

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session, Thursday, February 15, 2018 in council chambers at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Joe Hermes presided over the meeting. Councilmembers Dustin Muncrief, Wayne Callis, Johnny Vasquez, Lance Smiga and Maxine Price were present. City Manager Don Doering, Finance Director Olga Salomon, Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge and Director of Public Works Brad Ryan. Minutes were recorded by City Secretary Becky Miska.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 1, 2018:

Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve minutes of the city council meeting held February 1, 2018. Councilmember Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS; 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 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.

There were no visitor comments.

PUBLIC HEARING:

a) **DISCUSS AND CONSIDER REQUEST FOR ZONING CHANGE APPLICATION BY WILLIAM & REBECCA ALEX FOR A ZONING CHANGE FROM R-2 TO R-1 FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 405 S. WARD. DESCRIPTION OF PLATTED PROPERTY (LEGAL DESCRIPTION): LOT 6, BLOCK 2, WARD ADDITION, ACRES 1.00:**

Mayor Hermes noted that the Planning & Zoning Commission did not meet on February 13th to review the request. Planning & Zoning Commission meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum. Councilmember Price made the motion to send this request back through the proper channels. The Planning & Zoning Commission to review before council makes their decision. Councilmember Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION’S RECOMMENDATION:

No action taken

DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION R-2018-03 A DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE GRANT FOR THE MOBILE COMPUTER UPGRADE PROJECT:

Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge noted that one of the requirements to apply for this grant is that a resolution be approved by council. The current vehicle computers in the city’s patrol cars need to be replaced. Councilmember Smiga made the motion to approve Resolution R-2018-03 a Department of Justice Grant for the Mobile Computer Upgrade Project. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM THE JACKSON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & AGRICULTURE FOR FUNDING FROM THE CURRENT CITY’S BUDGETED HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FOR THE 2018 FISCAL YEAR:

Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve the request from the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture for funding from the current city’s budgeted hotel/motel tax for the 2018 fiscal year in the amount of \$5,000. Councilmember Price seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM THE FLAG CITY OPRY FOR FUNDING FROM THE CURRENT CITY'S BUDGETED HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FOR THE 2018 FISCAL YEAR:

Councilmember Smiga made the motion to approve the request from the Flag City Opry for funding from the current city's budgeted hotel/motel tax for the 2018 fiscal year. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO THE BUILDING & STANDARDS COMMISSION:

Mayor Hermes noted that Lois Drushel had resigned from the Building & Standards Commission. Recommendations are needed to be considered to fulfill her term which expires on October 1, 2018. Councilmember Smiga recommended James Lewis. Director of Public Works Brad Ryan stated that James Lewis had expressed his desire to serve. Mayor and Council commented James is a good recommendation. Councilmember Smiga made the motion to approve appointing James Lewis to the Building & Standards Commission to fulfill Drushel's term which expires October 1, 2018. Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER PAYMENT OF CURRENT BILLS:

Councilmember Vasquez made the motion to approve the payment of current bills in the amount of \$182,460.79. Councilmember Price 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 report; 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." No formal action can be taken on these items.

City Manager Don Doering reported that the city had received a check in the amount of \$1,200 for unclaimed money. **Finance Director Olga Salomon** noted the auditors were here last week working to finish up the 2017 audit. **Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge** stated that in the wake of the Florida school shootings he had gone to talk to the Edna ISD Superintendent about safety measures for the EISD School and our students. **Director of Public Works Brad Ryan** reported that Hurricane Harvey repairs are wrapping up at Shelby Park: Awnings are installed at the city pool; the scoreboard has been repaired; electrical repairs also. **City Secretary Becky Miska** noted that Friday, February 16th is the last day to fill out an application to run for the General Election which is to be held in May.

ADJOURN:

Councilmember Vasquez made the motion to adjourn. Councilmember Smiga seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVED: _____
Joe Hermes, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Becky Miska, City Secretary