

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, August 21, 2025, in the 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 prayer by Andy Brzozowski, followed by the council and audience reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT:

Mayor Lance Smiga, Councilperson District 1 Cipriano Palacios, Councilperson District 2 Katrina Callis, Councilperson District 3 Chris Jackson, Councilperson District 4 Mike Dodds, and Councilperson District 5 Amanda Friedrich were present. City Manager Gary Broz, Finance Director Valerie Callaway, Utility Director Brad Ryan, Police Chief Kenneth Pyle, Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski, and City Secretary LaSonya Robinson were also present. City Secretary Robinson recorded the minutes.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AUGUST 7, 2025:

Councilperson Jackson made a motion to approve August 7, 2025, minutes. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS:

Shelly Srp, Carolina Jalufka - JCCCA, Harold Wilkins, Briana Balusek-JCCCA, Pamela Hughes

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 comments to two minutes. Pamela Hughes gave some information about the Veteran's Day Parade.

DISCUSS REQUEST FROM JACKSON COUNTY ESD #3 FOR ADDITIONAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 315 W. MAIN AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz stated Jackson County ESD #3 is asking for additional property at 315 W. Main Street. Broz stated they are wanting to add a lean to. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to approve the paperwork for the request for additional space located at 315 W. Main. Councilperson Palacios seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS REQUEST FROM EDNA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION AND TEXANA ARTS COUNCIL TO SPONSOR TEXANA FEST ON OCTOBER 18, 2025. ALSO, A REQUEST FOR ALCOHOL PERMIT ALONG WITH HOTEL/MOTEL FUNDS AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Shelly Srp stated the Texana Arts Council and Edna Business Association joined together to have Texana Fest on October 18, 2025. Srp stated they will need Main Street closed from 3-9 for a Vintage Car Show and Market Vendors. Srp stated at 7 p.m. they will relight the marquee and then start the dance. The dance will be fenced in, because they want to sell alcohol beverages. Srp also wanted to know if they could have help from the Hotel/Motel Funds. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to approve the street closure, selling of alcohol and \$5,000 for Teana Arts Council and \$3000.00 for the Edna Business Association. Councilperson Jackson seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS REQUEST FROM HAROLD WILKINS WITH DELIVERANCE AND RESTORATION CHURCH OF CHRIST FOR HOSTING A GOSPEL COMPETITION IN EDNA AND REQUESTING HOTEL/MOTEL FUNDING AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Harold Wilkins with Deliverance and Restoration Church of Christ. Wilkins stated they will have several different church's coming for gospel competition and would like Hotel/Motel Funding to help with the event. City Manager Broz stated we do not have extra Hotel/Motel Funding, but he can complete the Hotel/Motel form, and we can possibly assist for next year if they continue to be an annual event.

DISCUSS REQUEST FROM JACKSON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR HOTEL/MOTEL FUNDS FOR THE BIG BUCK AND BIG HOG CONTEST AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Briana Balusek Vice President of the Jackson County Chamber Commerce stated this is their 16th year for the Big Buck Hunt. Carolina Jalufka with the Chamber of Commerce states they try to keep up with stats of who rents hotels. Jalufka stated they appreciate the donation from previous years but would like to see if the donation can change to \$5000.00. City Manager Gary Broz stated that the city budgets \$3000.00. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to approve \$3000 to the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce for the Big Buck Hunt. Councilperson Dodds Seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2025-05, ADDING ADDITIONAL SIGNAGE TO CHAPTER 12, ARTICLE 12:04 OF THE CITY OF EDNA CODES AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz stated stop signs have been added to:

- Ed Linn at West Cypress – change yield to stop sign
- Trotwood at Fulton – change yield to stop sign
- West Cedar at North Pumphrey – add stop signs to create a 4-way stop intersection
- Right turn only from Country Club Drive onto Apollo Drive from 7:00 a.m.–8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.
- Left turn only from Dugger onto Apollo Drive from 7:00 a.m.–8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. for school safety and pedestrian crosswalk protection

Councilperson Dodds made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2025-05 adding additional signage to Chapter 12. Councilperson Friedrich seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF .2279 PER \$100 TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz stated that we have to approve the tax rate for 2025/2026 fiscal year. Broz stated the highest we can increase is .2279 without an election. Mayor Smiga questioned the tax rate being higher than the Voter Approval Tax Rate. Broz informed them that Moncia Foster the Tax Assessor informed them that the tax rate can be higher than the approver tax rate. Mayor Smiga would like to get more information. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to table the approval of .2279 per \$100 tax rate for fiscal year 2025/2026. Councilperson Friedrich seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

No action taken.

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

The City Manager stated that bills totaling \$184,660.12 need to be paid. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to approve paying the bills totaling \$184,660.12. Councilperson Palacios 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 are 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—Victoria Economic Development; City Secretary—public information."

- **City Manager Broz** reported we are in full budget mode; Building and Standards did final condemnation on Church Street property and the 503 Wells Street property. Receiving bids for demo, continuing to work on the Court Module in the software conversion. All other modules are working great, continuing to work with the different grants, MIT, Post Oak, Generator, Lift Stations and WWTP, phase 1 of the new street signs and stop sign project is complete, codes continue to work on high grass, junk and other stuff, on-line auction is concluding today will send out tally sheet when we receive it from the online company, had the inspection from TX Health Services on the Right -To-Know and Hazard Communications, went well, Melissa with Harrison in continuing to work on the 2024/2025 audit, hope to have it soon, had the pre-construction meeting for the sewer line bursting on Division, Breckenridge and Miracle Street. They will start September 8th. Bids for phase 2 will be published next week.
- **Director Valerie Callaway** reported Hotel money is coming in slowly, received Franchise Tax, and Texas State Comptroller.
- **Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski** reported started 2025/2026 fiscal year stop sign and street signs proposal, replaced a culvert pipe and installed a new driveway pipe and cleaned ditch and its outfall on Vine Street, mowed and

trimmed the sidewalk on Apollo Drive, Kenny and Joel have been busy with the patcher truck, patched potholes, rented a street sweeper for the next 30 days and we started sweeping yesterday, stop signs in place at the intersection of East Cedar and Carver Street, hired hydro-vac truck to clean underground drainage. They cleaned from Carver to Northeast, up Carver on the west ditch and the culverts at the intersection of Cedar and Carver.

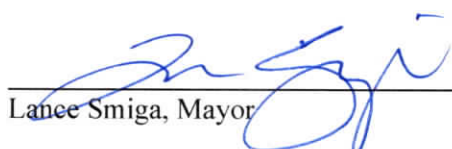
- **Utility Director Brad Ryan** reported mowing and weed eating sewer plant, 11 Lift Stations, and shop, removed second booster pump at Kleas well, repaired water leak on Houston St, jetted sewer main on Allen Street, repaired water leak on Peabody Street, jetted sewer main on Ash St., jetted sewer main on Mexico St.
- **Police Chief Kenneth Pyle** reported that since the last council meeting, Edna PD completed 41 traffic stops, resulting in 15 citations and 43 warnings; Monday the 18th I went to the intersection of Apollo and Dugger to see the flow of traffic with the new signs posted, Lt. Matlock and I went to the Wharton Police Academy in attempt to recruit cadets, patrolled the intersection of Carver St. and E. Cedar St., moving forward with outfitting the 4 new patrol units.

CONDUCT A BUDGET WORKSHOP:

Budget workshop conducted.

ADJOURN:

Councilperson Jackson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.



Lance Smiga, Mayor

LaSonya Robinson, City Secretary