

## **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

The Edna City Council met in a regular city council meeting, Thursday, November 5, 2015 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, Mayor Pro-Tem/Councilmember Maxine Price, Councilmembers Doug Kelley, Wayne Callis, Johnny Vasquez and Jean Anne Sorensen. City Manager Don Doering, City Secretary Becky Miska, Finance Director Olga Salomon, Street Superintendent Steve Sample, Director of Public Works Brad Ryan and Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge and Water Wastewater Superintendent Greg Woodring.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD OCTOBER 15, 2015:** Councilmember Price made the motion to approve the minutes of the minutes of the city council meeting held October 15, 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 discuss or take action on any item which has not been posted on the agenda.”* Please limit comments to two (2) minutes.

William Selders reminded the council that he had been before the council many times requesting the installation of culvert pipe along Mexico Street. Street Superintendent Steve Sample reported to council that several customers had paid for the installation of culvert pipes and city crews were busy installing those at this time. Upon completion of those pipes then the crew will began on Mexico Street. Superintendent Sample noted that he would be coordinating with the Jackson County County-Wide Drainage who will be assisting.

**VISITORS:** William Selders, Chris Lundstrom-Jackson County Herald Tribune, Sky Chadde-Victoria Advocate, Philip Huseman-KSA Engineers and Mike Reeves-Republic Services

### **DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO BID FOR THE WASTEWATER UV REPLACEMENT PROJECT TO MERCER CONTROLS OF EDNA, TEXAS:**

Philip Huseman –KSA Engineers was present. Huseman reported that three (3) bids were received. After reviewing the bids, Mercer Controls was selected with a bid of \$458,957.00. Mayor Hermes asked that council approve awarding the bid for the Wastewater UV Replacement Project to Mercer Controls. Councilmember Kelley made the motion to approve KSA Engineers recommendation to approve Mercer Controls for the Wastewater UV Replacement Project to Mercer Controls of Edna, Texas. Councilmember Sorensen seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

### **DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO BID FOR THE SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT TO THE MOST RESPONSIBLE LOWEST BID CONTRACTOR:**

Philip Huseman –KSA Engineers was present. Mr. Huseman reported that Layne Inliner out of Baytown, Texas was selected as the most responsible, lowest bid for the Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project in the amount \$265,550.00 with TDA approval. This covers Division Street lift station to Wells, two (2) new manholes at Fulton and two (2) new manholes on the East side of Wells. Mayor Hermes asked if they were bonded and the reply was yes. Huseman noted there is currently 12” concrete pipe. Mr. Callis questioned how long the concrete pipe has been in

place. City Manager Doering stated that just for verification that this was relining of the pipe not replacement and Mr. Huseman replied that was correct. Councilmember Price made the motion to approve awarding the bid to Layne Inliner for the Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project to Layne Inliner. Councilmember Kelley seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF EDNA & JACKSON COUNTY EMERGENCY DISTRICT 3:**

After discussion, the council agreed that the ESD should not be charged for rent but will reimburse the City for insurance on the building only. Councilmember Kelley made the motion to approve the Lease Agreement Between The City of Edna & Jackson County Emergency District 3. Councilmember Price seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2015-09 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDNA DEFINING TERMS; CREATING OFFENSE FOR MINORS, PARENTS AND GUARDIANS OF MINORS; PROVIDING DEFENSES; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING FOR WAIVER BY THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF JURISDICTION OVER A MINOR WHEN REQUIRED UNDER THE TEXAS FAMILY CODE; PROVIDING A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$500; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE:**

Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge addressed the council noting since this ordinance has been in placed the number of violations have been reduced. Councilmember Kelley made the motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2015-09 an ordinance of the City of Edna defining terms; creating offense for minors, parents and guardians of minors; providing defenses; providing for guardians of minors; providing defenses; providing for enforcement by the Police Department; providing for waiver by the municipal court by jurisdiction over a minor when required under the Texas Family Code; providing a penalty not to exceed \$500; providing a repealing clause; providing a severability clause; and providing for an effective date. Councilmember Sorensen seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON CONCERNS WITH REPUBLIC SERVICES:**

Mike Reeves – Republic Services was present to address the council. Several of the concerns that were addressed were: limb pickup, trash pickup, delays in limb pickup, Code Enforcement Officer Miller having to drive around town to compile a list of limbs that had not been picked up.

Mr. Reeves noted the concerns and will working towards solving them.

**CONSIDER PAYMENT OF CURRENT BILLS:**

Councilmember Kelley made the motion to approve payment of current bills in the amount of \$232,656.26. Councilmember Callis 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; Code Enforcement – progress reports on code issues. No formal action can be taken on these items.”*

**City Manager Don Doering** reported the last ambulance was signed over to the Jackson County Hospital District on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. A meeting is set for grant writing in regards to a Community Development Downtown Revitalization Project. Doering noted he had the pleasure of meeting associates from Linebarger. **Finance Director Olga Salomon** noted that our auditors have been at City Hall for the last two (2) days. **Street Superintendent Steve Sample** stated the street sweeper has been operating the last two (2) weeks through-out the city; several culvert pipes have been repaired; next week installation of culvert pipes that customers have already paid for. **Director of Public Works Brad Ryan** noted that city crews have begun the installation of Christmas decorations. **Water Wastewater Superintendent Greg Woodring** reported that smoke testing continues; four (4) water taps have been installed on N. East Street. **City Secretary Becky Miska** noted that an employee Health & Wellness Clinic was provided by TML and several employees participated.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT CODE §551.074: PERSONNEL MATTERS: CITY MANAGER EVALUATION**

At 7:35 p.m. Mayor Hermes asked that the council chambers be cleared and that the council and city manager please stay.

**TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

No action was taken.

**ADJOURN:**

Councilmember Kelley made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion adjourned.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Joe Hermes, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Becky Miska, City Secretary