

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, December 15, 2022, 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 a moment of silence, followed by the council and audience reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilperson District 1 Cipriano Palacios, Councilperson District 2 Wayne Callis, Councilperson District 3 Chris Jackson, Councilperson District 4 Mike Dodds and Councilperson District 5 Johnny Vasquez were present, City Manager Gary Broz, Chief of Police Rick Boone, Finance Director Diane Pierce, Director of Utilities Brad Ryan, Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski and City Secretary Becky Miska were also present. Minutes were recorded by City Secretary Miska.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 30, 2022:

Councilperson Jackson made the motion to approve the minutes of the city council meeting held November 30, 2022. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS: There were no visitors present

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.

There were no public comments.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2022-18 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDNA CREATING A FENCE ORDINANCE WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE TYPE OF MATERIAL SUITABLE TO BE USED FOR FENCING AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Broz stated that the first reading that was approved at the previous council meeting. Councilperson Jackson made the motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2022-18 an ordinance of the City of Edna creating a fence ordinance with special attention to the type of material suitable to be used for fencing. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER ORDER OF ELECTION FOR THE MAY 6, 2023 GENERAL ELECTION:

City Secretary Miska noted that the Order of Election is another document needed in preparation for the May 6, 2023 General Election. Councilperson Dodds made the motion to approve Order of Election for May 6, 2023. Councilperson Jackson seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER ELECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF EDNA AND JACKSON COUNTY FOR THE MAY 6, 2023, GENERAL ELECTION:

City Manager Broz questioned the cost, noting that it was not in the paperwork presented. City Secretary Miska reported that the cost was outlined last year at the end of the election for the workers, machines, etc. Mayor Smiga noted that he remembered that the cost last year was much less than what the city paid when the election by the city. The City Manager asked that this item be tabled until the next council meeting to get a cost. Councilperson Jackson made the motion to approve tabling this item. Councilperson Palacios seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION CONSIDER THE SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2022-19 AN ORDINANCE CALLING FOR A GENERAL ELECTION AND ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR SAID ELECTION TO BE HELD SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023; THE GENERAL ELECTION SHALL BE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING MAYOR AND COUNCILPERSONS TO REPRESENT DISTRICT 1 AND DISTRICT 2 AND PROVIDING FOR THE TIME, PLACE AND MANNER FOR HOLDING A CITY OF EDNA ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF SAME AS REQUIRED BY LAW:

City Secretary Miska stated that this is the second reading of Ordinance No. 2022-19 for this year's election will be for Mayor, Councilperson District 1 and Councilperson District 2. Ordinance No. 2022-19 begins the election process for the May 6, 2023 general election. Councilperson Dodds made the motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2022-19 an ordinance calling for a general election and establishing procedures for said election to be held Saturday, May 6, 2023. The General Election shall be for the purpose of electing Mayor and Councilpersons to represent District 1 and District 2. Councilperson Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF TDA FROM A1024 CDBG SECTION 3 GOALS AND CONCEPTS AS RELATED TO THE CDBG PROGRAM AND THE CITY OF EDNA Tx CDBG CONTRACT NO. 7219130:

City Manager Gary Broz presented the council with a handout on Capital A1024 Section 3. City Manager Broz explained the handout and the process of how a grant is administered with emphasis on Fair Housing and giving preference to individuals in the project area. Mr. Broz noted Fannin, Ward, Kerr, Peabody, Roosevelt, Ash, Williams and East Kleas are among the streets that are in the project area. City Manager Broz answered questions presented by the council as to the importance of the areas chosen.

The was no action needed on this agenda item.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

City Manager Broz stated there are budget amendments and those will be presented at the next council meeting.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER PAYMENT OF CURRENT BILLS:

Councilperson Dodds made the motion to approve the payment of current bills in the amount of \$117,388.12. Councilperson Vasquez seconded the motion. 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-Vice Economic Development; City Secretary-public information.” No formal action can be taken on these items.

City Manager Gary Broz reported that two of the CDBG Grants are now finished; close-outs on those grants are forthcoming.

The bubble has been installed on the Kleas Water Tower.

Sensus has the City's new meters and ten (10) have been provided for installation; only three (3) have been activated. The remaining seven (7) will be installed and activated.

The GCRPC Jackson County team consisting of Chris Jackson and Julio Espinosa have been representing us well.

The meal and atmosphere at the recently held Employee Christmas Dinner was enjoyed by all.

Computer migration continues; there some does, and some don't to adhere by at this time. City Offices will be closed on December 30th, 2022 and January 2, 2023.

Finance Director Diane Pierce reported all is going well in the utility department. The ladies upfront have been very busy with it being the 15th of the month.

Utility billing will be tomorrow on the 16th.

Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski reported that city crews continue to clean up around the city yard on Kleas Street.

Ditch work and clean up has been done on Trotwood.

Culvert pipe clean out at Brown and Hwy 111 revealed major stopped; it has been taken care of.

Andy noted that after the heavy rainfall on Saturday night he drove around on Sunday to unstop drains in the city.

Director of Utilities Brad Ryan noted that with the resignation of Wayne Grudzieski it has placed a temporary strain on the department due to Wayne having his Double C license. Employee, Brian Neumann tested and passed his first Double C license.

Chief of Police Rick Boone stated that the Tip A Cop Fundraiser went extremely well. The department took fifteen (15) deserving children shopping with funds raised. Packages are now being wrapped. The kids will be fed supper before taking them back to their homes.

Mental health issues are on the rise this season. Officers have responded to several calls resulting in mental health issues. One call resulted in a stay at the county jail after a confrontation, spitting and tussle at the emergency room hospital with the officer on duty.

Traffic complaints and traffic stops are on the rise also.

Narcotics arrests have increased.

The department assisted Ganado in a search and arrest. A stolen vehicle was recovered parked behind the HEB in Ganado.

The last Patrolmen opening has been filled. The new employee, Brittany Bailey, will come into the department on January 4, 2023 and will be introduced to the city council at the January 5th meeting.

City Manager Gary Broz and Chief of Police Rick Boone invited the council to stop by and walk through the new Police Department anytime.

ADJOURN:

Councilperson Callis made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

Lance Smiga, Mayor

Becky Miska, City Secretary