

Ebbie Johnson Lover,
Mayor Pro-Tem



Janeene Lucas, Councilmember
Linda Timberlake, Councilmember
Earnest Starling, Councilmember

Walter Ward, Mayor
EASTON CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES

April 13, 2021

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 – Crystal Jenkins, City Secretary
 - a. Mayor Walter Ward – Present
 - b. Ebbie Lover – Present
 - c. Janeene Lucas – Present
 - d. Earnest Starling – Present
 - e. Linda Timberlake – Present
4. Public Comments and Announcements – General Public
 - a. No comments
5. City Council will discuss and/or approve the following items:
 - a. Review and/or approve March Special Called Meeting minutes.
 - i. Earnest Staring motioned for the March Special Called Meeting minutes be accepted as read by City Secretary, Crystal Jenkins. Janeene Lucas seconds. Four for, zero against.
 - b. Review and/or approve February Regular Council Meeting minutes.
 - i. Earnest Staring motioned for the February Regular Council Meeting minutes be accepted as read by City Secretary, Crystal Jenkins. Linda Timberlake seconds. Four for, zero against.
 - c. Review gas report.
 - i. Artis Anderson, gas supervisor, informs the council that he needs help for installing 6 services and needs another truck. People are calling that they have not received their gas bills. He informs them that our system has been down for at least a week.
 - d. Review fire department report.
 - i. Walter Ward reported first responder call of 2 medical evacuation by helicopter. No fires. David Coleman, FD Chief, is back home and still recovering.
 - e. City Secretary Report.

Reported that wiring in office needs work. Hiring for Gas Clerk position. Position needs to be full-time. Ebbie Lover asked about Financial Report. Sect. reported that we are still awaiting the report from Ayanna. Technical problems have prevented us from receiving the latest report she sent out this week. Sect. will make sure members get a copy when she receives it. Walter Ward stated that he has contacted two electricians to look at electrical problems.
 - f. Review 2021 Elections.
 - i. Reported that City Sect has been working with county elections officials to conduct our election. Informed CC of training for election staff, dates of early voting and general election.

6. Discuss and Approve Items:

- a. NO Dumping Ordinance was not voted on because (Ebbie Lover stated that the City already has a No Dumping Ordinance).
- b. City Sect. passed out a sample ordinance for the Garbage Collection. Needs to get attorney to draw it up when the council decides.
- c. CC voted all ayes, no nays to terminate Medical Insurance for terminated employees.
- d. Discussed switching to Verizon internet services because of poor service of Zito Media. Sect. can test service of Verizon and compare to Zito before switching over. Earnest Starling suggested that electrical wiring may be interfering with internet services. Walter Ward restated that he will call electrician.
- e. Discussed using USIC to do Line Locates for gas system. Will get bid and present at next CC meeting.

7. **ACTION ITEMS**

1. Trash Service bid was presented by Ameritech. (See Bid). Walter Ward stated that the CC needs time to decide to follow through with contract because the residents may not want the service or can afford. Clayton Vickers, owner stated that people may object until they get used to the idea of a trash service. Mayor stated that we don't want to put too much on the residents who may not be able to afford it. Earnest Starling suggested that the CC be given the opportunity to talk with the residents to explain the service. City Sect. will need to get all addresses in the city.
2. Walter Ward will place cameras on roads where dumping is taking place.

8. **CLOSED SESSION**

1. Earnest Staring made motion to review and approve employment applications and hiring of new personnel; seconded by Ebbie Lover. Voted all ayes, no nays.

Meeting Adjourned: 9: 00

Walter D. Ward

Walter Ward, Mayor