

City of Erin
Regular Board Meeting
October 5, 2021

The City of Erin Board of Mayor and Alderman met in Regular Session on Tuesday, October 5, 2021 beginning at 6:00 pm at the Erin City Hall. Those present included: Alderman Wesley Mitchum, Lisa Moore, Betsy Ligon, Jackie Parchman, Jennifer Warren, Paul Gooden, and Ted Carson. Others present included: Angela Neilson- Recorder, Justin Warren, Jackie Wyatt, Mark Moore, Liz Buttermore- Houston County Herald. Alderman Cecil Baggett was absent.

Mayor Paul Bailey was present and presiding.

Pastor Justin Warren discussed the Trunk or Treat event on the Trail that is happening on October 30th. “It was a phenomenal event last year. It felt like a small-town movie atmosphere. We hope many more will sign up, churches and individuals” said Pastor Warren. This year we will have vendors. Having vendors out is a way to introduce small local businesses to new clients. The Trunk or Treat event did not have any issues last year. Sharing the information on social media is one way to get the word out. Trunk spots and the vendors will have a 10x10 square and there is enough space to social distance. Since it’s October now, we have seen some movement in this event with people signing up. This event just adds to the comradery of our town. Pastor Warren said we are expecting at least 500 people to show up, so we should prepare for 800. Liz from the Houston County Herald asked about contact information: pastorjustinwarren@gmail.com. Alderman Jackie Parchman asked about donations: Prefer candy to be bought and brought to City Hall so there are no discrepancies about the money being spent.

Pastor Justin Warren from Griffins Chapel Church gave the opening prayer.

Mayor Paul Bailey called the meeting to order.

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Motion to approve September 2021 minutes made by Gooden, second by Parchman. All said yes.

Communications from the Mayor:

- Chamber Membership Banquet
 - October 21st at 6:00 pm
 - Griffins Chapel Church
 - \$15 per ticket
- Trunk or Treat
 - October 30th
 - Vendors- 2:00 pm
 - Trunk or treat- 5:00 pm
- WWTP Progress Meeting
 - 1st Tuesday of every month

- Making progress
- We anticipate a timely finish

Committee Meetings:

Public Hearing for Ordinance 637 was held at 5:45 pm. There were no comments, questions or concerns voiced.

Old Business:

Motion to approve ordinance 637, an ordinance to Revise the Personnel Rules and Regulations for Employees of the City of Erin on second reading made by Gooden, second by Ligon. Roll Call vote as follows: YES- Mitchum, Moore, Ligon, Parchman, Warren, Gooden, Carson. Motion carries.

New Business:

Replacing the sewer force main from the Waste Water Treatment Plant to the discharge location at the Cumberland River was discuss by Mayor Bailey:

- Force main part of the way and then to gravity fed from the top of the hill at the Cumberland City Road toward TVA.
- Funds are available to cover the cost
- It would be a benefit to the new plant as the daily maximum gallons per minute during peak times will increase as the new plant has larger pumps and motors
- Ironically it will make it flow better said Mayor Bailey
- Proposed to Upsize the line from a 10” to 12” ductile iron pipe
- Part will be grant funds from the previous grant for the WWTP renovations- City has the rest of the money
- American Rescue Act has money that is available could be possibly used as this project falls into the approved use category of line replacement:
 - We’re going to get close to \$400,000 in the initial round
 - Note: There will be new funding opportunities coming from TDEC that will be broken out into categories of a non-competitive grants and complete grants. Initial talk is the county will apply and then distribute the funds out to the municipal utility departments. A rough estimate of Houston County’s share will be roughly \$2 million, strictly to be used on water/sewer infrastructure needs
- We would like to have the line up and running in conjunction with the plant
- We’ve had issues with the line before and have had to repair several leaks in the last few months
- It was put in when the original plant was built in 1982

Motion to approve the replacement of the sewer force main from the WWTP to the discharge location at the Cumberland River made by Ligon, second by Gooden. All said yes.

Police Department new Hire:

- Chief Moore addressed the Board with the choice of Darrell Tiebor for the position of Police Officer for the Erin Police Department
 - As a result of Chief Moore's interviews: Jordan Mickel was approved at the last meeting and is currently at the Police Academy and Darrell Tiebor is the second officer to be approved.
 - They were offered employment around the same time, but both could not get in at the academy for the same class
 - Tiebor has been riding and training with Josh MacDonald
 - Chief Moore said Tiebor seems to be doing a good job

Motion to approve the hire of a new police officer, Darrell Tiebor, made by Warren, second by Moore. All said yes.

Police Report

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

- Total call answered- 288
- Citations- 34
- Arrests- 43
- Citations in Lieu of Arrest- 4
- Accidents- 4 (none with injuries)

The Police Department partnered with HCSO, SCSO, and City of Dover K9 to conduct a search at HCHS. This was the first time they had been asked to partner with the board since 2010. The school was put under lockdown, but nothing was found.

Fire Report

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

- Responded to 1 utilities fire
- Responded to 1 grass fire
- Responded to 1 fire alarm
- Responded to 2 wrecks
- Responded to 2 landing zones
- Responded to 3 EMS assists

Mayor Bailey commented that "Our fire chief has been down, but he is getting better". We hope Chief Warrant continues to improve.

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

Approve: 

Mayor Paul Bailey

Attest: 

Angela Neilson, Recorder