

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, July 6, 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 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, , Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski, Utilities Director Brad Ryan, and City Secretary LaSonya Robinson were also present. Councilperson District 1 Cipriano Palacios, Police Chief Rick Boone, 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 made a motion to approve the minutes of the city council meeting held June 1, 2023. Councilperson Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS: Pamela Hughes, Airline Redland

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.

CONSIDER ACCEPTING DRAINAGE EASEMENT LOCATED ON VALE ROAD AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Broz states that we are working on drainage on Vale Road and Division area. City Manager Broz is showing a picture of where they believe a ditch once was. City Manager Broz states as they are cleaning, they cannot find an easement. City Manager Broz states that it is on Norman Hurt property, and he is cooperating with us while we are cleaning. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to approve the drainage easement located on Vale Road. Councilperson Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

HEAR REPORT FROM PAMELA HUGHES AND ARLINE REDLAND TO CONDUCT A PARADE ON NOVEMBER 4, 2023, FOR VETERAN CELEBRATION AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Pamela Hughes stated she would like to honor the veterans by having a Veteran Day parade. Hughes states she would like to bring the community together. Hughes stated she wants to have dinner for the Veterans as well. Hughes stated she wants to have the parade the weekend before because LNRA is already scheduled to have an event for them. She would like the parade to begin at 10:30 am. Hughes stated that she is expecting 100 to 200 people. Arline Redland stated she wants to make it grand. Redlands stated that she would appreciate it if the city would let them put forth effort in putting this parade together. Mayor asks would it be the normal parade route. City Manager Broz stated yes. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to approve the November 4, 2023, Veteran parade. Councilperson Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

DISCUSS DATE FOR ANNUAL EDNA CHRISTMAS PARADE AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Broz has given the December calendar to everyone with the area parade dates. City Manager Broz stated that we need to set a date for our Christmas parade. City Manager Broz advised that we could have it on the 7th, and move the Council meeting to December 14th and only have one meeting for the month

of December. Councilperson Jackson asked why not on a Tuesday. Mayor stated that he likes Tuesday because we won't have to worry about conflict of football. Councilperson Jackson made motion to approve The Christmas parade for Tuesday December 5, 2023 and combine the December 7th and 21st Council meeting into one on December 14, 2014. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

RATIFY THE INVOICE FROM MERCER CONSTRUCTION FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO THE AERATOR SHAFT AT THE WASTERWATER TREATEMENT PLANT AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager stated we had a shaft go bad and spent \$21,663.46 in repairs. Broz stated we managed to get repairs done without losing oxygen and it did not affect anything with TCEQ. Utilities Director Brad Ryan stated that without the shaft it could have been a bad situation. Utilities Director Brad Ryan stated most of the cost was for the labor of them rebuilding the shaft. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to pay Mercer Construction for the emergency repairs to the aerator shaft at the wastewater treatment plant. Councilperson Vasquez 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 \$201,848.43. Councilperson Callis made a motion to approve paying bills totaling \$201,848.43. 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 still in configuration with software. General ledger is getting close. Hope to go live next week with it. Broz stated that we had an Edinburg church group to paint curbs and they look great. Broz stated that we had court Tuesday night for 1123 N Kleas for animal cruelty and junk in yard. Broz states the judge ruled in our favor. Broz states that it was dogs, chickens, ducks, and a rabbit. Broz stated that the owner must pay the fees for veterinary services. Broz stated that he was given 10 days to get the yard correct. The 10 days will be July 6, 2023. Broz stated that if it is not completed the judge ordered the city to go in and remove everything. Broz stated that we are trying to get the generators rebid that we did a year ago. Gilbert Road is doing well. North side is moving, cleaning ditches. Dollar General and Dairy Queen have started moving. Broz states we are trying to put a budget together. Broz stated the swimming pool is doing good this year. Broz stated we will have a clean up July 11-14. Broz stated the school athletes and volunteers will help on July 13th. Broz stated that the properties that were set to demo are now completed.

Street Superintendent Andy Brozowski stated that they have been cleaning ditches on the North side of the town. Andy stated that he has about 80% of North side complete. Gilbert Road is progressing well.

Director of Utilities Brad Ryan stated they have been trying to do some jetting throughout the day. Ryan stated they have been working on water leaks and just staying busy.

ADJOURN:

Councilperson Jackson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m. Councilperson Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

Lance Smiga, Mayor

LaSonya Robinson, City Secretary