

June 30, 2022

The Eastman City Council met in a regular scheduled meeting on the above date at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Buddy Pittman, Sebrina Williams, Jermayne Hamilton, and Ronnie Woodard. Others present were City Manager Spencer Barron, City Clerk April Sheffield, Police Chief Becky Sheffield, Attorney Rita Llop, City Engineer Jesse Bearden, and City Inspector Jack White. Present from the community were DDA member Wynnon Pittman, Mitchell and Susan Coffee, County Commissioner Sharon Cobb Flanagan, Pastor Todd Crosby, Tiesha Mincey, and Emory Tuff.

The meeting was streamed live via Facebook.

The meeting was called to order by Council Member Pittman.

Invocation was given by Council Member Hamilton.

Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE AGENDA:

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: The first item is to approve the agenda unless we have anything to add to it.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: No changes.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: If not, then I need a motion to approve the agenda as it stands.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: So moved.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Have a motion from Councilwoman Williams. I need a second.

COUNCIL MEMBER WOODARD: Second.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Got a second. All in favor show of hands? Motion carried unanimous. And in case anyone is wondering where Councilman Mullis is, he is in Florida on some family business.

APPROVE MINUTES:

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Next is to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2022, regular meeting. I will entertain a motion to approve that.

COUNCIL MEMBER WOODARD: I will make that motion.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Have a motion from Councilman Woodard to approve the minutes.

Council do y'all have any questions or see anything that you need to ask about? If not, I need a second.

COUNCIL MEMBER HAMILTON: Second.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Have a second from Councilman Hamilton. All in favor show of hands? Motion carried unanimous.

NO UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH:

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: First item is First Baptist Church.

PASTOR CROSBY: Thank you. I am Todd Crosby, Senior Pastor at First Baptist Church. Thank you for putting us on the agenda tonight. I am here representing our church to request a couple of changes of 6th Avenue and Pine Street, right where they border our church. The changes are a couple of crosswalks that we would like to see put in. As well as the possibility of a speed bump on 6th Avenue there. Let me kind of go over these and I will start with 6th Avenue. One of the problems that we have is when people are trying to cut the red light. When they see the light red there, they will cut down 6th Avenue and kind of speed through there to kind of evade that red light. So, one of the things that we were looking at was

the possibility of putting in a speed bump right there on 6th Avenue so it will slow some of that down. As well as the addition of a crosswalk where it cuts from the sidewalk over to the entrance of our church. We have a lot of people to travel right through there. If we had that crosswalk, it would help to defy that, as well as some signage on both sides right there to show where that crosswalk is at. One of things that we would also like to possibly request is to make that street right there on 6th Avenue a one-way, going out from Pine Street to Oak Street. Which would mean that traffic would only be able to go through in that direction and it would also cut out some of the people that are cutting through there to evade the red light. One other thing that we would like to request is 2 other crosswalks on Pine Street, where they leave the sidewalk and go across there. Right now, if things go according to plan, we will have a Christian School that started in that building that borders Pine Street. Which would make that a school zone. We are also going to have people cutting across there that have children in it at that time. Lord willing, that will be the 2023-2024 school year before that opens. So, we would like to put in some crosswalks right there, as well as signage on both sides. I think that is everything that we have there.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Council, do y'all any questions for Mr. Crosby?

COUNCIL MEMBER HAMILTON: Well, I know I have got a map right here showing me where everything is at, but I am a visual person. Could we set up a time so I can come out and see exactly what you are talking about in person?

PASTOR CROSBY: Absolutely. Anytime, you can drop by there. Councilman Hamilton, if you just want to call the church and see if I am there, or our facilities manager, Mark Peacock. We would be glad to show you that anytime. It is that street right between the Station and the main sanctuary of the church, is where we were requesting the speed break to go in. The other one would be the street between us and the funeral home, Stokes and Southerland Funeral Home. Pine Street, right there is where the crosswalks would be, but they would be right in front of where our children's building is. Feel free, we will be more than happy to.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: I reckon I want to make sure. I have a lot of red circles right here. So, one way traffic on 6th, going toward Oak? And then a crosswalk at the actual shelter going to the Station, isn't it? And then a speed break a little further down, in front of the playground? And then 2 crosswalks, now when you say crosswalk do you mean like the painted ones? And then because of state law, you have these little signs sitting there that say to stop for pedestrians crossing. Of course, you still walk up to it and make sure that there ain't nobody coming at 50 mph and can't hit the brakes.

