

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session Thursday, August 1, 2013 in council chambers at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Joe D. Hermes, Councilmembers Justin Bonnot, William Selders, Ray Chavarria, Maxine Price and Jean Sorensen were present. Also present were City Manager Ken Knight, City Secretary Becky Miska, Management Assistant Margarete Wright, Director of Public Works Brad Ryan, Police Sergeant Bruce McConathy, Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge and EMS Director Loyd Chase.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD JULY 16, 2013:

Councilmember Price made the motion to approve minutes of the special city council meeting held July 16, 2013. Councilmember Selders seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD JULY 18, 2013:

Councilmember Price made the motion to approve minutes of the city council meeting held June 27, 2013. Councilmember Selders 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 the 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.”

VISITORS: Bowen Rose, Chris Lundstrom-Jackson County Herald Tribune, Deidra Whitley-Jackson County Youth Fair Association/Treasurer

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON APPOINTMENT / REAPPOINTMENT OF TWO REPRESENTATIVES (ONE REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE ALSO BE A BOARD MEMBER) TO THE GOLDEN CRESCENT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Councilmember Price made the motion to reappoint Jean Sorensen and Justin Bonnot to the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission General Assembly and Jean Sorensen to serve as Board Member. Councilmember Selders seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE POSSIBLE AGREEMENT WITH THE ESD #3:

City Manager Ken Knight stated the ESD #3 proposal was submitted to the ESD Board and passed. Texas Municipal League attorney will be submitted to prepare an Interlocal Agreement between the ESD and the City of Edna. *(No action was necessary on this agenda item)*

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM THE JACKSON COUNTY YOUTH FAIR ASSOCIATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE HOTEL-MOTEL TAX (CURRENT FISCAL YEAR):

Councilmember Price made the motion to approve request from the hotel-motel tax in the amount of \$5,000.00. Councilmember Sorensen seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THE CITY SHOULD ESTABLISH AN AERIAL EASEMENT POLICY:

No action was taken at this time.

CONSIDER PAYMENT OF CURRENT BILLS:

Councilmember Price made the motion to approve payment of current bills in the amount of \$213,271.91. Councilmember Bonnot 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 repairs/projects; 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.”

Ken Knight-City Manager reported to council that numerous letters have been sent regarding weeding lots; Knight distributed the draft budget for the August 12th budget workshop; city crews were commended for their recent work on Fourth Street completing drainage and street issues; Code Enforcement Officer Sheila Miller has been working to resolve garbage collection issues with Waste Management, Inc. for Progress, Brackenridge and County Road 116. **Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge** noted he contacted TxDot about six months ago to inquire about lowering speed limit on North Wells by Jackson County Hospital District. TxDot reported the speed limit did not warrant lowering at this time. **Finance Director Olga Salomon** stated work continues for year-end reporting. **Director of Public Works Brad Ryan** stated city crews are finishing up on drainage work and priming will begin on Wednesday with weather permitting. **City Secretary Becky Miska** said she was proud to announce the City of Edna's new webpage has gone live and can be viewed at www.cityofedna.com

ADJOURN:

Councilmember Bonnot made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Selders seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVED:_____

Joe D. Hermes, Mayor

ATTEST:_____

Becky Miska, City Secretary

