

Walter Ward, Mayor
Jean Chatham-Edmond, Councilmember
Earnest Starling, Councilmember



Ebbie Johnson Lover, Mayor Pro-Tem
Janeene Lucas, Councilmember
Linda Timberlake, Councilmember

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EASTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

November 10, 2020

8:00 PM

**EASTON COUNCIL CHAMBER, EASTON CITY HALL
185 KENNEDY BOULEVARD
EASTON, TEXAS 75603**

1. Called City Council to order at 8:00 pm – Mayor Walter Ward
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Walter Ward
3. Roll Call – Ansley Fleming, Clerk
 - a. Mayor Walter Ward – Present
 - b. Ebbie Lover – Present via Phone
 - c. Janeene Lucas – Present
 - d. Jean Chatman – Absent
 - e. Earnest Starling – Present
 - f. Linda Timberlake – Present
4. Public Comments and Announcements – General Public
5. City Council will discuss and/or approve the following items:
 - a. Review and/or approve October 13, 2020 meeting minutes.
 - i. Linda Timberlake motioned for the October 13, 2020 meeting minutes to be accepted as read by city clerk, Ansley Fleming. Janeene Lucas seconds. Three for, zero against.
 - b. Review gas report.
 - i. Artis Anderson, gas supervisor, informs the council of the Railroad Commission violations are being corrected
 - c. Review fire department report.
 - i. Larry Kellams, assistant fire chief of Easton VFD, informed the council that the fire department was going to be featured on the news. The government ran out of masks to donate to the city, but the city is on the list. There will also be a helicopter landing class soon.
 - d. Review 2021 Election.
 - i. All seats will be up for the upcoming election.
 - e. Review and/or approve closing of bank account at Chase Bank and transferring funds to Texas Bank to establish an Economic Development account. The City Council will be required to appoint authorized account signers and their respective titles.
 - i. Janeene Lucas motions to close the Chase Bank account and open an Economic Development account with Texas Bank. Mayor Walter Ward, Mayor Pro-Tem Ebbie Lover, and Councilmember Linda Timberlake will be authorized signers. Linda Timberlake seconds. Three for, zero against.
 - f. Review and/or approve the payment of legal fees incurred by the City for personnel issues and CCI pending litigation.

- i. Earnest Starling motions for all legal fees to be paid. Linda Timberlake seconds. Three for, zero against.
- g. Review and/or approve seeking comparative quotes electric power services and utility gas supply, and the procurement for a fuel storage tank for gasoline and diesel.
 - i. Earnest Starling motions for the City to seek comparative quotes the electric power services and City Gas Utility, and the procurement of a fuel storage tank for gasoline and diesel. Janeene Lucas seconds. Three for, zero against.
- h. Review and/or approve gas utility operations and contracted gas technician.
 - i. Shelton is working on a gas technician.

Executive Session: The Council will now hold a closed executive session meeting pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code, and Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, in accordance with the authority contained in one or more of the following sections: Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney; Section 551.072 Real Property; Section 22.010 Appointment of Official(s) and Resolution; Section 551.073, Deliberation regarding a Prospective Gift; Section 551.074 Personnel Matters. Section 21.022, 21.025 Public Official Misconduct.

OPEN MEETING

Reconvene in General Council meeting and announce any items from Executive Session requiring Board action.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:22

Walter D. Ward

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