

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session, Thursday, March 2, 2017 in council chambers at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Joe Hermes presided over the meeting. Councilmembers Doug Kelley, Wayne Callis, Johnny Vasquez, Lance Smiga and Maxine Price were present. City Manager Don Doering was absent. City Secretary Becky Miska, Finance Director Olga Salomon, Director of Public Works Brad Ryan, Water Wastewater Superintendent Greg Woodring, Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge and Street Superintendent Steve Sample were also present.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 16, 2017:

Councilmember Price made the motion to approve minutes of the city council meeting held February 16, 2017. Councilmember Kelley seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS: Velma Vasquez

HEARING OF VISITORS:

“At this time, comments will be heard from the audience on any subject matter that is not on the agenda. In accordance, with the Open Meeting Act, the council may not discuss or take action on any item which has not been posted on the agenda.” Please limit comments to two (2) minutes.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER ORDER OF CANCELLATION FOR THE MAY 6, 2017 GENERAL ELECTION:

City Secretary Miska noted that the incumbents are unopposed for the May 6, 2017 General Election therefore the election may be cancelled. Councilmember Price made the motion to approve the Order of Cancellation for the May 6, 2017 General Election. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER CITY OF EDNA ORDINANCE NO. 2017-02 OF THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS DECLARING UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICES OF MAYOR, CITY COUNCILMEMBER DISTRICT 1 AND CITY COUNCILMEMBER DISTRICT 2 AS ELECTED; PROVIDING THAT THE MAY 6, 2017 GENERAL ELECTION SHALL NOT BE HELD; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THE ORDINANCE WAS PASSED WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY THE LAW; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE:

Councilmember Vasquez made the motion to approve the City of Edna Ordinance No. 2017-02 of the City of Edna, Texas declaring unopposed candidates for the offices of Mayor, City Councilmember District 1 and City Councilmember District 2 as elected; providing that the May 6, 2017 general election shall not be held; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith; providing a savings clause; providing a severability clause; finding and determining that the meeting at which the ordinance was passed was open to the public as required by law; declaring an emergency; and providing an effective date. Councilmember Smiga seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER YMCA OF THE GOLDEN CRESCENT POOL MANAGEMENT CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF EDNA:

City Secretary Miska noted this is an annual renewal and there are no changes from last year. Councilmember Kelley made the motion to approve the YMCA of the Golden Crescent Pool Management Contract with the City of Edna. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM REPUBLIC SERVICES REGARDING OPTIONS FOR PENDING INVOICE OF BRUSH DEBRIS DISPOSAL:

Mike Reeves was unable to attend the meeting and asked that this item be tabled. Councilmember Kelley made the motion to withhold bill. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER PAYMENT OF CURRENT BILLS:

Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve payment of current bills in the amount of \$169,056.55. Councilmember Smiga seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CITY STAFF REPORTS:

“At this time, the City Council will hear reports / updates on all committees or department assignments which may include, but is not limited to the following: Police Department-grant updates, police report; Public Works Department-park reports, water & sewer line updates; Street Department-street repairs/project; City Manager & City Secretary-public information; Finance Director-financial report; Code Enforcement-progress reports on code issues.” No formal action can be taken on these items.

Finance Director Olga Salomon, Street Superintendent Steve Sample and Director of Public Works Brad Ryan all stated things are going well in their departments. **Chief of Police Clinton Woodridge** reported he is preparing for grand jury.

ADJOURN:

Before adjourning the meeting, council asked the city secretary to post an Executive Session for March 7th at 6:00 p.m.

Councilmember Kelley made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVED: _____
Joe Hermes, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Becky Miska, City Secretary