

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, April 20, 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 prayer followed by the council and audience reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: 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, Finance Director Diane Pierce, Director of Utilities Brad Ryan, Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski and City Secretary LaSonya Robinson were also present. The minutes were recorded by City Secretary Robinson.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD APRIL 6, 2023:

Councilperson Callis made the motion to approve the minutes of the city council meeting held February 2, 2023. Councilperson Jackson seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS: Meagan Gumm, Monica Wall, Myla Garcia, Amanda Wendel, Karl Wendel, Monica Rodriguez, Brashad Young, Cynthia Ramirez, Shelly Coleman

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.

PROCLAMATION FOR HOPE OF SOUTH TEXAS:

Mayor Smiga passed the proclamation.

CONSIDER APPEAL TO CODE DECISION OF FIRE MARSHALL AT 301 W. CHURCH STREET AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Mayor Smiga advised everyone that City Manager Broz, City Secretary Sonya Robinson, Director of Utilities Brad Ryan, and himself have met with Kurt about where the Marburgers stand with their building. Mayor Smiga and City Manager Broz met with the Marburger, and their parents and they will be working on five (5) or six (6) items on the list that was given to them by Fire Marshall Jancia. Mayor Smiga advised everyone the Marburger ask to be put on the agenda and then later ask to be removed.

DISCUSS PURCHASE OF SEWER PUMP FOR SUNSET LIFT STATION AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Director of Utilities Brad Ryan stated that this is the largest lift station, and it has four 1500 horsepower pumps. The Director of Utilities Ryan stated the current pump is a 1995, so they have gotten good use out of it. One pump was replaced last year. The price last year was \$11,000 and this year it \$13,000 this year. Director of Utilities Ryan stated that he would like to go ahead and get it replace. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to approve the purchase of sewer pump for Sunset lift station. Councilperson Palacios seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND RATIFY REPAIRS TO STREET DEPARTMENT BACKHOE AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Broz states that the backhoe belongs to the street department, and they have been having problems with the transmission. City Manager Broz states the repairs were \$9617.73. City Manager stated that the backhoe is in good shape, so repairing would be a good thing to do. Councilperson Dodd made a motion to approve repairs to street department backhoe. Councilperson Jackson seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS UPDATES OF THE CITY OF EDNA PERSONNEL MANUAL AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz states that this is something we have been needing to update. The current manual is a 1996. City Manager Broz stated we have updated to current laws and what is currently happening. Olson & Olson assisted with the new laws and updated as well. Councilperson Palacios stated that he did not have time to read over it and if we could table until next meeting. Councilperson Vasquez stated that he found some things he would like to go over as well. Councilperson Dodd made a motion to table until next meeting. Councilperson Vasquez made motion to second. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-03 SUBMITTING A 2023-2024 TXCDBG APPLICATION AND COMMIT LOCAL FUND, AND AGREE TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS IF FUNDED:

City Manager stated it's the project over on St. Charles and Ezzell. City Manager Broz stated we had a public hearing about it at the last meeting and the application must be submitted on April 20, 2023. City Manager Broz states we are committing the \$50,000. City Manager Broz states we probably will not hear anything until around November or December. Then it will take about another six months, so we will have time to put money in budget. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to approve submitting a 2023-2024 TXCDBG application and commit local fund and agree to comply with federal rules and regulations funded. Councilperson Dodds made motion to second. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-04 DESIGNATION CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS AS OFFICERS IN MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE 2023-2024 TXCDBG GRANT:

City Manager Broz stated that this pertains to how the signatures are on the grant. City Manger Broz stated that the mayor is the lead then the authorized rep as we go through the process. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to approve resolution 2023-04 designation of certain individual as officer in matter pertaining to the 2023-2024 TXCDBG grant. Councilperson Callis made motion to second. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER BID FOR DEMOLITION OF STRUCTURES AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manger Broz stated we have several structures that need to be demolished. City Manger Broz stated that after building and standard approved, we started receiving bids. City Manager stated that the tax office informed us to remove 907 Fourth Street, because it did sell in tax sale for \$2100 and they will have to demolish themself. City Manger Broz stated that the 414 Peabody is removed the owner will demolish themselves. City Manger Broz stated that we do have money to demo, and Billy Goat bid is cheaper at \$13,000. Councilperson Dodd made a motion to approve the demolition of structures. Councilperson Callis made motion to second. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER VEHICLE LEASE FROM ENTERPRISE FLEET FOR 2-3/4 TON PICUP'S ONE FOR STREET DEPARTMENT AND ONE FOR WATER DEPARTMENT AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager stated we have been trying to get vehicles for two years. Enterprises crew came by with offer of six vehicles. The ¾ ton for the street department is no longer available Chevrolet shut down their application. City Manager Broz states the ¾ with service bed for water department will be available in

