

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, August 17, 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 3 Chris Jackson, 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, Chief of Police Rick Boone, Finance Director Diane Pierce, and City Secretary Sonya Robinson were also present. The minutes were recorded by City Secretary Robinson.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AUGUST 3, 2023:

Councilperson Jackson made the motion to approve the minutes of the city council meeting held August 3, 2023. Councilperson Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS: Shannon Parker with TDEM, John Slaton, Roy Ortolon, Pamela Hughs, Velma Vasquez, Jim Davis, Jake Srp, Shelly Srp, Linda Reeves, Bill Reeves, Arline 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.

Ms. Hughes stated that she has certain areas that she would like to have closed for the November 4, 2023, Veteran Day parade.

RECEIVE PRESENTATION FROM SHELLEY SRP WITH THE TEXANA ART COUNCIL TO REQUEST APPROVAL FOR UPCOMING FUNDRAISER AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Shelley Srp stated they want to have a fund raiser for the restoration of the theater and since the community is asking for a street dance, they would like to give them what they're asking for. Shelley stated she would have the area fenced and charge an entry fee to control the amount of people. Shelley stated that the committee plans on getting alcohol license, so they can sell beer and wine at the event. Srp stated that they would like to ask the location business if they would like to participate in selling food. Srp asks would Kings Rental have to come and pick up the fencing the night of the event or can they leave until the next morning. Councilperson Palacios asked how they plan on controlling the minors. Srp stated they will have different colored wrist bands. Councilperson Palacios asked the Police Chief what his thoughts are. Boone stated that they have spoken, and he is okay with it. Jake Srp asked if this be approved and do there could be any funding to help them to keep their costs down. City Manager Broz stated we have \$2000. Councilperson Callis made motion to approve the Texana Art Council to have an upcoming fundraiser and to donate \$2000 to the event. Councilperson Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Broz stated that he needs a motion for the voter proposed tax rate of .2128 for September 7, 2023. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to approve the proposed tax rate. Councilperson Palacios seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS ENGAGEMENT LETTER FROM HARRISON, WALDROP & UHEREK LLC FOR THE 2022/2023 FISCAL YEAR AUDIT AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Broz stated that it's time to sign a new contract for our audits. City Manager Broz stated that the cost is \$19,500 least expensive than last year's. Councilperson Callis made a motion to approve the engagement letter from Harrison, Waldroop & Uherek LLC for the 2022/2023 fiscal year audit.

DISCUSS CURRENT WATER METER CHANGEOUT BY STAFF AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Broz stated that we have started changing the water meters out. Director of Utilities Brad Ryan stated that there has been a total of 56 meters placed. Ryan stated they had to stop a few times to work on some water major water leaks in town. Ryan stated that we have about another 100 to install with radios. Councilperson Palacios asked once the meter is installed how long it will take to install the radio. Director of Utilities Brad Ryan stated it only takes about 5 minutes to install the radio. Councilperson Palacios asks will they continue to install the meter and wait for the radios. Ryan answered they are not sure yet will have an answer once they complete the 100 they have.

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 \$105,136.55. Councilperson Vasquez 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 are still working on the software. We will start on Utility billing on September 5th. Broz stated that streets have completed the waste oil disposal site from the Golden Crescent grant. Working with engineers on the mitigation money the deadline has been moved from the 1st of September to the 1st of October. Working on proposed and current budget. Working on trying to get a warrant roundup together for September. The North side has started doing some paving and sealing. Gilbert Road project is moving along.

Finance Director Diane Pierce stated that she has been working with City Manager Broz on the budget and the general ledger.

Street Superintendent Andy Brozowski stated they have completed the disposal building. North side is sealing, and the street department have been behind them patching where there were potholes.

Director of Utilities Brad Ryan stated they have been working on water leaks and putting in new meters.

Police Chief Rick Boone 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:

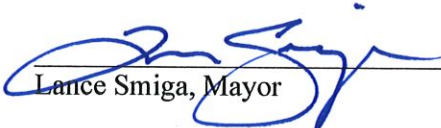
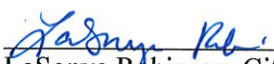
Mayor Smiga asked everyone to clear the chamber at 6:34 pm except for the council, Code Enforcer Samantha Idlett, Director of Public works Brad Ryan, Attorney Thomas and City Manager.

TAKE ANY ACTION AS RESULT OF EXECTUVE SESSION:

The council returned to open session 6.51 p.m. No action was taken.

ADJOURN:

Councilperson Jackson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m. Councilperson Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.


Lance Smiga, Mayor
LaSonya Robinson, City Secretary