

December 27, 2022

The Eastman City Council met in a regular scheduled meeting on the above date at 6:00 p.m. The following members were present: Raymond Mullis, Buddy Pittman, Sebrina Williams, Ronnie Woodard and Jermayne Hamilton. Others present were Police Chief Becky Sheffield, Asst Chief Billy Cooper, Fire Chief Scotty Whitten, City Manager Spencer Barron, City Clerk April Sheffield, City Inspector Jack White, Engineer Jesse Bearden, a few other department heads, and also including some previous employees of the city. Present from the community were Susan and Mitchell Coffee, Spud Bowen, Opera Jordan, and other community members. Also in attendance were the family of Chief Sheffield, current and previous law enforcement from the police department, Sheriff's department, GBI, and Dept of Community Supervision. Eastman and Dodge County Fire Departments were also represented. More than 60 visitors were in attendance for Chief Becky Sheffield's retirement.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pittman.

Invocation was given by Chaplain Hamilton.

Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: The first item on the agenda is to approve the agenda.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: No changes.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Council, do y'all have anything that y'all want? Then, I will need a motion then to approve the agenda as it stands.

COUNCILOR MULLIS: So moved.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Have a motion from Councilman Mullis. I need a second.

COUNCILOR WILLIAMS: Second.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Have a second from Councilwoman Williams. All in favor show of hands. Motion carried unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Next on the agenda is to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2022, regular meeting.

COUNCILOR MULLIS: So moved.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Have a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Council, did y'all have any questions about them or anything? If not, I need a second.

COUNCILOR WOODARD: Second.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Have a second from Councilman Woodard. All in favor show of hands. Motion carried unanimous.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

2023 BUDGET:

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Next under unfinished business is to adopt the 2023 budget. I think that we have had our public hearings and all. Council, do y'all have any last questions about the budget? If not, I will entertain a motion to approve the 2023 budget.

COUNCILOR MULLIS: So moved.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Have a motion from Councilman Mullis to approve the budget. I need a second.

COUNCILOR HAMILTON: Second.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Have a motion from Councilman Hamilton. All in favor show of hands. Motion carried unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVE MONTHLY BILLS:

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: First under new business is to approve the monthly bills for December 13 – December 27, 2022. Y’all should have gotten those in your packet. Are there any questions about any of them? If not, I need a motion to approve the monthly bills.

COUNCILOR MULLIS: So moved.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Have a motion from Councilman Mullis. I need a second.

COUNCILOR HAMILTON: Second.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: We have a second Councilman Hamilton. All in favor by show of hands. Motion carried unanimous.

BUILDING PERMIT:

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Next on the agenda is a building permit for Jack’s Family Restaurant on 4th Avenue. The contractor is Venture Construction Company. And Jack is here to talk about Jack’s.

INSPECTOR WHITE: Yes Sir. You should have all of the information in front of y’all. It’s a pretty cut and dry building permit. I just want permission to move ahead with it.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Everything is in order?

INSPECTOR WHITE: Everything is in order.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Alright, I need a motion then for council to approve unless y’all have any questions for Jack about Jack’s. If not, then I need a motion to approve the building permit for Jack’s Family Restaurant down on 4th Avenue at the old Fred’s location.

COUNCILOR HAMILTON: So moved.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: I have a motion from Councilman Mullis. I need a second.

COUNCILOR HAMILTON: Second.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: I have a second from Councilman Hamilton. All in favor by show of hands. Motion carried unanimous.

CITY MANAGER HAS NOTHING TO REPORT:

NO OTHER BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL:

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion from Councilor Mullis and a second from Councilor Hamilton, the meeting was adjourned.

CHAIRMAN

CITY CLERK