

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in a regular city council meeting, Thursday, October 1, 2015 in council chambers at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pro-Tem Maxine Price called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Maxine Price, Councilmembers Doug Kelley, Wayne Callis, Jean Anne Sorensen and Johnny Vasquez. Mayor Hermes was absent. City Manager Don Doering, City Secretary Becky Miska, Finance Director Olga Salomon, Street Superintendent Steve Sample, Director of Public Works Brad Ryan and Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 17, 2015:

Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve minutes of the city council meeting held September 17, 2015. Councilmember Kelley seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING / EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD SEPTEMBER 29, 2015:

Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve minutes of the city council meeting held September 29, 2015. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

HEARING OF VISITORS:

“At this time, comments will be heard from the audience on any subject matter that is not on agenda. In accordance, with the Open Meeting Act, City Council may not discuss or take action on any item which has not been posted on the agenda.” Please limit comments to two (2) minutes.

William Selders inquired about the status of cleaning out the culverts in his district. Director of Public Works Brad Ryan stated that the city crews have completed the list of street repairs and are now putting in the culverts that citizens have paid for. Mr. Ryan noted that the culverts Mr. Selders is inquiring about will cost approximately \$50,000 to install.

VISITORS: Velma Vasquez, William Selders, Margarette Wright, Karen Chase, Loyd Chase, Marisa Gonzales, Julio Espinosa, Robert Braunholz and Chris Lundstrom-Jackson County Herald Tribune

PRESENT LOYD (BUSTER) CHASE WITH RETIREMENT WATCH:

At this time, Mayor Pro-Tem Maxine Price thanked Buster Chase for his service to the City of Edna. Buster was presented a watch from the City of Edna for his 28 years of service.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE SECOND READING OF CITY OF EDNA ORDINANCE NO. 2015-08 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS AMENDING CHAPTER 14 AND ADDING ARTICLE 14.03 TO ZONING, GENERAL PROVISIONS, LAND USE MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE, TO PROHIBIT OIL AND GAS ACTIVITIES WITHIN 750 FEET OF PROTECTED USES, SUCH AS RESIDENCES, COMMERCIAL STRUCTURES AND SCHOOL BUILDINGS; PROVIDING THAT ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH SHALL BE REPEALED TO THE EXTENT OF THE CONFLICT ONLY; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN OPEN MEETINGS CLAUSE, PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE:

Councilmember Kelley made the motion to approve the second reading of City of Edna Ordinance No. 2015-08 an ordinance of the City of Edna, Texas amending Chapter 14 and adding Article 14.03 to zoning, general provisions, land use management ordinance, to prohibit oil and gas activities within 750 feet of protected uses, such as residences, commercial structures and school buildings; providing that all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith shall be repealed to the extent of the conflict only; providing a severability clause; providing a penalty clause; providing an open meetings clause, providing for publication and an effective date. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONSIDER APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE:

Municipal Court Judge, Julio Espinosa, stated that the police department and the girls in the municipal court are both doing a wonderful job. Espinosa does feel that the city needs to look into another collection agency that will be more aggressive. Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge agreed that a more aggressive collection agency would help to clear up accounts. Councilmember Kelley made the motion to approve reappointing Julio Espinosa as the Municipal Court Judge. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONSIDER APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION:

Councilmember Sorensen made the motion to reappoint Julio Espinosa, Bill Bryan, Bertha Brooks and Carroll Strane to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Also, add Christina Mullenex, Cipriano Palacios, Robert Braunholz and Linda Snow to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONSIDER APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD:

Councilmember Kelley made the motion to reappoint Velma Vasquez and Aundrea Ware to the Housing Authority Board. Councilmember Sorensen seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS TO THE BUILDING & STANDARDS COMMISSION:

City Manager Doering noted there are currently three members on the commission and the city would like to add additional ones. Councilmember Callis made the motion to appoint Evelyn Callies, Larry Horton and Desmond Earls to the Building and Standards Commission. Councilmember Kelley seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE REQUEST FROM THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE 300 BLOCK OF COTTONWOOD, THE 200 BLOCK OF CHURCH STREET AND POSSIBLY THE 300 BLOCK OF HANOVER DIRECTLY BEHIND THE CHURCH IN ORDER TO HOLD THE ANNUAL “TRUNK OR TREAT” ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2015 FROM 5:30 P.M. TO 7:30 P.M.:

Councilmember Vasquez made the motion to approve the request from the First Baptist Church for the temporary closure of the 300 block of Cottonwood, the 200 block of Church Street and possibly the 300 block of Hanover directly behind the church in order to hold the annual “Trunk or Treat” on Saturday, October 31, 2015 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Councilmember Kelley seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER PAYMENT OF CURRENT BILLS:

Councilmember Kelley made the motion to approve the payment of current bills in the amount of \$326,929.37. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CITY STAFF REPORTS:

“At this time, the City Council will hear reports / updates on all committees or department assignments which may include, but is not limited to the following: Police Department-grant updates, police report; Fire Department-grant updates, fire reports; Public Works Department-park reports, water & sewer line updates; Street Department-street repairs/projects report; City Manager & City Secretary-public information; Finance Director-financial report; Code Enforcement-progress reports on code issues. No formal action can be taken on these items.”

City Manager Don Doering reported that a final agreed order has been approved by the Texas Commission on Environmental Commissioners. It indicates that the agreed order will allow the City to use the entire \$134,002 administrative penalty to pay for a Supplemental Environmental Project (“SEP”) to make the repairs that are needed to improve the City’s waste water collection and treatment facilities. Once the agreed order is approved the City will have 455 days to complete all necessary corrective actions. **City Manager Doering** went onto report that the Jackson County Hospital District plans to take over as lone provider of EMS services for Jackson County as of November 1, 2015. **Finance Director Olga Salomon** stated it is at the end of

the physical year and preparing for the new. **Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge** stated things were running smoothly. **Director of Public Works Brad Ryan** reported that the water department is continuing smoke testing; three (3) manholes in the Meadows and were repaired today. Bid opening will be October 22nd for the sewer plant uv improvement and sewer line upgrade.

ADJOURN:

Councilmember Callis made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Kelley seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVED: _____
Maxine Price, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST: _____
Becky Miska, City Secretary