

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, March 2, 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 3 Chris Jackson, Councilperson District 4 Mike Dodds and Councilperson District 5 Johnny Vasquez were present, City Manager Gary Broz, Chief of Police Rick Boone, Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski and City Secretary LaSonya Robinson were also present. Finance Director Diane Pierce and Director of Utilities Brad Ryan were not in attendance. The minutes were recorded by City Secretary Robinson.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD February 16, 2023:

Councilperson Jackson made the motion to approve the minutes of the city council meeting held February 16, 2023. Councilperson Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS: John Sluton, Linda Mabary, David Webel, Jonas Titus

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 take action on any item which has not been posted on the agenda.” Please limit-two minutes.

There were no public comments.

RECOGNIZE THE 2022-2023 EDNA COWBOYS AND THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Mayor Smiga passed on the recognizing the 2022-2023 Edna Cowboys and their accomplishments until the next meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING: DISCUSS AND CONSIDER 2023 – 2024 CBDG GRANT: -

City Manager Broz stated we are in the process of putting pieces together for a 2023 grant. It is a \$500,000 grant and our part is \$50,000. The area must be LMI. Broz advised that whatever area is fixed we must complete 80 percent of the area. Looking to do Ezell, Moody, Hoover and Milam. Upper part of District 2 there is some work that needs to be done. We have poor records. Applications must be completed by April 3rd.

RATIFY EMERGENCY MANHOLE REPAIRS LOCATED AT 822 AND CAROLINE AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Broz stated manhole was damaged at 822 and Caroline could have been construction worker not sure, but it needed to be repaired. City Manager Broz stated Supak Construction completed the work. Councilperson Jackson made motion to approve the repairs located at 822 and Caroline for completion of manhole. Councilperson Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-16 FOR OPERATION LONE STAR GRANT (GRANT #4628001) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023. TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE EDNA POLICE DEPT, AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Broz stated there were two grants with two different numbers for the Police Department. City Manager advised we already approved the number needed to be corrected. Councilperson Palacios approved Resolution No. R-2202-16 for the Operation Lone Star Grant (Grant No. 4628001) for fiscal year 2023. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

Mayor Smiga passed on the budget amendment until the next meeting.

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

Councilperson Callis made the motion to approve the payment of current bills in the amount of \$39,625.93. 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.”

City Manager Broz stated we are hiring for accounts payable, and streets. We have an election in May. Golden Crescent is moving forward with the money, but we are not sure of the amount yet. Met with Glo in Austin yesterday. Will have to reject the generator bid and start new bids at next meeting. The CDBG on Fannin and Kerr is complete. Software is now in high gear. We are not sure where all the meters are located. Sensus has found a couple meters that's not on list. Drawing for election is complete. TECQ today. Water leak and sewer problems. Alecia working on reminders for pass due tickets. A leak has been completed at Shelby Hall.

Victoria Economic Development Jonas Titus stated that attended a chairman circle in Austin yesterday. There were two big projects rolled out.

Street Superintendent Andy Brozowski stated that they installed highway signs for the hospital. Install pipe on Ward. Cleaned ditches on Ward and Vale. Pipe installed on East Division for driveway. Patch potholes on the main road.

Chief of Police Rick Boone gave an update on the drug case. The gentlemen did bond out. They are looking for more people. Mental health is on the rise. Mental health is not biased. Made transport to San Antonio for juvenile for mental health. Assisted with Victoria County gentlemen took woman hostage, but the gentlemen gave up and he is in jail and the lady is well. Diane gave her resignation, but Bridgett will be taking her place. Police Chief states they are interviewing, and Brittany is doing well should be able to ride alone in April.

ADJOURN:

Councilperson Jackson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

Lance Smiga, Mayor

LaSonya Robinson, City Secretary