

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session Thursday, January 7, 2016 in council chambers at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Joe Hermes called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Joe Hermes, Councilmember Doug Kelley, Wayne Callis, Johnny Vasquez and Jean Sorensen. Councilmember Maxine Price was absent. Also present were: City Manager Don Doering, City Secretary Becky Miska, Director of Public Works Brad Ryan, Street Superintendent Steve Sample, Water Wastewater Superintendent Greg Woodring and Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD DECEMBER 3, 2015:

Councilmember Kelley made the motion to approve the minutes of the city council meeting held December 3, 2015. Councilmember Callis 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.” Please limit comments to two (2) minutes.

HEAR CONCERNS FROM WILLIAM SELDERS REGARDING EAST DITCH PROJECT:

Mr. Selders addressed the council noting that the city council had voted to place a head wall put on the pipe. Selders asked if we had drawings on it. City Manager Don Doering stated he was not aware of any drawings. Selders replied it was before Doering's time. Street Superintendent Steve Sample noted there were not any actual drawings on the wall because the plans were actually drawn up before that was added in. Selders replied that was correct and it was asked to be added in at a council meeting. Selders went on to say he was trying to find out where things stood. City Manager Doering noted that there may have been money in the past budget but I don't see any in this budget for headwalls. Doering asked are we planning on putting rip rap on there? Selders replied the plan was to put a headwall in the front of the pipe and rip rap on the downstream side. Councilmember Wayne Callis stated we don't want to put rip rap on the west end of that pipe because it will just be a headache. Selders said that was what city council voted on and passed. It was not just made up. Selders stated he was trying to find out if somebody was going to do that or not. Sample added we talked about it and got some prices from contractors. The City would be looking at a cost \$8,000-\$10,000. Director of Public Works Brad Ryan stated in his plans the engineers did not recommend the head wall he recommended rip rap. I realize it was voted on and this is what I'm getting at. Selders said we voted on it and we passed it. Selder said he wasn't worried about what the engineers said he was concerned about what the city council voted on. City Manager Doering said if the city council wants to add that to the budget we would have to delete the same amount in order to keep it balanced. Mr. Selders replied I'm just saying it was voted to be done and it needs to be done. Councilmember Sorensen said she wasn't sure we have the money to do it now and we can't do it without money. Mayor Joe Hermes said to Mr. Selders every time I say something you get hot headed so I'm not going to say anything. Selders said that's fine. But it has been voted on in the past. Councilmember Vasquez asked does the city have money to do this? Selders said it doesn't matter it was voted on. Mayor Hermes asked that the council sign off to get a price for the cement. Hermes asked Director of Public Works Ryan can the city crews put it in? Ryan stated that Mercer could. Mayor Hermes then let's get with Mercer and get a cost. Then come back to council. Councilmember Callis made the motion that we get a bid from Mercer for the cost and then see if we can get the money to do it. Councilmember Sorensen seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 505 S. WELLS:

This item was asked by Mr. Lindberg (property owner) to be taken off the agenda.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CITY COUNCIL TO ORDER A GENERAL ELECTION FOR MAY 7, 2016 AND AUTHORIZING MAYOR HERMES TO SIGN THE ELECTION ORDER:

Councilmember Kelley made the motion to approve ordering a General Election for May 7, 2016 and authorizing Mayor Hermes to sign the Election Order. The General Election will be for District 3, District 4 and District 5 will be held May 7, 2016. Councilmember Sorensen seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER CITY OF EDNA ORDINANCE NO. 2016-01 CALLING FOR A GENERAL ELECTION TO THE OFFICES OF COUNCILMEMBER DISTRICT 3, DISTRICT 4 AND DISTRICT 5; PROVIDING FOR ELECTION OFFICIALS AND THE TIME, PLACE AND MANNER FOR HOLDING A CITY OF EDNA ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF SAME:

Councilmember Kelley made the motion to approve City of Edna Ordinance No. 2016-01 calling for a General Election to the offices of Councilmember District 3, District 4 and District 5; providing for election officials and the time, place and manner for holding a City of Edna election; and providing for notice of same. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONTINUE TO MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS TO TESRS (TEXAS EMERGENCY SERVICES RETIREMENT SYSTEM) FOR THE TLFRA ANNUITY PAYMENTS FOR RETIREES THAT ARE CURRENTLY RECEIVING BENEFITS:

City Secretary Miska reported that as of January 1, 2016 the ESD #3 explained that they will not be contributing to the retirees benefits with TESRS because this would fall on the City. Mrs. Miska asked that the council approve her proceeding with getting a cost analysis to see if the City of Edna to continue with benefits towards those retirees that are currently receiving payments. When the cost is calculated it will go before the council again to review. Councilmember Kelley made the motion to approve the City Secretary continuing with the process to see what the costs the city would incur. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER PAYMENT OF CURRENT BILLS:

Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve payment of current bills in the amount of \$50,449.02. 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/project; City Secretary & City Manager-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 he had attended a meeting on January 27th

Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge reviewed the Open Carry Law with council. Street Superintendent Steve Sample reported Christmas decorations have all been taken down and crew are working ditches. Water Wastewater Superintendent Greg Woodring noted that electrical lines are starting to be laid on Monday at the construction site for Tractor Supply.

ADJOURN:

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

APPROVED:_____

Joe Hermes, Mayor

ATTEST:_____

Becky Miska, City Secretary