September. City Manager Broz states the invoice is \$47,000-\$48,000 then we put a service bed on there for \$13,000. City Manager Broz states full maintenance is included on everything except tires. Service plus will be the maintenance location. City Manager Broz states that for 48 months the cost will be \$1367.00. City Manager Broz states that after the 48 months we will start program again. Councilperson Palacios asks if we are required to buy a certain amount from them. City Manager Broz stated that the plan we started we needed four years to update our fleet. Every four years we would update, and they would sell, and we would get the equity from the vehicle. Councilperson Jackson made motion to approve the ¾ ton pickup for the water department. Councilperson Callis made motion to second. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER PROPOSALS FROM VICTORIA YMCA ON OPERATION MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL FOR THE 2023 SEASON AND TAKE ANY ACTIONS DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Broz stated that the YMCA has two different proposals. City Manager Broz states option A is for being open Tuesday-Sunday May 24th -July 4th for \$29,400.00 and includes 3 lifeguards and 1 manager or option B Thursday-Sunday 12-6pm for \$ 20,880.00 include 3 lifeguards and 1 manager. City Manager Broz stated that we will be having a lifeguard's class here in Edna on April 17, 18,19,20,24. City Manager Broz states there will be scholarships for \$225 if someone needs help. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to accept option A. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to second. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

No action taken.

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

City Manager stated that we need to pay bills totaling \$73,456.44. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to approve paying bills totaling \$73456.44. Councilperson Vasquez made a motion to second. 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 states that the ARP Grant is moving along well. They are over on Gilbert Rd. We have had one complaint while working on Gilbert Rd because she only had one route to get home. We were able to get that fixed for her. The project on the north side is moving. We are still doing homework for our new system. We are projected to go live Oct 1. The meter change out is moving, we go 26 yesterday. Once we get enough, we will start installing. The 2023-2024 CDBG grant there are 48 doors I must knock on for a survey. House bill 4082 you can issue certain certificates, but there are stipulations. Opioid settlement we got \$5000.00 for police training, and we are still trying to get \$18,00. 3 of 4 of the set screws are out of the flagpole we are working on getting fixed. We do have lights at the statue. We are trying to see what we can do about getting the Community Garden together. Working on getting Dollar General moving. We will have a workshop at the next meeting. Offered a \$25,000 challenge grant, so we are working on that to get new bathrooms and concession stand.

Finance Director Diane Pierce stated that there were 40 new accounts 56 disconnects. Everyone is working well. Been having a meeting with Tyler and trying to complete their homework. Will conduct interview next week.

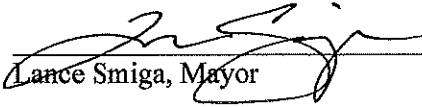
Street Superintendent Andy Brozowski stated that they have been cleaning ditches on S. Trinity, Cedar, and Cypress. Removed tress from Cedar and Colorado. Patches holes on varies roads. Dry creek on Live Oak will go do more work there.

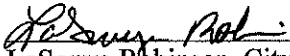
Director of Utilities stated that they found a manhole on Vanderbilt Road dug around it and fixed it up also in Meadows they both had go inflow. Started painting. Will move over to plant one.

Chief of Police Rick Boone stated that the word is Juvenile. Juveniles are stealing cars and relocating them. They are in Victoria at the Juvenile center. A Junior High kid posted on snapchat that we were going to shoot up the school. He is currently in the Juvenile center. Cats are being shot with a cross bow. Located a vehicle in Caldwell. The crew is doing a good job.

ADJOURN:

Councilperson Vasquez 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


LaSonya Robinson, City Secretary