

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, January 17, 2019 in council chambers at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pro-Tem / Councilmember District 2 Wayne Callis presided over the meeting in the absence of Mayor Joe Hermes. Councilmember District 1 Dustin Muncrief, Councilmember District 3 Rick Boone, Councilmember District 4 Lance Smiga and Councilmember District 5 Johnny Vasquez were present. City Manager Don Doering, Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge, Director of Public Works Brad Ryan and Finance Director Olga Salomon were also present. Minutes were recorded by City Secretary Becky Miska.

VISITORS: Mr. Arden Vesely, Velma Vasquez, Chris Lundstrom-Jackson County Herald Tribune

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 City 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.

Mr. Vesely expressed his concerns and unhappiness in regards to public safety issues.

APPROVE MINUTE OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD DECEMBER 20, 2018:

Councilmember Boone made the motion to approve minutes of the city council meeting held December 20, 2018. Councilmember Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER CITY COUNCIL TO ORDER A GENERAL ELECTION FOR MAY 4, 2019 AND AUTHORIZING MAYOR HERMES TO SIGN THE ELECTION ORDER:

Councilmember Smiga made the motion to approve the city council to order a General Election for May 4, 2019 and authorizing Mayor Hermes to sign the election order. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER APPROVING CITY OF EDNA ORDINANCE NO. 2019-01 CALLING FOR A GENERAL ELECTION TO THE OFFICES OF MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBER DISTRICT 1 AND COUNCILMEMBER DISTRICT 2 AND PROVIDING FOR ELECTION OFFICIALS AND THE TIME, PLACE AND MANNER FOR HOLDING A CITY OF EDNA ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF SAME:

Councilmember Vasquez made the motion to approve City of Edna Ordinance No. 2019-01 calling for a General Election to the offices of Mayor, Councilmember District 1 and Councilmember District 2 and providing for election officials and the time, place and manner for holding a City of Edna election; and providing for notice of same. Councilmember Boone seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER APPROVING THE DOCUMENTATION FOR THE CITY OF EDNA’S APPLICATION TO THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE-DISASTER RECOVERY APPLICATION FOR POSSIBLE HURRICANE HARVEY FUNDS:

- a) **EXCESSIVE FORCE POLICY**
- b) **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN**
- c) **PROCUREMENT POLICIES & PROCEDURES**

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. R-2019-01 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DISASTER RECOVERY (CDBG-DR) APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF EDNA TO ACT AS THE CITY'S EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE CDBG-DR PROGRAM:

Councilmember Muncrief made the motion to approve Resolution No. R-2019-01 a resolution of the City of Edna, Texas, authorizing the submission of a Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Application to the Texas General Land Office and authorizing the Mayor of Edna to act as the City's Executive Officer and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the City's participation in the CDBG-DR Program. Councilmember Boone seconded the matter. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER NOMINATION TO SERVE ON THE BUILDING & STANDARDS COMMISSION BOARD:

Councilmember Boone made the motion to nominate Shelton Grona to the Building & Standards Commission Board. Councilmember Smiga seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER NOMINATION TO SERVE ON THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION'S BOARD:

This item was tabled.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER RENEWING LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF EDNA AND EDNA LITTLE LEAGUE ASSOCIATION FOR BASEBALL AND/OR SOFTBALL FACILITIES:

City Manager Doering noted this is an annual renewal with no changes. Councilmember Vasquez made the motion to approve renewing the Lease Agreement between the City of Edna and Edna Little League Association for the baseball and/or softball facilities. Councilmember Boone seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER 2-1-1 PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE VALUE OF THE REGIONAL INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICES TO OUR COMMUNITY:

Councilmember Vasquez made the motion to approve the 2-1-1 Proclamation recognizing the value of the regional information and referral services to our community. Councilmember Smiga seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER PAYMENT OF CURRENT BILLS:

Councilmember Boone made the motion to approve payment of current bills in the amount of \$344,050.91. Councilmember Vasquez 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 / projects; City Manager & City Secretary – public information; Finance Director-financial report; Code Enforcement-progress reports on code issues.”

City Manager Don Doering reported that he had applied for a grant to reimburse the city for mosquito spraying expenses that were incurred during Hurricane Harvey. The City of Edna was awarded the grant in the amount of \$6,500. Director of Public Works Brad Ryan noted that Greg Woodring has retired. Justin Weber is in the process of getting an additional license and is handling things very well.

Department moral has been very good. Mr. Ryan stated he had met with the builders and architects for the washertia; they have gotten their funding taken care of and will be dried in mid February; local merchants will be paid before permit is pulled. **Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge** stated his department is still awaiting the arrival of the patrol car, apparently there is a shortage of cargo train cars because his patrol car is sitting in Chicago. Wooldridge noted that Nathan's, the department's newest employee, training is going well. Patrolman Callis is reported to be back from Reserve's Training in February. Chief Wooldridge stated he would be busy next week with Grand Jury. **Finance Director Olga Salomon** noted that auditors will be in the office soon for a few days.

ADJOURN:

Councilmember Boone made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVED: _____
Wayne Callis, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST: _____
Becky Miska, City Secretary