

City of Erin  
Regular Board Meeting  
November 2, 2021

The City of Erin Board of Mayor and Alderman met in Regular Session on Tuesday, November 2, 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, Attorney James Stevens, Jackie Wyatt, Mark Moore, Liz Buttermore- Houston County Herald, Donald Bateman, Kay French.

Mayor Paul Bailey was present and presiding.

Charles Thornburg pastor at Midway Church of God of Prophecy and director of Bethesda Mission gave the opening prayer.

Bethesda Mission is providing food boxes to people. They were able to secure some premade food boxes for \$14.74 each. You can submit names of people in need in person or on the form. Want to get the word out so as many people get helped as possible.

Bethesda Mission is working with Dale Popp @ EMA on the long-term recovery group for people affected by the flood. That is grant money to help those individuals, but FEMA cannot release any names. FEMA did give the information that 194 applications were turned in for Houston County. Average assistance amount in Houston County was \$2,600. There are still needs. Some people are living with family. Some people didn't even apply for assistance because they didn't want to take someone else's money. FEMA has grant money available to help. They are dividing it between the 4 counties based on a percentage.

Mayor Paul Bailey called the meeting to order.

### **Regular Board Meeting:**

**Motion** to approve October 2021 minutes made by Warren, second by Parchman. All said yes.

### **Police Report:**

Chief Mark Moore was allowed to speak first as he had Police issues going on. He provided the police report for the month of October as follows:

- Total calls answered- 249
- Citations- 40
- Arrests- 17
- Citations in Lieu of Arrest- 3
- Accidents- 5 (none with injuries)

The day before Halloween, the Erin Police Department partnered with Houston County Sheriff's Office and Tennessee Highway Patrol to conduct Sex Offender Compliance Checks to ensure they are all following the rules.

### **Communications from the Mayor:**

- Donation Committee met prior to this meeting
  - Will present resolutions at December meeting for the donation approved by the committee
- Parks Committee meeting is set for November 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm

- 2021 Paving Project has been completed – some emergency repair due to flooding was completed at the same time with FEMA will reimburse 75% of that amount
- WWTP meeting was held today
  - W and O have poured 2 corners
  - Seems things are on track
  - Plans are to have 3 more pours this month
  - Going fairly well over all
- If agreeable we need to change the December work session
  - Right now, it's December 2<sup>nd</sup> with the regular meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup>
  - There are some classes on December 2<sup>nd</sup> that Angie and Mayor would like to attend
  - If there's something important that we need to have a work session for, we would like to set it for Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Other option is to cancel for December if need be

**New Business:**

City of Erin is currently working on a mainline water break where someone was putting up a fence and drilled through our waterline. Need to remind everyone to call 811 before you dig. This is affecting the area of Woolworth, Darrell Rye Road, Cumberland Valley.

**Bradley Phillips/ other land owners (Old Hwy 13 at Hwy 13 North)** – originally requested to be on the agenda to discuss upgrading the 2-inch water line to a 4-inch line. No one was in attendance

**Motion** to table discussion of Old Hwy 13 at Hwy 13 North Water Line upgrade made by Paul Gooden, second by Jackie Parchman. All said yes.

**Adams Property:**

- Mr. William Adams has passed away and his son has approached the City of Erin concerning the City purchasing the property. He was willing to sell for \$8,000. Much discussion followed.

**Motion** to table it made by Ligon, second by Baggett. All said yes.

**Fire Report:**

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

- Responded to 3 wrecks
- Responded to 3 structure fires
- Responded to 1 landing zone
- Responded to 1 EMS assist
- 2 applications for burn permits were received
- Training topic was EVOC/VKF driver training

Chief Danny Warren wanted to express his gratitude to the maintenance department for delivering a large quantity of firefighting foam from the City Hall to the fires in Danville last month. This was just one of many incidents that they have helped the Fire Department.


Mayor: “When we have a small group of employees, we’re like a family. I was here at City Hall when Phillip rolled up and grabbed foam to take to Danville. The firefighters responded on a mutual aid call with the county. It was a very bad fire, that could have been worse. They were able to save a residence on both sides because of the mutual aid agreement and the maintenance

department helping. I appreciate what fire, maintenance, office, and police employees do. However, it works out, our employees work well together. I appreciate all the employees.”

Fire Department received a grant for \$24,000 from the Gary Sinise Foundation for water rescue. They are sharing that with the City of Tennessee Ridge. It’s a total of \$48,000 so City of Erin is getting \$24,000 of it for equipment. That equipment will be a 15 ½ foot boat with a jet drive motor, 10-foot inflatable raft, 6 dry rescue suits, rescue life jackets, and NFPA equipment to outfit 6 water rescues. This is at absolutely no cost to the city.

Mayor: “I appreciate what all the city workers do. I also appreciate everything the Aldermen do. I know y’all go through the community and hear comments, complaints, and thoughts. Sometimes it’s praising the city and sometimes it’s not. Anytime you want to relay that information to the department, please do.”

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

Approved:   
Paul Bailey, Mayor

Attest:   
Angela Neilson, Recorder