

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 in council chambers at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Joe Hermes called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Pro-Tem / Councilmember District 2 Wayne Callis, Councilmember District 1 Dustin Muncrief, Councilmember District 3 Rick Boone, Councilmember District 4 Lance Smiga and Councilmember District 5 Johnny Vasquez were in attendance. City Manager Don Doering, Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge, Director of Public Works Brad Ryan, Street Superintendent Steve Sample and Finance Director Olga Salomon were also present. Minutes were recorded by City Secretary Becky Miska.

VISITORS: Alex Alvarez, J.J. Gonzales, Sara Smiga, Amelia Smiga, Harrison Smiga, Bailey Kirk, Kenneth Smiga, Jenny Smiga, Bertha Dell McDowell, Sherri McDowell, Margarette Hermes, Ashli Taylor, Samuel Taylor, Lily Taylor, Chad Hermes, Joel Hermes, Velma Vasquez, William Newyer-AEP Texas, Alex Alvarez, JJ Gonzales, David L. Webel, William Selders, Jake Spr-City Attorney

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD APRIL 18, 2019:

Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve the minutes of the city council meeting held April 18, 2019. Councilmember Boone seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION TO MAYOR JOE HERMES FOR HIS YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF EDNA:

At this time, Mayor Joe Hermes thanked the council for their support over the years. Hermes jokingly presented Lance Smiga with a Mayor's Hard Hat and gave him encouraging words as the new Mayor for the City of Edna.

Mayor Hermes stepped down from the council table as Lance Smiga prepared to take Oath of Office.

ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR THE MAY 4, 2019 GENERAL ELECTION:

MAYOR LANCE SMIGA, COUNCILMEMBER DISTRICT 1 DUSTIN MUNCRIEF, COUNCILMEMBER DISTRICT 2 WAYNE CALLIS

City Secretary Becky Miska administered Oath of Office to elected officials for the May 4, 2019 General Election: Mayor Lance Smiga, Councilmember District 1 Dustin Muncrief, Councilmember District 2 Wayne Callis.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO APPOINT A MAYOR PRO-TEM FOR A ONE (1) YEAR TERM BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2019 TO MAY 31, 2020:

Mayor Lance Smiga stated he wished to appoint Councilmember Wayne Callis as Mayor Pro-Tem for the term beginning June 1, 2019 to May 31, 2020.

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.

There were no comments.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. R-2019-04 AUTHORIZING LANCE SMIGA, MAYOR TO COUNTERSIGN FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS, SIGNATURE CARDS AND EXECUTE DOCUMENTS FOR THE CITY OF EDNA:

Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve Resolution No. R-2019-04 authorizing Lance Smiga, Mayor to countersign financial documents, signature cards and execute documents for the City of Edna. Councilmember Boone seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER BEING INCLUDED IN JACKSON COUNTY'S PROCESS FOR DISASTER DEBRIS REMOVAL:

City Manager Doering reported that he had been contacted by County Judge Jill Sklar. Judge Sklar explained that the county is in the process of entering into a contract for disaster debris removal. Judge Sklar asked if the city would like to be included and share the cost. Councilmember Muncrief made the motion to approve entering into the contract process for disaster debris removal with the county. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

HEAR REPORT FROM ALEX ALVAREZ ON THE RED, WHITE & BULLS BASH RECENTLY HELD AT THE MAIN EVENT CENTER:

Alex Alvarez reported and thanked the city council for the support in the recently Red, White & Bulls Bash held at the Main Event Center. Alvarez noted that the crowd is growing larger each year.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM SADDLE UP FOR ALZHEIMER'S FOR FUNDING FROM THE CURRENT CITY'S BUDGETED HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FOR THE 2019 FISCAL YEAR:

This was a budgeted item. Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve the request from Saddle Up For Alzheimer's for funding from the current city's budgeted hotel/motel tax for the 2019 fiscal year in the amount of \$250.00. Councilmember Boone seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 2019-02 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS FINDING, AFTER REASONABLE NOTICE AND HEARING, THAT AEP TEXAS INC.'S EXISTING ELECTRIC RATES AND CHARGES WITHIN THE CITY SHOULD REMAIN IN EFFECT:

City Manager Doering noted that rather than just approving the request from AEP Texas, Inc.'s that Ordinance No. 2019-02 is denying the request in order to justify. Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2019-02 an ordinance of the City of Edna, Texas finding, after reasonable notice and hearing, that AEP Texas Inc.'s existing electric rates and charges within the City should remain in effect. Councilmember Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER PROPOSAL FROM BORJORQUEZ LAW FIRM, PC FOR SPECIAL COUNSEL SERVICES:

Mayor Smiga asked City Manager Don Doering to speak on this proposal. City Manager Doering noted that Borjorquez Law Firm represent cities, towns and villages; large and small, urban and rural. Their firm has direct experience working with cities like Edna and can advise city officials regarding planning, zoning and land use matters. City Attorney Jake Srp was presented and added he is all in favor of the proposal submitted by Borjorquez Law Firm, PC for special counsel services. Councilmember Boone made the motion to approve the proposal from Borjorquez Law Firm, PC for Special Counsel Services. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

SET DATES FOR THE ANNUAL BUDGET WORKSHOPS:

After discussion, the first annual budget workshop was set for Tuesday, June 25th at 6:00 p.m.

CONSIDER PAYMENT OF CURRENT BILLS:

Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve payment of current bills in the amount \$100,905.33. Councilmember Boone seconded the motion. All vote 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.

City Manager Don Doering reported that he is tracking the budget closely; the city has hired two new employees to fill the vacant positions in Code Enforcement and Building Permits. Chief of

Police Clinton Wooldridge noted that the Warriors Weekend caravan will be coming through Edna on Friday approximately 1:15 p.m. Project Graduation will be held Friday night and he will be cooking hamburgers for the event. **Director of Public Works Brad Ryan** stated that employee Brandon Whittley recently obtained his C License in the Water Department. **Street Superintendent Steve Sample** reported that he will be spraying for mosquitoes the next three to four nights.

ADJOURN:

Meeting was adjourn 8:00 p.m. Councilmember Muncrief made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVED: _____
Lance Smiga, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Becky Miska, City Secretary