

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, June 22, 2023, in council chambers at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor ProTem Wayne Callis 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 Brzozowsk, Utilities Director Brad Ryan, Code Enforcer Samantha Idlett, and City Secretary LaSonya Robinson were also present. Mayor Lance Smiga and Finance Director Diane Pierce were absent. The minutes were recorded by City Secretary Robinson.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD JUNE 1, 2023:

Councilperson Jackson stated that the day needed to be changed. made the motion to approve the minutes of the city council meeting held June 1, 2023. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS: None

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.

DISCUSS INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR 2023/2024 PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT/COLLECTION WITH JACKSON COUNTY AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY.

City Manager Broz states that this agreement is to let the County tax assessor figure our tax rate. City Manager Broz stated that we have been working with them for some years now and the price has decreased a little. Broz stated that they have agreements with other entities. Broz stated that the county will do all the contributions and distribution of property taxes. Councilperson Dodds made motion to approve the interlocal cooperation agreement for 2023/2024 property tax assessment/collection with Jackson County. Councilperson Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 2023-07 AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION AND POSTING OF NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE CERIFICATES OF OBLIGATION TO FINANCE VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND TAKE ANDY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Broz stated that we put this in the legislative meeting last week. Senate bill 2035 and house bill 1820 were bills that would take the certificate of obligation away from Cities. Broz stated that the legislature is trying to pass a bill that would exempt infrastructure projects from voters. Broz stated that this would be for phase 2 we are already in phase 1. Broz states that this would be for another capital project. Broz stated that he will bring different areas of town to see where the next project would start. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to approve resolution 2023-07 authorizing publication and posting of notice of intention to issue certificates of obligation to finance various capital improvements. Councilperson Palacios seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

CONSIDER RESOLUTON 2023-08 SUPPORTING CITY OF EDNAS'A APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 2023 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE SET-ASIDE (TA) CALL FROM PROJECTS AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Broz states there's money for infrastructure that is lumped together that is released in a five-year period. Broz states to apply we must have a plan for the first year and whatever is in the plan that's what they work with over the next 3-4 years. City Manager Broz states this is a start to a plan to try to have the streets fixed. City Manager Broz states this will be our start. Broz states we have put in for a comprehensive plan, because the one we have is 1974, so we need get our comprehensive plan. Councilperson Dodds made motion to approve resolution 2023-08 supporting City of Edna's Texas Department of Transportation 2023 transportation alternative set-aside (TA). Councilperson Jackson seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH EDNA YOUTH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager states this is the group that has currently been having the field for the past couple of years. City Manager Broz stated that it is time to renew the contract. City Manager Broz stated that he has spoken with Timiron and will have teams to play. Councilperson Palacios asked if he has insurance. City Manager states before we sign, he will show insurance. Councilperson Vasquez made a motion to renew the agreement with Edna Youth Football Association. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. 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 \$16,807.63. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to approve paying bills totaling \$16,807.63. 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 stated we are working at full speed with the new software. Three weeks left for paving on Northside. Dollar General is moving and agreed to a fire hydrant and fixing road on Trotwood. Still working with Sanctuary. Three demos Roosevelt, Martin Luther King, Peabody is a challenge. Dairy Queen is ready for permit. Ask about moving meeting next meeting from the 15th to 22nd.

Street Superintendent Andy Brozowski stated that they have been cleaning ditches. Cobb, Chase, Green. Trying to keep grass in ditches mowed. Clean around stop signs for site.

Director of Utilities state they have been staying busy. Checking on Mercer tap

Police Chief Rick Boone states they have been at range all day. Lots of golf cart calls. Close to working 2 people per shift. The call volume is growing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

**HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE 551.074;
CONSULTATION WITH AN ATTORNEY ON A MATTER IN WHICH THE DUTY OF THE
ATTORNEY IN THE TEXAS DISCIPLINARY RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT
CONFLICTS WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT:**

Mayor Pro-Tem Callis asked everyone to clear the chamber at 6:51 pm except for the council, Code Enforcer Samantha Idlett, Director of Public works Brad Ryan, Attorney Thomas and City Manager.

TAKE ANY ACTION AS RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The council returned to open session at 7:20 p.m. No action was taken.

ADJOURN:

Councilperson Callis made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. Councilperson Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

Wayne Callis, Mayor Pro-Tem

LaSonya Robinson, City Secretary