ENGINEER BEARDEN: That is what the red stars are for, the signage.

PASTOR CROSBY: Yes. Those are a little harder to see. There would be a sign on 6th Avenue right before that crosswalk and a sign going in both directions on Pine Street for the crosswalks. Some of this is to alleviate current problems that we have but some of it is also anticipating when we get the school opened up.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Let us take this and discuss and see what we can do and come up with and how we do all that. And we will be getting back with y'all.

PASTOR CROSBY: Absolutely. Thank you very much.

MT MORIAH STREET CLOSURE:

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Next on the agenda is Mt. Moriah Street closure.

TIESHA MINCEY: Hello. I am Tiesha and I am coming on the behalf of the Brown family. On July 9th, which is a Browns family reunion, but we are calling it the Slip and Slide Wet Day. Which we will have many activities, wet activities for the kids. And what we was trying to do, we was trying to block off a little area which is where we basically stay at. It's like 2 abandoned houses beside us. And if we can block it off like from them mailboxes and it goes to the end of Dodge Avenue. Which is real busy, ever day. And we wasn't trying to block the 2 houses on the end. Which we was trying to stop it where their

mailbox is so we won't block their driveway. It's mainly like a family reunion, fun, wet day. We going to have a collection of cars in honor of my father. That is basically it. What we was trying to do is block it off. So cars can't come from Dodge Avenue. We are like at the end of Dodge Avenue. I don't know. It's on Mt Moriah. But we was trying to block it off from mailbox to mailbox. Which is no houses in the middle of us. We are sitting like in the middle. Two of the houses on this end and abandoned houses on this end. We were just trying to see if there is any kind of way that y'all could block the road off.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I am trying to figure out where y'all are at.

TIESHA MINCEY: We are Danette Mincey. Roy Lee Mincey on Mt Moriah.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I am just trying to place where you are talking about. I know where Mt Moriah Street is.

TIESHA MINCEY: You know where the Thomas' stay at? We're in the middle there. We are right beside the Thomas'. On the same side. On the other side is like an abandoned house and woods. And it's the Thomas' and across from the Thomas', I'm not sure who they are because they're not our neighbor. They haven't been in our neighborhood very long. But on the side of us is the Thomas' and on the other side is an abandoned house. And then it's Miss Joyce Ann Henley. And across from that abandoned house, it's another abandoned house. And we don't want to block the people like the church. We didn't want to block it. Really, we won't be blocking nobody's driveway. Because right in there is really like our property. I mean, we are going to have it, but I was trying to see if there was any kind of way that you could block the road. I mean, we have a little property but it's a, it's not enough for the wet slides and the cars. Pretty much, that's about basically it.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: We can block it if y'all vote to do it. I am not aware of anybody opposing it right now.

TIESHA MINCEY: I am pretty sure no one will. Everybody that stay there, been there for years.

COUNCIL MEMBER HAMILTON: Just a quick question. What time?

TIESHA MINCEY: Well, it starts at 3. From 3-9.

COUNCIL MEMBER HAMILTON: What day you say now?

TIESHA MINCEY: July 9th. It's from 3-9. But if they couldn't come block it at 3, we would be glad that they could come at 5. If 3 is too early for them, we could pretty much try to keep everybody out of the road. But if they can at least block it at 5, that would be great. It ends at 9.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: What we might do is just pre-stage everything and let the police officer on duty that day just do it.

TIESHA MINCEY: And it's a police officer that stay up right across the street from us. I don't know does that matter but. Not across the street from it but on the other side of the abandoned house.

COUNCIL MEMBER WOODARD: What were the hours?

