

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session, Thursday, March 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, Chief of Police Clinton Wooldrige and Director of Public Works Brad Ryan. In the absence of City Secretary Becky Miska minutes were recorded by Finance Director Olga Salomon.

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

Councilmember Price made the motion to approve minutes of the city council meeting held March 1, 2018. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS: Velma Vasquez, Rachel Turner, Barrett Turner, David Rose, Mr. Pratka, William Alex, Rebecca Alex and Barbara Culpepper

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 to two (2) minutes.

There were no comments.

PUBLIC HEARING:

a)DISCUSS AND CONSIDER REQUEST FOR A ZONING CHANGE APPLICATION BY WILLIAM & REBECCA ALEX FOR A ZONING CHANGE FROM R2 TO R1 FOR THE PROPERTY AT 405 S. WARD STREET. (WARD ADDITION, BLOCK 2, LOT 6, ACRES 1.00)

William Alex address the council regarding his request for a zoning change for 405 S. Ward. Alex noted that the city is in need of rental property. His intentions are to divide the lot and to place new manufactured homes on the property to be used as rental homes.

b DISCUSS AND CONSIDER REQUEST FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT BY B. DAVID ROSE FOR AN AUTOMOBILE REPAIR SHOP AT THE CORNER OF BRAZOS AND VICTORIA STREET. (OT EDNA, LOT 3, BLOCK H, NW 1.00 ACRES OF THE 3.02 ACRE TRACT:

Barrett Turner addressed the council regarding his request for a specific use permit to operate an automobile repair shop at the corner of Brazoa and Victoria Street. David Rose noted that the property would be maintained, kept to city regulations and city ordinances. Mr. Pratka spoke against the specific use permit stating his concerns of those that reside in the area. Pratka went onto say that he has sold the property to the Tejas Construction who are in the midst of constructing a new apartment and housing complex “The Post Oak”. Pratka doesn’t believe this shop is right for the neighborhood. That the neighborhood is currently zoned residential and it should stay residential. Barbara Culpepper voiced her concerns against the specific use permit also.

APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

a) ZONING CHANGE APPLICATION – WILLIAM & REBECCA ALEX

City Manager Doering noted sixty-nine (69) letters were mailed to property owners within 500 feet of the property. The City of Edna received eleven (11) responses: six (6) protests, five (5) approvals. Councilmember Price made the motion to approve the request for a zoning change as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

b) SPECIFIC USE PERMIT – B. DAVID ROSE

City Manager Doering noted that fifteen (15) letters were mailed to property owners within 500 feet of the property. The City of Edna received three (3) responses which were protests. Councilmember Smiga made the motion to approve the request for a specific use permit as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission. Councilmember Muncrief 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:

The city council had approved the YMCA Contract at the last council meeting held on March 1st. Since that meeting the YMCA requested a 3% increase. Councilmember Muncrief made the motion to approve a 3% increase to the YMCA for their management of the city pool. Councilmember Price seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER PAYMENT OF CURRENT BILLS:

Councilmember Vasquez made the motion to approve payment of current bills and bond payments in the amount of \$288,154.86. 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/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.

Director of Public Works Brad Ryan reported on water leak and generator issues at the sewer plant. Finance Director Olga Salomon noted the audit has been wrapped up.

HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE §551.074 – TO DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE OR DISMISSAL OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE:

At 7:09pm the visitors were asked to clear the council chambers.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ANY ACTION AS RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The council returned to open session at 7:49pm, Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve an increase for the Police Department. Councilmember Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

ADJOURN:

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

APPROVED: _____
Joe Hermes, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Becky Miska, City Secretary