

CITY OF EAST TAWAKONI – DECEMBER 17TH, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1. Mayor Chandler called the Council meeting to order at: 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL: ☒ All ☐ Rose ☐ Evans ☐ Roberts ☐ McDermott ☐ Patterson

Quorum: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Staff: ☒ Harper ☒ Wilkinson ☒ Prock ☐ Other _____

Visitors: # 19

2. **PLEDGES LED BY:** Mayor Harold Chandler

3. **INVOCATION GIVEN BY:** Mayor Harold Chandler

OLD BUSINESS:

4. **CONSENT AGENDA (Enclosure #1)**

- a. Approve the Minutes of the November 19, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting.
b. Approve the bills for the month of November 2019

Motion: To accept the minutes and bills as presented.

Made by: ☐ Rose ☐ Evans ☐ Roberts ☐ McDermott ☒ Patterson

Second by: ☐ Rose ☐ Evans ☒ Roberts ☐ McDermott ☐ Patterson

In favor: ☒ All ☐ Rose ☐ Evans ☐ Roberts ☐ McDermott ☐ Patterson

Opposed: ☐ All ☐ Rose ☐ Evans ☐ Roberts ☐ McDermott ☐ Patterson

Motion: ☒ Carries ☐ Fails

5. Discuss and take action on Ordinance to allow or disallow chickens within the city limits of East Tawakoni. Mayor Chandler stated that if the council votes to allow for residents to have chickens within the City of East Tawakoni it should not go into effect immediately and would need to have time to set rules and regulations in place. The Ordinance would have to be drafted by the City Attorney to make sure all rules are legal for the Ordinance. The State Legislature failed to act on the two bills that were before them and the bills were held up in committees. He feels we should get ahead of the game. Any action will not be brought up again until the next session in 2021.

Motion: To move forward with re-writing the Ordinance to allow for residents to obtain and have chickens within the City of East Tawakoni after having a workshop in the next few weeks to set out rules and regulations to be followed in the new Ordinance.

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In favor: ☐ All ☒ Rose ☒ Evans ☒ Roberts ☒ McDermott ☐ Patterson

Opposed: ☐ All ☐ Rose ☐ Evans ☐ Roberts ☐ McDermott ☒ Patterson

Motion: ☒ Carries ☐ Fails

NEW BUSINESS:

6. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Citizens, who wish to address the Council, may discuss matters not on the agenda and who have not previously expressed to the Council or City Hall a desire to discuss such matters. Anyone wishing to speak should sign-up on the provided sheet, prior to the start of the meeting. Presentation shall be limited to three (3) minutes each. The only response from the Council can be to request these items to be placed on a future agenda for discussion or action.

H.L. Thomas - stated that the City needs at lease one more officer to give 24 hr coverage.

George Rule – stated need more law enforcement. He has had problems and feels the City needs more coverage.

Regina Chandler - in regards to the chickens in the City, she has reviewed the ordinance and proposed restrictions and after reading them with controls put in place believes the City should allow for residents to have chickens. She has concerns about not allowing a home business to be able to sell eggs and chickens.

Gary Reeves – is against an ordinance allowing for chickens. When this ordinance was proposed years ago he voted against it. It all sounds good until your neighbor gets them. It will also have people brining in peacocks and other animals. He has always been against this.

Robin McPeters – speaking on chickens. – it’s a good food source and residents should be able to have chickens with restrictions and keeping control. Speaking on Police department – feels the City needs extra police patrol – more officers especially with new subdivisions coming in will have even more activity.

Cindy Jennings – speaking on Police Department – the City needs 24 hour coverage. The kids know when the officers go off patrol and come out after they leave. The citizens pay taxes and deserve to be protected.

Donald Grimes – stated he just wanted to say that the other night he was woken up at 12:30 am with the neighbors car alarm going off. When he looked out a truck sped off.

7. Discuss and take action on update to Master Plan for Scope of Services for the City of East Tawakoni from Mike Donnan of Hayter Engineering. (Enclosure #2)

Mayor Chandler stated we received the cost to the Master Plan for Scope of Services for the City of East Tawakoni from Hayter Engineering. He proposes meeting with Mike Donnan in a workshop to discuss what is most necessary and to see what options we have available.

Motion: Table action until we can schedule a workshop for further discussion with Mike Donnan with Hayter Engineering.

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8. Discuss and take action for acquisition of new police car. (Enclosure #3)

Chief Prock spoke to the City Council that the vehicles that police department has now are nearing the end-of-life for optimal use and one of the vehicles will be paid off in March 2020. They had received bids on a new Dodge Charger and a Chevrolet Tahoe. At this time, they are no longer any Chargers available so we would need to go forward with the authorization to purchase the Tahoe. If the City were to authorize the purchase of the Tahoe, it would save \$7000 if ordered at this time. Chief Prock has discussed the acquisition with Government Capital and would actually be able to roll the financing of the WatchGuard camera systems into this same financing that the Council has already approved at an interest rate of 3.67 percent and the first payment would not be due until January 2021 to allow for properly budgeting the expense.

Motion: Allow Chief Prock to procure the purchase of the Chevrolet Tahoe at a cost of \$38,954.00

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9. Discuss and take action for consideration of additional personnel resources for the Police Department.

Chief Prock stated the City of East Tawakoni has had a spike in crime in the last 30 days. The Police Department has 3 full time officers and 1 part time officer at this time. Chief Prock's recommendation is we get another officer. There are people going through the neighborhood breaking into cars, stealing ladders, etc and the situation needs to be addressed. At this time the Chief and Lt South are taking up the slack when officers have to be off for vacation time, etc and it is a vicious cycle. Pam Patterson stated that with the money we have to pay the officers we have now for working the extended hours they are it will pay for itself and that adding one more officer with pay and benefits would be about \$40,000 per year.

Motion: Authorize Chief Prock to hire an additional full time officer to his staff.

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10. REVIEW FOLLOWING DEPARTMENT REPORTS (Enclosure #4) Discuss, approve if necessary.

- A. Water Department – Mark Wilkinson gave the Water report.
- B. Police Department – Chief Prock gave the police report.
- C. Code Enforcement – Jeff Swaggerty gave the police report.
- D. Fire Department – Angie Smith gave the VFD fire report.
- E. Economic Development Corp – Regina Chandler gave the EDC report.
- F. Planning & Zoning – Terri Rose stated there was no report from P & Z.
- G. Spirit of East Tawakoni – No report from the Spirit of East Tawakoni.
- H. Library – HL Thomas gave the Library report.

11. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

No council comments.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION (If needed)

13. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION (if needed)

14. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion: Motion to adjourn at 8:33pm

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