TIESHA MINCEY: It's from 3-9.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: You are going to basically have some antique cars? And some wet?

TIESHA MINCEY: Yes Sir. And some wet slides. Everything out there is going to be wet.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: I reckon the main question at hand is there going to be big old giant speakers and loud music drinking.

TIESHA MINCEY: I'm not going to lie. We do have a live DJ. And yes, it will be.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Let me finish asking all of the questions? Now we are getting a lot more into it. Now there is going to be a DJ, and loud music, and that if somebody gets turned up. Then the neighbors start complaining and then there is going to be drinking going around. Youngins playing around slides and pools and all. Everybody promises a lot of things and things happen. What you started with and now we are getting into other. Basically, it's a big-time party is what y'all are looking at throwing.

TIESHA MINCEY: I promise. It's the Brown's family reunion.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: That's the only thing for me is shutting the street down for basically a family reunion and a big throw down is what it is going to be. Have y'all looked at the Terry Coleman Center or someplace that you are not.

TIESHA MINCEY: We don't really want a building. We are going to have plenty of activities right there. We just haven't went as far as blocking the road. But do to the that we threw the antique cars in there. It's like 20 cars and it's like no way. We don't have enough property to park all of the m cars in the yard. But I mean, we always have the event. We just have never closed the road. And on Dodge Avenue, they constantly fly. Not trying to tell on nobody. But Dodge Avenue is a racetrack. Our house is not too far. And when they come from Dodge Avenue, they never stops at the stop sign. So that is the only thing. But we always have events there. We are just trying to close the road down.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Opinions?

COUNCIL MEMBER HAMILTON: Well, I support the family reunion. No doubt about that. But again, this is just me personally, I like to see what you are talking about. You know, about the roads and trying to block it off. And would that be a distraction to the neighbors that is around. You say no, but how would the neighbors get in if both of the roads is blocked? Let's just say, hey I forgot something at the store, or I got to go to Auntie house to pick up kids or whatever. And I am your neighbor. How am I going to get out?

TIESHA MINCEY: It's nobody between us. Like the Thomas', they can use the other. Well, I done mapped it out. Like I said, we always throw events there, we just never asked to close down the road. But like the Thomas' on the end, which is right beside Dodge Avenue, they have 2 driveways. Which they wouldn't have to really use the driveway that is on Mount Moriah. They can use Dodge Avenue.

COUNCIL MEMBER HAMILTON: You talked to them about it?

TIESHA MINCEY: No, I haven't talked to them about it because they really don't be there. They really don't stay there no more. They be in and out, but they really don't stay there. But I am pretty sure, I know they wouldn't mind. They have activities too. And we just a big family. As far as the Wilcox, the preacher lady, they are own Mt Moriah St. But they also can use, they shouldn't have to use. But you are welcome to come on Mt Moriah and I can show you exactly what I am talking about. But we stay like in the middle. No one should have to come where we at but us.

COUNCIL MEMBER HAMILTON: The only problem I see with it is that if an emergency happens. They may come home, and they can't get in there and it's approved. Then that falls back on the city. Because we done blocked it off. You see what I am saying? I support the family reunion all day long, I really do. But as far as that goes, with the city blocking that street off for that, I think it will be a hazard waiting to happen. Being that it is not controlled.

TIESHA MINCEY: I understand. But like I said, it's not no one. It's not no fire hazard. There's going to be nobody but us. But I got to go on what y'all say. If y'all say we can't block it, we can't block it. I will have to try and fiddle with it.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Where are you going to put the cars at? In the street?

TIESHA MINCEY: Well...I've been trying to line it out. As many as I can get in. We have a big field that is connected to our yard. But we going to use it totally for the wet day. Now the cars, I am going to try to get as many as I can in the yard but that is the problem. I am afraid that I am not going to be able to get all of them in the yard. And I could have, but like I said, we have had things there before where the police come through and we let them park along the road. And they keep one side empty. Nothing have never been said. No move the cars or nothing. Cause we a neighborhood like that. But I was just coming. Because I can keep them out of the road or try. But you know people normally tend to park on the side of the road. I was just trying to block both sides so it won't be no interruption with the road. And y'all ain't got to worry about nobody coming through and the kids running and be like a free area.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Where is all of the people coming to going to park at?

