

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, September 7, 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 a moment of silence, Andy Brzozowski said a prayer, followed by the council and audience reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilperson District 1 Cipriano Palacios, Councilperson District 2 Wayne Callis, Councilperson District 4 Mike Dodds, and Councilperson District 5 Johnny Vasquez were present, City Manager Gary Broz, Director of Utilities Brad Ryan, Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski, Investigator Derek Berma, Finance Director Diane Pierce, and City Secretary Sonya Robinson were also present. Councilperson District 3 Chris Jackson was absent. The minutes were recorded by City Secretary Robinson.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AUGUST 17, 2023:

Councilperson Callis made the motion to approve the minutes of the city council meeting held August 17, 2023. Councilperson Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS: Marcy Davis, Johnny Lopez, Velma Vasquez

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.

No action taken.

RECEIVE PRESENTATION FROM JIMMY LOPEZ REGARDING 18-WHEELER TRAFFIC CONTROL AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Jimmy Lopez stated that he is concerned about the 18-wheeler traffic coming through town. Jimmy stated that the trucks are moving too fast, and he fears there will be a terrible accident. Jimmy stated that he has talked to Chief of Police Boone and Boone states they have been patrolling and on the lookout. Jimmy stated that he noticed a change today already. Jimmy stated that it just takes a couple of truck being stopped and the word will start getting out. Investigator Berma stated that there is a police officer at the hospital on duty and they have spoke with them to be on the look out has well for the truck driving on 111. Investigator Berma also stated that they have put the radar trailer out.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM THE JACKSON COUNTY YOUTH FAIR BOARD FOR FUNDING FROM THE CURRENT CITY'S BUDGETED HOTEL/MOTEL FOR THE 2023 FISCAL YEAR:

Marcy Davis stated that she is the secretary for the Jackson County Youth Fair. Marcy stated that the City of Edna has previously assisted with sponsorship of the youth fair. Marcy stated that they use the money for hotels for their judges and entertainment to stay while in town. The city will sponsor \$5000 to the Jackson County Youth Fair. Councilperson Palacios made a motion to approve \$5000 to the Jackson County Youth Fair. Councilperson Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM THE JACKSON COUNTY FAIR BOARD TO CLOSE CERTAIN STREETS FOR THE JACKSON COUNTY FAIR PARADE:

Marcy Davis stated they need to the same streets closed for the parade route on October 7, 2023, from 8-12. Councilperson Dodds made motion to close the same streets for the Jackson County Fair Parade on Oct 7, 2023. Councilperson Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2023/2024 FISCAL BUDGET FOR CITY OF EDNA:

City Manager Broz stated that he wants everyone to look over the proposed budget to see if there are any changes needed. Broz stated by March or April he is hoping the water meters will be completed and we will be gaining funds from them.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2023-03 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS ADOPTING THE BUDGET OF THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 1, 2023; AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2024, REVISING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2023. APPROPRIATING THE VARIOUS AMOUNTS THEREOF; RVEALING ALL ORDINANCE OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE:

City Manager Broz stated we have two readings for adopting of the budget. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to approve the first reading of ordinance 2023-03. Councilperson Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2023/2024 FIXING THE TAX RATE AND TAX LEVY AND LEVYING AD VALORM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF EDNA:

City Manager Broz stated the proposed tax rate .2128 is a 6.9% increase. Broz stated that taxes on maintenance and operation will be raised to 6.9%. Broz stated tax rates on \$100,000.00 will decrease by \$9.00.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2023-04 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS FIXING THE TAX RATE AND TAX LEVY AND LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS FOR THE YEAR 2023/2024 REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE:

Councilperson Dodds made a motion that tax rate be increased by the adoption of .2128, which is effectively a 6.90 percent increase in tax rate. Councilperson Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS WATER METER POLICIES FOR THE NEW AMI WATER SYSTEM THE CITY IS INSTALLING AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Broz asked everyone to view the draft ordinance for meters if there is any damage the customer cause to them. Broz advised there will be a fee schedule next week. Mayor Smiga asked if we are documenting the meter after we have installed it. Public Works Director Brad Ryan stated the ones they have installed as not been documented.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR 2023/2024 FISCAL YEAR:

City Manager Broz advised that the policy is if a holiday falls on a Saturday you get Friday off and if the holiday falls on a Sunday you get Monday. Broz stated that Christmas Eve this year is on Sunday, and we already get Monday off for Christmas. Councilperson Vasquez stated moving it to Friday. Councilperson Palacios stated that Friday or Tuesday. The Councilpersons asked staff for opinion and stated splitting the days would be fine, so that we can still have worker available. City Manager Broz stated that the split days some off Friday and some off Monday will be fine.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

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

Councilperson Callis made the motion to approve the payment of current bills in the amount of \$109,801.44. Councilperson Dodds 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 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." No formal action taken on these items.

Gary Broz, City Manager, stated that we will be starting utility billing training for the new software. Had a good meeting with the housing developer. Starting Monday the 11th of September TXdot will start a project from 59 to the police station. Txdot will then pass the creek and pick up at the carwash and go down to Apollo at Elementary school to the back side of the football stadium. The North side project she be finishing up Wednesday. Gilbert Road is trying to finish their project. The Mitigation funding is still up in the air on how to complete paperwork to get work done. Broz stated that we will be starting a new fiscal year on October 1, 2023, so Friday will be the last day to make purchases. Sonya is working on fixed assets. September 29 is the TML meeting in Victoria.

Finance Director Diane Pierce stated that she has been working with budget and software. There were 24 final outs, 55 cut off and 37 new accounts. There were 21 MEP 8 buildings, 1 mobile home permit.

Street Superintendent Andy Brozowski stated they have been shredding. Gilbert Road is coming along good. They have something to complete at Asbeck Lane and should start selling on the 13th. The North side project is looking good.

Director of Utilities Brad Ryan stated they have been working on water leaks and putting in new meters. Dairy Queen taps are completed. Dollar General is planning to open on the 28th or 29th of September. Presented a written list of water leaks repaired.

Investigator Derrick Berma stated they have been spending a lot at the schools with traffic. Partnering with school to educate the students on the trouble that they could possibly get themselves into.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

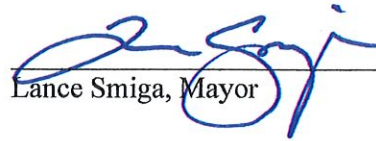
Mayor Smiga asked everyone to clear the chamber at 6:47 pm except for the council, Code Enforcer Samantha Idlett, Director of Public works Brad Ryan.

TAKE ANY ACTION AS RESULT OF EXECTUVE SESSION:

The council returned to open session at 7:19 p.m. No action was taken.

ADJOURN:

Councilperson Dodds made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. Councilperson Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.



Lance Smiga, Mayor



LaSonya Robinson, City Secretary