

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 15, 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, Police Chief Rick Boone, Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski, Public Works Director Brad Ryan and City Secretary LaSonya Robinson were also present. Director of Utilities Brad Ryan was absent. The minutes were recorded by City Secretary Robinson.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD May 4, 2023:**

Councilperson Callis made the motion to approve the minutes of the city council meeting held April 6, 2023. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**VISITORS:** Velma Vasquez, Jack Slaton, Jessica Coleman, 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.

**CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 2023-06 TO ACCEPT THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE REGIONAL MITIGATION PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH THE GOLDEN CRESCENT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:**

City Manager Gary Broz states that we need to have a resolution for \$2,124,000.00 for the general mitigation fund. Will participate in the program and not give money back. Councilperson Dodds approved resolution no. 2023-06 to accept the general land office regional mitigation program funding through the golden crescent regional planning commission. Councilperson Callis second the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THAT THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE UTILIZATION OF AN ADDITIONAL \$4,393.11 IN LOCAL FUNDS FOR CONTRACT COST SUPPORTING CDGBG-DR GRANT 20-065-032-C109 AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:**

City Manager Gary Broz stated that we are almost in close out for this project. City Manager Broz states we need to put in \$4,33.11 to match because we went over in the construction fund. City Manager Broz states the State figures that is our part, and they cover the rest of the cost. City Manager Broz stated that is the project for Peabody, Ash, Councilperson Jackson made a motion to approve the \$4,393.11 in local funds for contract cost supporting CDGBG-DR grant 20-065-032-C109 Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2023-01 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS AMENDING CHAPTER 1, “GENERAL PROVISIONS”, ARTICLE 1.05, “FINANCES” BY ADDING SECTION 1.05.054, “FEDERAL FUNDING”, AND PROVIDING FOR THE FOLLOWING: FINDINGS OF FACT; ENACTMENT; REPEALER; SEVERABILITY; CODIFICATION; EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PAPER NOTICE AND HEARING AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:**

City Manager Broz stated that we have a good purchase ordinance, but it does not say anything about federal funding. City Manager Broz states that we need to add how we do the purchasing, contracting and receive federal funding. City Manager Broz states he thinks we need that information added in. Councilperson Jackson made motion to approve the first reading of ordinance no 2023.01 of the City Council the city of Edna, Texas amending chapter 1, "general provisions", article 1.05, "finances" by adding section 1.056.054, "federal funding", and providing for the following: findings of fact; enactment; repealer; severability; codification; effective date; and proper notice and hearing. Councilperson Callis second the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**PRESENTATION FROM JONAS TITIS WITH THE VICTORIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ON PROGRESS AND FUTURE PLANS AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:**

Jonas Titis states they contract with local governments outside of the region, but also have private sectors to help grow. Titis states that City of Edna is their first public sector entity outside of Victoria County. Titis states that economic development to them is jobs. Anything they can do to recruit, entice, and recruit jobs in the greater crossroad area. States there is a lot more data to submit for project request in economic development. Titis informed them they are a regional organization. Titis states that there have been two new federal laws passed and they have been beneficial. Titis states that every project is different, so they approach them differently. Titis states their five key objectives that they adhere to everyday, take advantage of all their resources, expand their compacity to complete, marketing, communication. Titis states they want to be part of a team not the forefront. Titis would like to meet with Gary and the councilperson about projects.

**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 \$37,444.14. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to approve paying bills totaling \$37,444.14. Councilperson Dodds 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 Kerr, Fannin, East project is closed. The water project is submitted.

Waiting on engineer for generator project. The Grant system has changed so they are taking longer. Working on software training. The election is Saturday. The new pickup has arrived from the Lonestar grant. 580 meters are in we are still waiting on radios. There will be live guard training at the pool this weekend. They will have to pay \$40 for the certificate. City Manager Broz informed everyone about the challenge for the concession stand and restroom at Shelby Park. We need to cavass between the 9-17, would we want to two meeting or meet and canvas on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup>.

City Manager will be going to a TCAP meeting. The council was given a budget calendar and advised what days they need to be available. 75 letters have been sent out for grass, junk, etc. There will be a warrant roundup June 1, 2023. Met with Marburgers at 301 W. Church informed them on how they needed to start the process of building. The Marburgers were also informed we will go back through Planning and Zoning. Finishing up evaluation. Gilbert Road is moving.

Street Superintendent Andy Brozowski stated that they have been shredding and weed eating, patching potholes on variance streets. New culvert on Martin Luther King. Been removing brush from the streets.

Director of Utilities state they have had water leaks on N. Kleas and Buffalo Street. Working on manholes.

Police Chief Rick Boone states they have received their truck from Lonestar grant. The partnership with the hospital is a go, so the new vehicle will be assigned to them. Have hired Dwayne Taylor he is coming from EMS to police work. Davis street incident he is in jail. There were no injuries in the Davis Street incident. Working sexual assault casing and injury to children. Been working on a case of abusive relationship for 50 years they have been brought to our attention. Help with food drive at senior citizen office, but this month there was an interference from a juvenile they had to chase. Unfortunately, he was released because there is not anymore funding for the juveniles to be housed in Victoria. It is \$150 a day to house them. Been interviewing. Seadrift no longer have a chief of police, so we will be looking into some of their candidates.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE 551.074; PERSONNEL MATTERS TO DELIBERATE APPOINTMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES OR DISMISSAL OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE: CITY MANAGER**

At this time, Mayor Smiga asked everyone to clear the chamber except for the council and City Manager.

**TAKE ANY ACTION AS RESULT OF EXECUTIE SESSION:**

The council returned to open session at 7:28 p.m.

Mayor Smiga reported that City Manager Broz's contract will continue with the City of Edna with a 3% increase.

**ADJOURN:**

Councilperson Callis made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. Councilperson Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

  
Lance Smiga, Mayor

  
LaSonya Robinson, City Secretary