

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, May 21, 2026, in the council chamber at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Lance Smiga called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. The council stood for prayer led by Street Supervisor Andy Brzozowski, followed by the council and audience reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT:

Mayor Lance Smiga, Councilperson District 1 Cipriano Palacios, Councilperson District 2 Katrina Callis, Councilperson District 3 Chris Jackson, Councilperson District 4 Mike Dodds, Councilperson District 5 Amanda Friedrich were present. City Manager Gary Broz, Finance Director Valerie Callaway, Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski, Police Chief Kenneth Pyle, Staff Writer Beth Foley and City Secretary LaSonya Robinson were also present. Utility Director Brad Ryan was absent. City Secretary Robinson recorded the minutes.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD MAY 7, 2026:

Councilperson Dodds moved to approve the minutes of May 7, 2026, City Council meeting. Councilperson Friedrich seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS:

Michele Morales

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 comments to two minutes.

None

APPROVE THE CERTIFICATE ELECTION, DECLARING COUNCILPERSON DISTRICT 3,4, AND 5 ELECTED AND ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO EACH COUNCILPERSON:

City Secretary Sonya Robinson issued certificate of election to district 3,4, and 5 elected officials and administered oath of office. Councilperson Jackson moved to approve the certification and oaths of office. Councilperson Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. The motion carried.

MAYOR TO APPOINT MAYOR PRO TEM:

Mayor Lance Smiga appointed Councilperson Chris Jackson as Mayor Pro Tem. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to approve Councilperson Chris Jackson as Mayor Pro Tem. Councilperson Friedrich seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND AWARD THE BID FOR THE GAYLE STREET DRAINAGE SYSTEM REPAIRS AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz stated that a bid needs to be awarded for the Gayle Street drainage system repairs. He explained that 250 feet of pipe near the Meadows on Gayle Street must be replaced and recommended J&R Contractors as the lowest bidder. Councilperson Jackson moved to approve J&R Contractors for the repairs. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN JACKSON COUNTY AND THE CITY OF EDNA REGARDING THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE REGIONAL MITIGATION PROGRAM AND TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION:

City Manager Gary Broz stated Amendment No. 1 to the interlocal agreement between Jackson County and the City of Edna regarding the Texas General Land Office Regional Mitigation Program, specifically clarifying that the county will compile environmental review records and ensure compliance with the CDBG-MIT program grant. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to approve amendment No. 1 to the interlocal agreement with Jackson County regarding the General Land Office Regional Mitigation Program. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT'S WITH MCCREARY, VESELKA, BRAGG AND ALLEN, P.C. FOR COURT COLLECTION AND UTILITY COLLECTION AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz stated it is time to renew the agreement with McCreary, Veselka, Bragg and Allen P.C. for court collection and utility collection. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to renew the agreement with McCreary, Veselka, Bragg and Allen P.C. for court collection and utility collection. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2026-06, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF EDNA, TEXAS; PROVIDING FOR A COLLECTION FEE FOR DELINQUENT UTILITY BILLS:

City Manager Gary Broz stated we need to have ordinance providing collection fee for delinquent utility bills. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to approve ordinance 2026-06 providing for a collection fee for delinquent utility bills. Councilperson Jackson seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS APPOINTMENT, REAPPOINTMENTS, AND REMOVALS OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION AND BUILDING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz reported that Sonya Proper declined reappointment to the Building and Standards Committee, while James Lewis accepted reappointment. Broz asked the council to consider additional candidates for the committee. Broz also recommended removing John Slaton and Chelsea Vann from the Planning and Zoning Commission. Councilperson Dodds moved to reappoint James Lewis to the Building and Standards Committee, remove Sonya Proper from the Building and Standards committee, and remove John Slaton and Chelsea Vann from the Planning

and Zoning Commission. Councilperson Friedrich seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

None.

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

City Manager Gary Broz reported outstanding bills totaling \$118,623.62. Councilperson Dodds moved to approve payment of the bills. Councilperson Callis 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 are 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—Victoria Economic Development; City Secretary—public information.”