TIESHA MINCEY: Where are they going to park at? Like I said, I was going to try my best..

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: No, I am talking about all of the family members coming.

TIESHA MINCEY: I am going to park some of them in the front. I am going to park some of them in the back. And like I said, we usually let them line up there side the road. But I am trying to keep the road clear. Not really clear in our area but in some of them so nobody won't be coming through flying. And we are not blocking nobody. Like if the Thomas' come home, I promise you that they can get in. Just ride by there, you will see exactly what I am talking about. The Thomas' are in and out. The Wilcox, everybody go up the other way any way. Everybody zoom by our house.

COUNCIL MEMBER HAMILTON: Do you have the Thomas' phone number?

TIESHA MINCEY: I sure do. Jeffrey Thomas. I sure do.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: I know you say that you have been trying to plan this and everything. It would have been a lot sweeter to come to us at like the last council meeting or a month ago, instead of tonight. Because you are talking about having this thing next Saturday. I don't know. I have a problem with just shutting a piece. It's like with the Juneteenth thing. They had it planned and in the works for months now. But with just a family reunion and wanting to have loud music and drinking and stuff. And we shut this section. Then at the next meeting, then everybody is going to want to come and say, well y'all shut it down for her. And then they want to have a family reunion and be parking cars in it. I mean, if there is any kind of emergency or anything, you can't get in there to it. It just sounds like it's a little unorganized. For me, it just sounds like it is going to be a big party and a lot of loud music. And if any neighbor or anybody complains, then the police is going to come and say shut it down and everybody leave. Then we are going to be the bad guy. But when you got neighbors complaining about the noises And there has been nothing. I understand what you are saying about this neighbor and that neighbor. That they can get here and there. For me it looks like a disaster. I know that you said that y'all have been having them before and stuff, but now you are wanting to get out into the street and block the street. You are going to have kids running around. You are going to have adults there drinking. I just think. I just don't see it turning out well. Or if you have any complaint or anything,

TIESHA MINCEY: There is going to be preaching there. And going to be preachers there. I don't know if that matters but my pastor, he is going to be present. I see that it don't matter, but they will be there. I don't see where that matters because there is going to be a whole bunch of family there. But I understand.

COUNCIL MEMBER HAMILTON: I support the family reunion. I am just a little hesitant about blocking the street off because of the emergency situations that can arise, and everybody is not on the grid where we are blocking the street off. That is the only thing with me. That is why I would say no at this time.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I see both sides. I can see the problems that could present, I do. Like he said Ms. Brown, it would have been a whole better if you could have come earlier too, so we could have discussed it at all and a little longer.

TIESHA MINCEY: I would have came a little earlier. Like I said, we have been having them for so long and we usually don't block off the road or street. I usually let them park on one side of the street. And like I said, there has never been nothing said. Nobody never had a problem with it. The police come through constantly and don't tell us to move. So that is what I was going to do this time. But what happened is that I stopped Mr. Scotty Whitten and I was asking him how do I go about it and asking him if he could do it for me. He said no he couldn't do it and I was going to have to go through this process. That is the reason why I am late. Because he just told me that y'all were having a meeting. Because I never block the street, I always let them park on one side.

COUNCIL MEMBER HAMILTON: I tell you what, the next one you have, you just let us know and we will see what we can do then. But it is just a little late notice right now. There is a lot of liability issues and

we have to look out for that because some stuff you can't say sorry too. Some stuff you can't take back. And we have to look at that as a council.

TIESHA MINCEY: I understand. But you know the Mincey family and the Brown family. You go to our church. You know that we don't cut the fool, but I understand. So that is a no. Thank you.

AT&T TOWER AGREEMENT:

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Next on the agenda is the AT&T tower agreement.

