

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, January 2, 2025, 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: Mayor Lance Smiga, Councilperson District 1 Cipriano Palacios, Councilperson District 2 Katrina Callis, Councilperson District 3 Chris Jackson, Councilperson District 4 Mike Dodds, Councilperson District 5 Amanda Friedrich were present. City Manager Gary Broz, Finance Director Valerie Callaway, Police Chief Kenneth Pyle, Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski, Utility Director Brad Ryan, and City Secretary LaSonya Robinson were also present. City Secretary Robinson recorded the minutes.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD DECEMBER 5, 2024:

Councilperson Dodds made a motion to approve the October 3, 2024, minutes. Councilperson Friedrich seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS: Beth Foley- Jackson Hearld, Tiffany Laredo, Kris Crenshaw, Shannon Parker-TDEM,

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 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN JACKSON COUNTY AND THE CITY OF EDNA REGARDING THE TEXAS GENERAL OFFICE REGIONAL MITIGATION PROGRAM AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz stated that we need to have an agreement with the County for the GLO grant for the Communications Project. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to approve the interlocal agreement between Jackson County and the City of Edna regarding the Texas General Office Regional Mitigation Program. Councilperson Friedrich seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER REQUEST FROM CHARLIE'S SPORT BAR AND GRILL LOCATED AT 119 E. MAIN ST. REQUESTING EXTENDED HOURS AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Tiffany Laredo, owner of Charlie's Bar and Grill stated she would like to have extended hours for special events, not necessarily every day. City Attorney Jake Srp advised the council that the license can be revoked at any time. The council discussed the license and agreed that Charlie's Bar and Grill can have five events that can stay open until 1:00 p.m. and sell alcohol. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to approve Charlie's Bar Grill selling alcohol and remaining open until 1:00 p.m. for five events a year. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS LITTLE LEAGUE AGREEMENT WITH CITY AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Edna Little League President Kris Crenshaw stated he would like council to consider changing the annual contract to a 10-year contract at Shelby Park. Crenshaw stated that would allow them to apply for grants for improvement. Crenshaw also asked to have control of the park and concession stand. Crenshaw stated Edna Little League would like to take over maintenance and just sub-contract with Edna ISD. There was no motion at this time.

DISCUSS CHANGING NAMES ON CITY OF EDNA BANK ACCOUNTS AT PROSPERITY BANK AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz stated we need to update our bank account at Prosperity Bank. We need to remove Diane Pierce, Richard Boone, and Derrick Bermea. We need to add Valerie Callaway to the City of Edna account and order a credit card. Broz stated we need to add Kenneth Pyle and Lee Jordan to the Police accounts and issue them a credit card. Councilperson Palacios made a motion to remove and add name to the bank account. Councilperson Friedrich seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS DECLARING ASORTED CITY ASSETS AS SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING SALE THROUGH BID PROCESS AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz stated we need to declare assorted city assets as surplus. Councilperson Dodds Made a motion to declare assorted city assets as surplus and authorizing sale through bid process. Councilperson Friedrich seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS ESTIMATE OF REPAIRS NEEDED FOR THE CITY GRADALL AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSRY:

City Manager Gary Broz stated the city bought a used gradall during the September 2023 cleanup. Broz stated the gradall is in need of repairs and it has been taken to the shop for estimates. Broz stated that the repairs are estimated to be about \$25,000. Broz stated he thinks it would be good to repair it. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to repair the gradall. Councilperson Callis 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 \$206,545.06. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to approve paying bills totaling \$206,545.06. 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-Victoria Economic Development; City Secretary-public information."

City Manager Broz stated Valerie is on board, Melissa (Auditor) is here today and tomorrow, going live Monday the 6th all hands have been on deck, brush pickup went well for the first month – have not received report or invoice, Shelby Park Construction project is moving along, staff met this morning to put Cottonwood higher up on radar, reports there were rats running wild -we will meet with owner next week making a list of all things that need to be addressed, Guadalupe generator is starting today, brick project around Horse Sculpture is in full progress, GLO/GCRPC Mit is moving our interlocal with County then release of funds, GLO Comp Plan/Zoning is moving-February 4th Community Meeting, TWDB/FEMA Post Oak Branch shuffling paperwork, Holidays are over back to sort of normal, Election time just around the corner first day to file is Wednesday January 15th and closes on Friday February 14th.

Parks Supervisor Jaime Liepe stated mowing is slow but have recently mowed parks and overpass, statue renovation was completed on December 16, 2024, landscapers started project for laying pavers, Concession/Bathrooms project is moving along, will be removing the Christmas décor in the next couple of weeks.

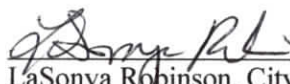
Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski stated that they removed all the brush from the outfall ditch north of the Edna Housing Authority's property and borrowed LNRA's motor graded to clean the ditch and rebuild the upper part of the ditch, mowed and trimmed the sidewalks on Allan Street, Apollo Drive, and LP 521, made sure all the drains were clean and ready for rain, patching potholes on most of the streets, removed a dead tree from an alley off Cedar Street, setup traffic barricades for two City events, started cleaning an outfall ditch on Vail Street, and the cleaned the shop.

Director of Utilities Brad Ryan stated cleaned clarifier and made sludge boxes, repaired Pumphrey Children's Park water leak, repaired 413 W. Main and 414 Sayles water leak, sewer tap on buttercup, water tap on Celestial, repaired water leak on Davis St., Shelby Park water tap made, flushed hydrants, disconnect and reconnect, generator start-ups and training.

Police Chief Kenneth Pyle stated that from December 2nd to January 2nd Edna PD completed 63 traffic stops, 19 resulted in citations, 70 warnings were issued, 12 arrests were made due to a variety of offenses. EPD had 436 calls for service and 291 resulted in incident reports, City of Edna reimbursed by OLS for the purchase of radios, looking forward to the OLS Rifle Resistant body armor grant, looking forward to a grant approved by the Office the Governor from OLS to purchase an x-ray

ADJOURN:

Councilperson Jackson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 p.m. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.


LaSonya Robinson, City Secretary


Lance Smiga, Mayor