

## February 12, 2024 at 6:30pm

Edgewood City Council met in a regular session.

Council members present were Mayor Steve Steadham, Ruby Smith, Keith Rogers, Inez Goggans and Louis Dunn. Jack Pendleton was absent. City Administrator Petra Marley, City Secretary Kathleen Jordan and Police Chief John Morrison were also present. Prayer was led by Pastor David McGlocklen and pledge was led by Ruby Smith.

**Guests:** Pastor David McGlocklin and citizen Charlie Crabb

### **Consent Agenda:**

Upon a motion made by council members Smith and Dunn, the council voted to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the January 8, 2024 Regular meeting minutes and paying of the expenses.

**Motion Carried 4-0**

### **New Business:**

**Executive Session: The City Council reserves the right to meet in closed session in accordance with Texas Government Code, Subchapter 3, Section 551.072 Deliberations Regarding Real Property.**

1. Discuss and consider bids received for the Edgewood EDC building located at 205 NE Front St. No bids had been received at the time of the council meeting. It was agreed that the building would stay up for sale.

**Motion Passed: No Action**

2. Discuss and consider the purchase of a new cruiser(s) for the Police Department. Chief Morrison presented multiple bids for multiple makes and models. After giving the timeline of each make (Dodge, Chevrolet, and Ford) along with the pricing, it was decided to proceed with the approval of purchasing 2 Dodge Durangos. The financing will be worked out with the Secretary so that both units can be sent straight to the outfitter with an estimated delivery date of late summer/fall. A future agenda item will detail the financial aspect for budget amendment purposes. Dunn motioned to approve and was seconded by Rogers.

**Motion Passed: 4-0**

3. Consider and approve adopting the Edgewood Police Department's Policy Manual as presented by Chief Morrison. This item is being revisited from the January council meeting. The policy manual was approved by the City's attorney and each councilmember was presented with a copy for review prior to the meeting. Dunn motioned to approve and was seconded by Smith.

**Motion Passed: 4-0**

4. Consider and approve the Order of General Election for the City of Edgewood for the Mayor and 2 Council Seats; Place 2 and Place 5. The first day to file an application is on January 17, 2024 and the last day to file is February 16, 2024, with the election being on May 4, 2024. Dunn motioned to approve and was seconded by Rogers.

**Motion Passed: 4-0**

5. Consider and approve the dates of March 11-16 as the City-Wide Spring Cleanup. Council has requested that new signs be purchased as the old signs are worn and tattered. Rogers motioned to approve and was seconded by Goggans.

**Motion Passed: 4-0**

6. Consider and approve the appointment of four (4) commissioners for the Edgewood Housing Authority. The following commissioners were appointed: Rhonda Jordan (exp 01/31/2026), Carrie Hawkins (exp 1/31/2026), Carla Rusheon (exp 1/31/2025) and Andrea Kellum (exp 1/31/2026). Dunn motioned to approve the nominees and Rogers seconded.

**Motion Passed: 4-0**

7. Discuss and consider a 5 year contract with MVBA (McCreary, Veselka, Bragg and Allen, PC to provide collection services for unpaid closed water utility accounts. MVBA will collect on outstanding water debts of closed accounts and collect a 30% fee on top of collection amount. This is a no cost venture for the City. Dunn motioned to approve entering into the contract and was seconded by Smith.

**Motion Passed: 4-0**

8. Consider and approve Ordinance 021224 providing for a collection fee for delinquent utility bills. This ordinance will allow for a 30% collection fee by a collection agency to pursue outstanding utility bills. Dunn motioned to approve and was seconded by Smith.

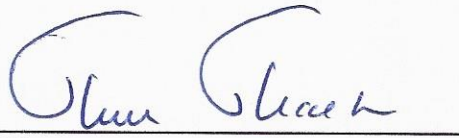
**Motion Passed: 4-0**

**Open Forum/Citizen Comments:** Citizen Charlie Crabb address the council about an ongoing long term issue of the drainage behind his house on Lamar St leading to SW Front street. The creek that carries rain water run-off is currently overgrown and blocked by a neighboring property and Mr Crabb has asked that the City get involved in finding a resolution as this is a natural drainage path for a much larger area.

Departmental reports were given by Chief Morrison, Administrator Marley and Secretary Jordan.

Upon a motion made by council members Dunn and Smith, the council voted to adjourn the Edgewood City Council meeting at 8:05 p.m.

**Motion Carried 4-0**



**Mayor**



**City Secretary**