

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, July 2, 2024, 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 by Andy Brzozowski 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 Amanda Friedrich were present. City Manager Gary Broz, Police Chief Rick Boone, Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski, Finance Director Diane Peirce and City Secretary LaSonya Robinson were also present. Utility Director Brad Ryan was absent. The minutes were recorded by City Secretary Robinson.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD JUNE 20, 2024:

Councilperson Jackson made a motion to approve the June 20, 2024, minutes. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS: Beth Foley, Shannon Parker -TDEM, Hailey Willemin - Prosperity Bank, McKenna Pustka - Prosperity Bank, Tina Buzek- Prosperity Bank

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 AND AWARD DEPOSITORY CONTRACT AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz stated that our 3-year bank depository ends July 31st with R Bank. Bank stated that we received two bids from R Bank and Prosperity Bank. Broz stated he would like to award the bid to Prosperity Bank. McKenna Pustka with Prosperity Bank stated they would like to have our business.

DISCUSS AND AWARD EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE FOR FY 2024/2025 AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz stated that health insurance will be increasing 15% for FY 2024/2025. Broz stated that is an increase \$152.22. Broz stated that he would like to keep the same plan and accept the increase. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to approve the 15% increase for the FY 2024/2025 health insurance. Councilperson Friedrich seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND AWARD BID OR BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF CONCESSION/RESTROOM BUILDING AT SHELBY PARK AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz stated we received one bid for construction of Shelby concession/restroom building. Broz stated the proposal was for the slab, building, and erection, plumbing and, building and rough in plumbing. Broz stated that the bid was from BLS Construction in the amount of \$193,280.94 Broz stated currently there is not enough funding. Broz requested putting a cap on the building of the concession/restroom at Shelby. Broz stated that it would be smaller, but we must start process. Broz proposed a \$275,000 cap. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to approve the \$275,000 cap to build concession/restroom. Councilperson Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING ON REVISED DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR THE CITY:

City Manager Broz stated that our current Drought Contingency Plan is over 20 years old. Broz stated that the plan should be updated every 5 years. Broz advised the trigger points steps. No motion needed.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2024-10, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS ADOPTING A DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN; ESTABLISHING CRITERIA FOR THE INITIATION AND TERMINATION OF DROUGHT RESPONSE STAGES; ESTABLISHING RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN WATER USES; ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THESE RESTRICTIONS; ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR GRANTING VARIANCES; AND PROVIDING SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE:

City Manager Gary Broz stated that we need to adopt a Drought Contingency Plan. Broz stated that the last ordinance was in 2000. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to approve the first reading of ordinance no 2024-10 to pass a Drought Contingency Plan. 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:

The City Manager stated that we need to pay bills totaling \$154,034.40. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to approve paying bills totaling \$154,034.40. 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 stated he is encouraging crews to stay hydrated and work safe, grass is growing and there were 58 letters mailed in past two weeks to mow, there was a great response on the Comprehensive Plan project, 128 responses to the survey, the SECO Grant for City Hall will start next week, 2018/19 Generator Project has all the equipment ordered waiting for delivery, 2023 Generator Project is in the contract stage, continuing to work on the concession/restroom building at Shelby Hall, We are in last 50 meters to be installed on Main and Wells for the businesses most are in concrete, software is continuing to move ahead, watching hurricane Beryl, working on budget and financials, July 10 tour and workshop, July 11th cleanup Day, July 12th TML Regional Meeting in Goliad, July 18 regular Council Meeting, July 31st budget workshop, August 1st Council Meeting and budget workshop.

Finance Director Diane Pierce stated there were 96 cut-offs, 22 final outs, 24 new accounts, and 81 reconnects for the Utility Office. Performed 3 payrolls completed monthly and quarterly reports, continuing to learn the ERP PRO system

Street Superintendent Andy Brozowski stated removed a couple of 8" culvert pipes on Trotwood, and opened the ditch to improve drainage, seal road in front of Dollar General, back filled a sewer pipe repair on Allen St., removed and replaced bad culvert pipes on 2 properties off Cordele St. and

cleaned the ditch from SH 111 to just West of Cherry St., clean out a couple of trees and brush on Cordele St., mowed sidewalk and trimmed, took flat bed off on truck and will be placing it with another truck, cleaned in yard.

Police Chief Rick Boone stated they made 76 traffic stops, 35 of those resulted in a citation, 41 warning were issued, 6 arrests have been made during the last 2 weeks, officers were dispatched to 101 calls for services, animal control is working 2 cases involving animal cruelty, officer Henry and Partida helped with a fatal car crash on Hwy 59, female driver was traveling the wrong direction Hwy 59, unit #664 (lease vehicle) had to mechanical issues and was taken to Service First

ADJOURN:

Councilperson Dodds made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

Lance Smiga, Mayor

LaSonya Robinson, City Secretary