ENGINEER BEARDEN: So, last year AT&T approached the city to place a diesel, well it started out propane and I tried to get them to go with natural gas but none of that seemed like a good fit. They need an emergency generator on site. Verizon Wireless has one on site. So, we went through the proper procedure with the Department of Natural Resources. I called Albany and they called Atlanta. Around any municipal well, there is a certain area called Wellhead Protection. You can't have anything that could pollute the ground and could seep into the well. That's what that fence is around our well, due to wellhead protection. Working with the AT&T representative and we came up with a suitable agreement for them and for the city. So, we made an amendment. The map is sort of hard to read. I have full size scale map if any of y'all would like to review it. But basically, it puts the emergency generator outside of our wellhead protection and in a separate area and in a gated area. So, it should be protected. It has been within 2 years since we negotiated a cost and expense with AT&T to rent a space on our tower and of course on the ground. Of course, we went up 104% from what they were paying us. I just didn't feel like that I could poke them again for any more money. This was a 16 x 10, so 160 square feet, that is adjacent to their existing leased area. So, I just recommended that we not increase or try to get any more money for a 160-sq ft area that was already adjacent to their area. Basically, what this is a GENERAC generator, a self-contained tank that will be built on a pad and will meet all EPD and EPA regulations as far as containment of spills. So, this is what their agreement is to put this emergency generator on site. Any questions?

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Council, do y'all have any questions for Jesse? If not, then I will entertain a motion to approve this AT&T tower agreement as it is written.

COUNCIL MEMBER HAMILTON: So moved.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Got a motion from Councilman Hamilton to approve the AT&T tower agreement. I need a second.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Second.

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

SCADA QUOTE:

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Next on the agenda is the SCADA quote.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: We have received one offer on the SCADA quote. It was for \$64,000 from DW Industrial. And for \$64,000 they will install 11 monitoring systems on our lift stations and 4 monitoring systems on our wells. Just to remind you, this allows us to monitor their status to know if they have a problem 24/7.

CITY CLERK SHEFFIELD: It also upgrades the plant itself.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: So, this will actually put all of our stuff on a monitoring system? All of the lift stations on the monitoring system?

CITY MANAGER BARRON: This will be the first upgrade since the plant was put in, is the way I understand it.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Council, do y'all have any questions on this? If not, this is what we were talking about last meeting, I will entertain a motion to approve the SCADA proposal for \$64,000.

ATTORNEY LLOP: Which is for one year, right?

CITY MANAGER BARRON: It installs the hardware but with the monitoring software in it, there will be a yearly fee for it. The \$64,000 is the one-time installation, parts and labor. And yearly service, \$300 each, \$1200 total. That includes cell hosting and one year cloud-based storage. That was for the wells. And for the lift stations, \$300 each, one year cell host and also cloud storage. So, it is not \$64,000 a year. Does that answer your question, Rita?

ATTORNEY LLOP: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER HAMILTON: What would be the number per year?

CITY MANAGER BARRON: \$3300 + \$1200 would be \$4500 a year. Think of it like a cable subscription service. It is our cloud hosting framework, and this stuff will call out on a cell plan. So, it will reach like me on my cell phone, or Matt, or Jack or somebody. So that includes the cell coverage, the computer cloud hosting for that \$4500 per year. After we do the \$64,000 installation. Assuming nothing tears up or gets struck by lightning, which will happen. We will have to replace it, but this is the first upgrade since, when did we build it, 2008? That system is essentially nonfunctional now.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: And with this, all of the wells and all of the lift stations, everything will be tied in.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: Tied in together and you will be able to check it with your phone if you want to. So, when these lift stations go down or when lightning hits a well pump and we are not producing, instead of somebody having to get up in the middle of the night and go ride and check all of that stuff, you will get an alert on your phone that there is a problem and Matt can go straight to it. Or we can go straight to it. Whoever is available.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Any other questions? If not, I need a motion to approve the SCADA proposal for \$64,000.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: So moved.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Have a motion from Councilwoman Williams. I need a second.

