

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, January 19, 2023, in council chambers at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Lance Smiga called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The council stood for a moment of silence, followed by the council and audience reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilperson District 1 Cipriano Palacios, Councilperson District 2 Wayne Callis, Councilperson District 4 Mike Dodds and Councilperson District 5 Johnny Vasquez were present, Councilperson District 3 Chris Jackson was absent. City Manager Gary Broz, Derrick Berma-Investigator/Edna Police Department, Finance Director Diane Pierce, Director of Utilities Brad Ryan, Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski and City Secretary Becky Miska were also present. The minutes were recorded by City Secretary Miska.

At this time, Mayor Smiga asked that Brittany Bailey step forward. Brittany was sworn in by Mayor Smiga

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD JANUARY 5, 2023:

Councilperson Callis made the motion to approve the minutes of the city council meeting held January 5, 2023. Councilperson Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS: Brittany Bailey- Edna Police Department Patrol Officer, Jayde Walters-Patrol Officer/Edna Police Department, Velma Vasquez and Jonas Titus-Victoria Economic Development.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

“During the council meeting, as each item is addressed, the council shall also allow the audience to speak on any subject matter that is posted on the agenda in accordance with HB 2840. The council may not act on any item which has not been posted on the agenda.” Please limit-two minutes.

There were no public comments.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-01 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDNA, SELECTING AN ENGINEER IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND PROGRAM:

City Manager Broz stated that this is Step 2 in conjunction with the submittal of an application through the Community Development Fund Program. Broz noted that at the last council meeting the council approved grant writing, looking at water lines in District 2. Engineers presenting proposals were: Lynn Engineering, Urban Engineering, CivilCorp and SPI, Houston.

Councilperson Dodds made the motion to approve Resolution No. R-2023-01 a resolution of the city council of the City of Edna, selecting an engineer in conjunction with the submittal of an application for funding through the Texas Department of Agriculture, Texas Community Development Block Grant-Community Development Fund Program. Councilperson Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO THE JACKSON CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD:

City Manager Broz reported that the council had appointed LaSonya Robinson at the December meeting to serve as the city’s representative to the board. Damon Moore contacted Mr. Broz stating that

an employee of the City of Edna may not serve as our representative. Mayor Lance Smiga volunteered to serve as the city's representative. Councilperson Dodds made the motion, 2.0 All in favor.

DISCUSS APPOINTMENT OF CHARTER COMMISSION MEMBERS TO REVIEW THE CITY CHARTER AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz noted that the following names had been submitted for consideration to serve: Chris Lundstrom, Mike Myers, Lovena Jones, Domingo Hernandez, Michael Brzozowski and Linda Reaves. City Manager Broz noted that he contacted Jones, Hernandez, Brzozowski, Myers and Reaves all of which are willing to serve. Lundstrom was unable to respond because she was on a cruise. Councilperson Palacios made the motion to approve Lovena Jones, Domingo Hernandez, Michael Brzozowski, Mike Myers and Linda Reaves to serve on the Charter Commission Review Committee. Councilperson Callis 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:

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

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

City Manager Broz noted there were no budget amendments to present at this time.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER PAYMENT OF CURRENT BILLS:

Councilperson Dodds made the motion to approve the payment of current bills in the amount of \$39,198.27. Councilperson Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CITY STAFF REPORTS:

“At this time, City Council will hear reports / updates on all committees or department assignments which may include, but is not limited to the following: City Manager-grants, projects, public information; Finance Director-finance & department reports; Police Department-grant updates, police reports; Director of Utilities-park reports, water & sewer updates; Street Department-repairs/projects; Code Enforcement-progress reports; Jonas Titus-Vice Economic Development; City Secretary-public information.” No formal action can be taken on these items.

ADJOURN:

Councilperson Callis made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

Lance Smiga, Mayor

Becky Miska, City Secretary

