

**January 26, 2026**

The Eastman City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting on the above date at 6:00 p.m. The following members were present: Graham Snyder, Debra Sheffield, Dwayne Burney, and Mark Peacock. Councilor John Battle arrived a little late. Others present were City Attorneys Rita Llop and Chris Gordon, City Manager Spencer Barron, Police Chief Billy Cooper, Fire Chief Derl Maxwell, City Clerk April Sheffield, Assistant City Manager Dayna Winslette, Code Enforcer Gerald Fordham, and Public Works Director Wynnon Pittman. Present from the community was Martin Kehayes.

The meeting was called to order by Councilor Snyder.

Invocation was given by Councilor Burney.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Snyder thanks all of the city employees involved in the remodel of the council chambers.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**On a motion from Councilor Peacock and seconded by Councilor Sheffield, the agenda was unanimously amended to add #3: Airport Authority Appointment. The amended agenda was unanimously approved on a motion from Councilor Peacock and seconded by Councilor Sheffield.**

**APPROVE MINUTES:**

**A motion was made by Councilor Sheffield and seconded by Councilor Burney to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2026, regular meeting. Motion was approved unanimously.**

**NO UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER REQUEST:**

Manager Barron reminded the council that this is a yearly request to help support the Senior Citizens Center. They do provide services that the city is not currently capable of doing. The usual amount given is \$3500 and was also earmarked in the 2026 Budget. **With no disagreement, a motion was made by Councilor Burney to approve the donation to the Senior Citizens Center again this year for \$3500. The motion was seconded by Councilor Peacock and approved by all.**

**SHERRY LEWIS ANNEXATION:**

There has been a request for annexation from Ms. Sherry Lewis. The parcel number is **048A 028**. Attorney Llop states that Ms. Lewis owns property on **Congo Lane** which has already been annexed into the city. The property is contiguous and appropriate to annex in with the 100% method by her request. Chairman Snyder confirms that after passing this resolution, the next step would be to give notice to the county for their approval. Dependent upon the county's response, the city would then proceed to annex the property by ordinance. **On a motion from Councilor Peacock and seconded by Councilor Sheffield, the council unanimously voted to accept Ms. Lewis' annexation request and pass the resolution to move forward with the annexation.**

**AIRPORT AUTHORITY APPOINTMENT:**

With Ms. Sebrina Williams' term ending on the City Council as of December 31, 2025, her seat on the Airport Authority Board has also become vacant. The Council must designate another representative to serve on the Airport Authority Board. **Councilor Burney made a motion to appoint John Battle. Mr. Battle was not currently present at the meeting and was unable to confirm his availability. Councilor Peacock made a motion to appoint Debra Sheffield and was seconded by Councilor Burney. Before a**

vote could be taken; Mr. Battle arrived to be able to discuss and confirm his availability. **Councilor Peacock decided to rescind his motion to appoint Debra Sheffield, and seconded Mr. Burney's motion to appoint John Battle. Chairman Snyder called for a vote and all approved Mr. Battle to fulfill the open Airport Authority Board position.**

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Manager Barron reminded everyone that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Downtown Comprehensive Plan meeting will be Monday, February 2, 2026, at 11:30 AM at the Chamber of Commerce. The next Park Movie Night is scheduled for April 18. Lorax will be the movie. All pickleball courts, both inside and out, are up and running. He says that they are moving forward with the splashpad with more details to come in the next few weeks. If there are problems in your neighborhood, whether it be a pothole, busted water line, trash, or whatever, please call the City Hall and report it so a work order can be made. We have a tracking system to keep up to date on the work orders and be able to make sure that they are handled in a timely manner.

**OTHER BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL:**

Councilor Peacock reiterated Snyder's commit about thanking the guys for all of their hard work on painting, changing out the carpet, and other things to improve the look of the council room.

**On a motion from Councilor Peacock and Councilor Sheffield, and a second from Councilor Burney, the meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote.**

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