

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular city council meeting, Thursday, March 5, 2015 in council chambers at 6:30 p.m.

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

PRESENT: Mayor Joe Hermes, Councilmember Richard Browning, William Selders, Maxine Price, Jean Sorensen and Johnny Vasquez. Also present were City Secretary Becky Miska, Finance Director Olga Salomon, Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge, Director of Public Works Brad Ryan, Street Superintendent Steve Sample, EMS Director Loyd Chase and Water Wastewater Superintendent Greg Woodring.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 19, 2015:

Councilmember Browning made the motion to approve minutes of the city council meeting held February 19, 2015. Councilmember Price seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS: Don Doering, Velma Vasquez, Anthony Wayne Callis, Jimmy Lee Barnes, Chris Lundstrom-Jackson County Herald Tribune, EMS Director Loyd Chase, Director of Public Works Brad Ryan, Water Wastewater Superintendent Greg Woodring, Street Superintendent Steve Sample and Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge.

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.”

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TEXAS COLORADO RIVER FLOODPLAIN COALITION AND THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS:

After a lengthy discussion of concerns and questions, Councilmember Browning made the motion to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the Texas Colorado River Floodplain Coalition and the City of Edna, Texas. Councilmember Price seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. R-2015-01 BETWEEN THE TEXAS COLORADO RIVER FLOODPLAIN COALITION AND THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS:

Councilmember Price made the motion to approve Resolution No. R-2015-01 between the Texas Colorado River Floodplain Coalition and the City of Edna, Texas. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE YMCA OF THE GOLDEN CRESCENT POOL MANAGEMENT CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF EDNA:

Mayor Hermes noted that the YMCA has done a good job managing the pool and they are requesting a 3% increase for staff. Councilmember Browning asked if the city received the

money from the pool admittance fees and concession. Finance Director Salomon replied the city does not. Councilmember Browning noted that he would like to see that noted in the contract. Councilmember Price made the motion to approve the YMCA of the Golden Crescent Pool Management Contract with the City of Edna with a 3% increase. Councilmember Sorensen seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER ORDER OF CANCELLATION FOR THE MAY 9, 2015 GENERAL ELECTION:

City Secretary Miska had prepared the Order of Cancellation for the May 9, 2015 General Election. Unopposed candidates are: Joe Hermes-Mayor, Doug Kelley-Councilmember District 1, Wayne Callis-Councilmember District 2. Councilmember Browning made the motion to approve the Order of Cancellation for the May 9, 2015 General Election. Councilmember Selders seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER CITY OF EDNA ORDINANCE NO. 2015-02 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS DECLARING UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICES OF MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBER DISTRICT 1 AND COUNCILMEMBER DISTRICT 2 AS ELECTED; PROVIDING THAT THE MAY 9, 2015 ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THE ORDINANCE WAS PASSED WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE:

Councilmember Browning made the motion to approve City of Edna Ordinance No. 2015-02 an ordinance of the City of Edna, Texas declaring unopposed candidates for the offices of Mayor, Councilmember District 1 and Councilmember District 2 as elected; providing that the May 9, 2015 ordinance in conflict therewith; providing a savings clause; providing a severability clause; finding and determining that the meeting at which the ordinance was passed was open to the public as required by law declaring an emergency; and providing an effective date. Councilmember Selders seconded the motion all voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER PAYMENT OF CURRENT BILLS:

Councilmember Vasquez made the motion to approve payment of current bills in the amount of \$165,702.40. Councilmember Selders 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 not 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/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 Secretary Becky Miska asked council to let her know who would be attending the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Banquet on March 17th. **Street Superintendent Steve Sample** reported that city crews have been working in the parks along with the water & street department. **Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge** noted he all is well; has one employee out for 5-6 weeks on a personal injury. **Water Wastewater Superintendent Greg Woodring** reported there is a position still open for an equipment operator. **Director of Public Works Brad Ryan** stated the Children’s Park is almost complete but weather is hindering completion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE §551.074 – TO DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE OR DISMISSAL OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE

At this time, the council went into executive session. Don Doering was asked to stay.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ANY ACTION AS RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Upon returning to open session, Councilmember Price made the motion to hire Don Doering as the City Manager for the City of Edna at the salary discussed. Councilmember Sorensen seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

ADJOURN:

Councilmember Browning made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVED: _____
Joe Hermes, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Becky Miska, City Secretary