

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session, Thursday, May 16, 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, Water Wastewater Superintendent Greg Woodring, Street Superintendent Steve Sample and Director of Public Works Brad Ryan. Minutes were recorded by City Secretary Becky Miska.

VISITORS: Velma Vasquez, Kendall Boone, Rylee Boone, Becky Rusk-Jackson County Senior Citizens, Chris Lundstrum-Jackson County Herald Tribune

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD APRIL 5, 2018:

Councilmember Price made the motion to approve minutes of the city council meeting held April 5, 2018. Councilmember Smiga seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE TO MAXINE PRICE, COUNCILMEMBER DISTRICT 3:

Mayor Hermes presented Maxine Price, Councilmember District 3 a plaque of appreciation for her twenty-three years of service and dedication to the City of Edna.

ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR THE MAY 5, 2018 GENERAL ELECTION: COUNCILMEMBER DISTRICT 4 LANCE SMIGA AND COUNCILMEMBER DISTRICT 5 JOHNNY VASQUEZ:

City Secretary Becky Miska administered Oath of Office to elected officials for the May 5, 2018 General Election. Councilmember District 4 Lance Smiga was unopposed and Councilmember District 5 Johnny Vasquez won the election against Mario Mojica.

DISTRICT AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER APPOINTING RICK BOONE TO REPRESENT DISTRICT 3:

Councilmember Muncrief made the motion to appoint Rick Boone as Councilmember District 3. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO APPOINTED OFFICIAL TO DISTRICT 3: RICK BOONE:

City Secretary Miska administered Oath of Office to appointed official, Rick Boone Councilmember District 3.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO APPOINT A MAYOR PRO-TEM FOR A ONE (1) YEAR TERM BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2018

Mayor Hermes noted that the Mayor Pro-Tem is a one year appointment. Mayor Hermes stated this year he was appointing Wayne Callis. Councilmember Smiga made the motion to approve the appointment of Councilmember Wayne Callis as Mayor Pro-Tem for a one (1) year term beginning June 1, 2018. Councilmember Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

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.

Becky Rusk with the Jackson County Senior Citizens program stopped by to introduce herself and update council on the Jackson County Senior Citizens Program.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER REPORT ON THE 2016-2017 FISCAL YEAR AUDIT FROM THE FIRM OF HARRISON, WALDROP & UHEREK, L.L.P., CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS:

Councilmember Callis made the motion to accept the report on the 2016-2017 fiscal year audit from the firm of Harrison, Waldrop & Uherek, L.L.P., Certified Public Accountants. Councilmember Boone seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

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 2018 FISCAL YEAR:

Councilmember Vasquez made the motion to approve the request from Saddle Up for Alzheimers' for funding from the current city's budgeted hotel/motel tax for the 2018 fiscal year in the amount of \$250.00. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER REPAIRS OR REPLACEMENT OF EMERGENCY GENERATOR AT THE WATER WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT:

City Manager Don Doering reported that the 300kw generator at the Waste Water Treatment Plant is no longer in operating condition. He has received an estimate of \$5,000 to \$10,000 to make it operable. At least one generator service profession has advised that the City will be wasting additional funds to make additional repairs. The generator was manufactured in 1983. The City purchased it used 10 years ago for \$10,000. Since that time the City has spent over \$21,682.96 on repairs. The cost of a new replacement is \$60,000. Replacing the generator has been considered in the past but never funded. He went onto to say the City is applying for a CDBG grant to purchase or replace all of the utility generators including one for the WWTP, one for a water well, two stationary ones for lift stations and three portable ones for the other lift stations. GrantWorks believes that we are very likely to be successful in receiving this grant. If we receive the grant it is estimated that funds will not be available for 6 to 8 months and the generators may not be available for another 2 to 4 months. The City has \$177,000 of bond funds that have not been spent. Councilmember Smiga made the motion to approve replacement of the emergency generator at the water wastewater treatment plant. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING A PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING MAY 6-12, 2018 AS HURRICANE AWARENESS WEEK:

Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve a proclamation designating May 6-12, 2018 as Hurricane Awareness Week. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING A PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING MAY 19-25, 2018 AS NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK:

Councilmember Muncrief made the motion to approve a proclamation designating May 19-25, 2018 as National Safe Boating Week. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

SET DATES FOR THE ANNUAL BUDGET WORKSHOPS:

Tuesday, June 12th at 6:00 pm was set as the date for the first annual budget workshop.

CONSIDER PAYMENT OF CURRENT BILLS:

Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve payment of current bills in the amount of \$. 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 reports; Public Works Department-park reports, water & sewer updates; Street Department-repairs/projects; Code Enforcement-progress reports; City Manager & City Secretary-public information.” No formal action can be taken on these items.”

City Manager Don Doering noted he was looking for a grant to be used towards the purchase of a generator. Doering went onto say that the City is applying for a grant through GrantWorks. **Finance Director Olga Salomon** reported that money is coming in and she has been preparing for annual budget workshops; **Director of Public Works Brad Ryan** stated the city pool opens on Saturday and the new awnings have been built by the Water Department. **Water Wastewater Superintendent Greg Woodring** noted that his department is still short an employee and applications have been coming in slowing.

ADJOURN:

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

APPROVAL: _____
Joe Hermes, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Becky Miska, City Secretary