries.

Motion to approve Sewer Rate Changes Ordinance 632 for Budget year 2021-2022 on second reading made by Ligon, second by Parchman. Roll call vote as follows: YES- Mitchum, Moore, Ligon, Baggett, Parchman, Carson. Motion carries.

Motion to approve Water Reconnect, Connection, and Deposit Fee Rate Changes Ordinance 633 for Budget year 2021-2022 on second reading made by Moore, second by Carson. Roll call vote as follows: YES- Mitchum, Moore, Ligon, Baggett, Parchman, Carson. Motion carries.

Motion to approve Water and Sewer Tap Fee Changes Ordinance 634 for Budget year 2021-2022 on second reading made by Moore, second by Baggett. Roll call vote as follows: YES- Mitchum, Moore, Ligon, Baggett, Parchman, Carson. Motion carries.

Motion to approve Budget Amendment Ordinance 635 for Budget year 2020-2021 on second reading made by Ligon, second by Carson. Roll call vote as follows: YES- Mitchum, Moore, Ligon, Baggett, Parchman, Carson. Motion carries.

Motion to approve Budget Ordinance 636 for Budget year 2021-2022 on second reading made by Moore, second by Baggett. Roll call vote as follows: YES- Mitchum, Moore, Ligon, Baggett, Parchman, Carson. Motion carries.

New Business:

Motion to accept State of Tennessee Arts Commission Grant in the amount of \$5,000 to be used for performances in coordination with the guidelines from the State of Tennessee, with zero match from the City of Erin made by Moore, second by Ligon. All said yes.

Police Report:

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

- Total call answered-249
- Citations-48
- Arrests-57
- Citations in Lieu of Arrest-14
- Accidents-4 (2 with injuries)

Sergeant Perigo made a traffic stop that resulted in a drug arrest. Information obtained during that stop led the police department to seek a search warrant for the residence. The EPD and HCSO executed the search warrant that resulted in finding a marijuana grow room with several plants, 3.3 pounds of marijuana for resale, methamphetamine for resale, and other charges.

The EPD and HCSO conducted a sobriety checkpoint over Memorial Day weekend that resulted in 141 vehicles being checked. Multiple violations from seatbelts, drug possession, DUI, weapon possession, and more were issued.

Mark Moore: "The have been busy, and have done a fantastic job. Can't thank them enough. Thank you to the Sheriff for his assistance."

The EPD can begin advertising for the new person that was allotted in the budget since it has passed on both readings. They can start July 1st. We did not add permission to hire on agenda.

Fire Report:

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

- Responded to 3 wrecks
- Responded to 1 structure fire
- Responded to 2 gas leaks
- Responded to 1 brush fire
- Responded to 1 fire alarm
- Responded to 2 EMS assists
- Responded to 1 landing zone set-up

- Responded to 1 CO alarm
- 3 municipal burn permit applications were issued

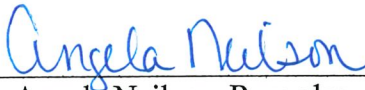
It has been brought to the Mayor's attention that the parking in the square is crowded sometimes. We have a couple signs up for gold star/purple heart. Maybe we could move one since it doesn't seem like they are being utilized. Some people have also asked that we make it no overnight parking in the square. Complaints mostly come from businesses. Also, people have parked cars for sale in the square and left them for extended periods of time.

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

Approved: _____


Mayor Paul Bailey

Attest: _____


Angela Neilson, Recorder