COUNCIL MEMBER HAMILTON: Second.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Have a second from Councilman Hamilton. All in favor show of hands? Motion carried unanimous.

4-WAY STOP @ 3RD & CREIGHTON:

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Next on the agenda is a 4-way stop at 3rd and Creighton.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: Yes, we received a request last week that the city put in a 4-way stop at that intersection. Right now, there are just stop signs at 3rd Avenue, but Creighton doesn't stop until it hits 2nd Avenue there at the library. I went down there and looked at it. It probably would be a good spot for a 4-way stop. Again, you may want to go and check it yourself before voting. Actually, while I was sitting there looking at it, a car ran that stop sign right in front of me. I thought that that might be a sign that we need to do this. We tried to get in there and clear the right of ways so you could see vehicles coming. But the way that it is overgrown, it is an older section of town. There is just no way to really make that safe. You can't see those cars flying down Creighton until you are out in the middle of the road.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: You can to the right but not the left. You have to pull out halfway in the middle of the road.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: You do. You are going to have to stick your hood out in the road before you see around that.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Council, what y'all think?

COUNCIL MEMBER WOODARD: I think I would like to take a look at it.

COUNCIL MEMBER HAMILTON: Yeah, I would like to see it.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Alright. Well then, if we could just add it under unfinished business at the next meeting.

MINI-EXCAVATOR QUOTES:

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Next is the mini-excavator quotes.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: Again, this is for the equipment that is going to let us retake our right of ways, clear out the ditches, and hopefully get some of these limb piles moved too.

INSPECTOR WHITE: A month or so back y'all asked me to requote the excavator instead of an actual track loader. And I got 3 quotes. 2 of them are from the same company but it's 2 different pieces of equipment. The reason for it is that no one is bidding or quoting these prices right now because they are so hard to access. No one wants to give a price on it because they can't get their hands on it. These, if y'all agree to it, may be 6 months before we can take possession of them. The ones that I would recommend is the medium priced and the highest priced. The reason for it is the most versatility of the machine. You actually get to use it in more ways than one. The head swivels and everything about it. One of them is actually kind of limited to its position. You couldn't get on angles and all that with it. The 'G' model is a good one or the CAT. Either one of those would be good. They have got double pumps where the pump would be able to handle that mulching head and give you the best longevity out of it.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Are you talking about the \$139K and the \$145K?

INSPECTOR WHITE: No Sir. The \$145K and the \$175k one. Either one of those would be the 2 most adequate machines. The good part about the \$145K one is you can still have room in between it and the other one to buy a trailer to go along with it to move it.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: If we had to pick one, the \$145K would be our pick?

INSPECTOR WHITE: Yes Sir.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Y'all want to bring this up next meeting? We can go online and pull it up and look at it. And then we can make a decision next meeting. Put it under unfinished business.

LOST:

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Next on the agenda is LOST. Local Option Sales Tax.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: Sharon, do you want to say anything, or you want me just to explain it to them? Ok. Every 10 years we renegotiate LOST disbursements. After several meetings, Conner has reported back to us that essentially every city and the county have agreed to keep it the same again for the coming 10 years. If you look in your package, you can see the breakdowns. Eastman's is going to be 31.14%, Chester is 7.6%, Milan is 3.3%, Chauncey is 2.57%, Rhine is 2.82%, and the county is at 52.49%. Again, everybody has agreed to this. This is the point where we just...

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: I thought we were swapping with the county.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: You will need to talk to Commissioner Flanagan on that one. Overall, it was a pretty successful negotiation, I think. We appreciate the county and all of the other municipalities coming at it with a good attitude. We would appreciate it if the Eastman Council would also approve this.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Council, do y'all have any questions about this? If not, then I need a motion to approve the 31.14%.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: Yes Sir. And you will have to sign it as head of government, and Sharon has the original.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Alright, well I will entertain a motion for LOST negotiations for the City of Eastman to continue with their 31.14% share of sales tax.

COUNCIL MEMBER HAMILTON: So moved.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Motion from Councilman Hamilton. I need a second.