- **City Manager Gary Broz** reported that Thursday’s AEP power outage was due to transmission issues close to the Edna substation, the city swimming pool at Shelby Park opened Thursday for the summer season, the city is continuing to work with County-Wide Drainage on the Dry Creek easements, and the Kleas Generator has been ordered but will not be in for several months, Department heads will turn in requested expenditures Friday, Budget workshops are set for July 15-16, Work on the June 13th Flag City Celebration is going great, Project Remodel, the Rice Dryer project, is moving along as the Victoria Economic Development Corp. is leading the company through the process, there’s a meeting planned for Wednesday with several concerned citizens to express their thoughts about the project, City staff is continuing to work with Sen. Ted Cruz’s office on the TWDB/FEMA Post Oak Drainage Project, with no official award yet, staff also are accepting bids on three demolition projects that have gone through Building and Standards, continuing to work with the auditor so they can present the 2024-25, brush pickup is continuing to be around 80 per week, the city is working to apply for the 2026 LNRA Community Grant, which will be working with the Friends of Edna for a splash pad at MLK Park, staff also are starting to have meetings with the Texas Municipal League Risk Pool on city property and liability insurance and with TML Health with our city employee health plan.

- **Finance Director Valerie Callaway** reported city received \$14,525.78 in county ad valorem tax in the month of April, along with \$148,437.14 in city sales and use tax allocation from the Texas State Comptroller. The 2024-2025 audit is in its final stages, with all requested information submitted to the auditing firm. The 2025-2026 budget is in full force getting ready for the end of the fiscal year. Current expenditure documentation has been provided to supervisors for review as they assess next year’s budget needs, with supervisors’ budget

proposals due Fri., May 22. In addition, work on the Flag City Celebration continues with the distribution of Edna history coloring books to students at Edna Elementary School.

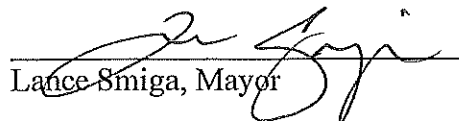
- **Street Supervisor Andy Brzozowski** reported that crews have been mowing along the streets, trimming grass, clearing drains of leaves and debris, checking several drainage complaints, patching N. Colorado Street, and working on the 2027 budget.

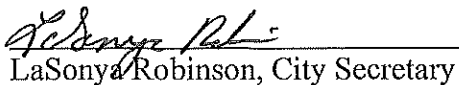
Utility Director Brad Ryan reported they have replaced check valve at W. Main Lift Station, mowed and sprayed Sewer Plant and Lift Station, pulled pump #2 at Plant and cleaned the rags and debris, made sludge boxes at plant, marked water & sewer lines AEP pole replacement, repaired water leak on Sayles St.

- **Police Chief Kenneth Pyle** reported that the Edna Police Department has conducted 96 traffic stops; written 35 citations and 110 warnings, made five arrests, responded to 356 calls for service, 34 reportable offenses, and two crashes. The 34 cases include two simple assaults, one shoplifting, one pornography/obscene material, one trespassing, three animal complaints, one deceased person, two threats, one fraud bail jumping and failure to appear, one assault impeding breath, one missing juvenile, one civil matter, one vehicle struck a deer on Apollo and Miracle Drive, and one invasive visual recording, the Edna Police Department had a bicycle rodeo with the community where kids learned bike safety, tested their skills, and had a great time. The event raised approximately \$135 in donated gift cards. The department received a free flagpole from Mike "The Flagpole Guy" Cliburn. Lt. Matlock and Pyle were invited to the Triumph Learning Center where they taught the kids about seat belt safety. Matlock and Pyle also attended Wrangler Day at the football stadium and award ceremonies at Edna Elementary and Edna Junior High.

ADJOURN:

Councilperson Palacios made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 p.m. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.


Lance Smiga, Mayor


LaSonya Robinson, City Secretary