

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular city council meeting, Thursday, December 4, 2014 in council chambers at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Joe D. Hermes called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Joe D. Hermes, Mayor Pro-Tem Maxine Price, Councilmembers Jean Sorensen, Richard Browning, William Selders and Johnny Vasquez. Steve Sample-Street Superintendent, Olga Salomon-Finance Director, Brad Ryan-Director of Public Works and Greg Woodring-Water Wastewater Superintendent, Clinton Wooldridge-Chief of Police and Margarette Wright-Administrative Assistant.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 20, 2014:

Councilmember Maxine Price made the motion to approve minutes of the city council meeting held November 20, 2014; Councilmember Richard Browning seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS: Chris Lundstrom-Herald Tribune, Anthony Wayne Callis, David Webel, Velma Vasquez, Kent Wu, Kenneth Tones and Robert L Foley.

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."

Visitor David Webel inquired on the status of "Quiet Zone." Mayor Hermes noted "hopefully by April 2015 status will be completed."

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2014-12 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDNA PROHIBITING LEFT TURN AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARKING LOT:

Police Chief Clinton Wooldridge stated work is still be performed to improve traffic at Elementary School. Councilmember Richard Browning made the motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2014-12 of the City of Edna prohibiting left turn at the elementary School parking lot. Councilmember William Selders seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM THE EDNA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT TO HELP WITH THE COST OF THE INSTALLATION OF AN IRRIGATION SYSTEM AT THE HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL FIELD:

Per Mayor Hermes the City of Edna will contribute to half of the cost of the installation of an irrigation system at the high school baseball field. On other business, Public Works Director Brad Ryan stated Carver School cleanup is still continuing and the City of Edna is helping with the cleanup. Councilmember Jean Sorensen made the motion to approve request from the Edna Independent School district to help with the cost of the installation of an irrigation system at the high school baseball field. Councilmember William Selders seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON MARTIN LUTHER KING DRIVE
CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT:**

Kent Wu with KSA Engineering was present at meeting and discussed the options for culvert replacement. Mr. Wu recommended two options. Mr. Selders disagreed with the options and size of culverts. Councilmember Richard Browning recommended fixing the drainage problem and tabled item. Mayor Hermes gave permission to Councilmember Selders to "talk only" with KSA Engineers and "no orders on any studies are to be made." Councilmember Maxine Price seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER CANCELLING SECOND COUNCIL MEETING IN DECEMBER:

Councilmember Maxine Price made the motion to approve cancelling the second council meeting in December. Councilmember Jean Sorensen seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER PAYMENT OF CURRENT BILLS:

Councilmember Johnny Vasquez made the motion to approve payment of current bills in the amount of \$85,905.22. Councilmember Price 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 departments which may include, but is not limited to the following: EMS Department, Police Department, Fire Department, Public Works Department, City Secretary, Finance Director, Code Enforcement and City Manager."

Finance Director Olga Salomon, Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge and Street Superintendant Steve Sample reported all is okay in their departments. Fire Marshall Loyd Chase reported he was very proud of the City of Edna for the way all citizens came together to help during the fire that claimed the lives of five children and destroyed a mobile home. Public Works Director Brad Ryan reported all is okay. Greg Woodring Water/WasteWater Superintendent noted all positions are filled in his department and will present all new employees at next council meeting. Councilmember Johnny Vasquez made motion to approve all reports / updates on all committees or departments which may include, but is not limited to the following: EMS Department, Police Department, Fire Department, Public Works Department, City Secretary, Finance Director, Code Enforcement and City Manager. Councilmember Maxine Price seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

ADJOURN:

Councilmember Richard Browning made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Jean Sorensen seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVED: _____

Joe D. Hermes, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Margarette Wright, Administrative Assistant