COUNCIL MEMBER WOODARD: Second.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: A second by Councilman Woodard. All in favor show of hands. Motion carried unanimous.

APPROVE MONTHLY BILLS:

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Next on the agenda is to approve the monthly bills from June 14– June 30, 2022. Y'all have them in front of you. Any questions about any of them? If not, I will entertain a motion to approve the monthly bills.

COUNCIL MEMBER HAMILTON: So moved.

COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Have a motion from Councilman Hamilton. I need a second.

COUNCIL MEMBER WOODARD: Second.

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

MONTHLY REPORTS GIVEN FOR STUDY

CITY MANAGER REPORT:

CITY MANAGER BARRON: I just want to remind everybody that we have a busy weekend coming up. We have got the music festival downtown Saturday. And we will have the fireworks Monday night at the Chas Mar parking lot. We are going to have music there as well. And a reminder that City Hall will be closed on Monday in observation of July 4th. Let me also remind everybody that the high school parking lot and the middle school parking lot are closed and off limits due to paving. So, you have got the Chas-Mar parking lot, the right-of-ways, the shoulders of the roads, and anywhere else you or a resident or a business can come to terms with and let you park at. But stay away from the middle school and the high school please.

OTHER BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL:

COUNCIL MEMBER HAMILTON: Y'all come out and enjoy the fireworks.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

EMORY TUFF: Good evening. Last time I was here, I wanted to talk to you about the property that was located at 5532 Norman Avenue, and it was concerning the ditch that was there. From what I heard from this gentleman here about the equipment that will be brought up next time. So, my concerns appears to have to be able to wait until then to know whether you will have a machine to clean the ditch. The city attorney will be getting with me this afternoon, I guess before I leave, to let me know where it stands as far as the city doing anything about getting that area closed up or do the responsibility belong to me concerning closing that ditch. Because, due to the weather, it is taking the property away.

INSPECTOR WHITE: What she is saying is that the drainage ditch is a natural flowing drainage ditch that runs through her property. She is wanting us to come in and pipe it, so forth and so on. I went out and talked with her. From my point of view, like I said, it is a natural drainage ditch. It would be up to y'all, as far as the council, to make a judgement as to where to actually put pipe in there or explain to her what we are talking about.

EMORY TUFF: Yes, explain it to me. I've been there with him, like the last time I was here, and I discussed it. Trees have grown root. It used to be back during the time that there were different prisoners, female and males, that cleaned that ditch. It hasn't been done in years. Trees are taller than me and anybody else that is over 6 feet. I need to know what is going to be done with that. You know

you have snakes, you have mosquitoes, and everything else is grown up. That particular area has grown up tremendously. You couldn't get an 18-wheeler through there with a load of material because of the growth of people that have property there that is not maintaining it. Trees have overgrown into the wires where the trees on the right side of the street is connecting to the trees on the left side of the street. And there is a road through there that has finally been paved after over 80 years. So, that was my main concern. Now that I found out about the equipment, there is nothing that can be done right now, from my understanding.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: I am not aware of anything that we can do.

ATTORNEY LLOP: I was going to check and see if there is an easement there, but if it is a natural ditch.

INSPECTOR WHITE: It is a natural ditch.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: And that goes back to what we talked about before. We just don't have a master list yet of what drainage ditches we will maintain versus what is private property. Now, Still Waters Engineering is working on a master storm water plan for us. But will that be 6 months or a year from now before that is done? And then at that point, the council is going to have to decide to take in. Will her ditch be part of our city managed plan, or will it be private property?

ATTORNEY LLOP: Let's find out if we have an easement there. I haven't looked yet but I will. It might require a title search to find out. Unless we can find a record of the easement. But there should be in the title search. I can do that. But I will have to do the research. And that's 5532 Norman Avenue?

EMORY TUFF: Thank you. Yes, it's 5532 Norman. I don't know if it's Avenue anymore or Street.

On a motion from Councilman Woodard and a second from Councilwoman Williams, the meeting was adjourned.

CHAIRMAN

CITY CLERK