

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session Thursday, August 29, 2013 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, Councilmembers Justin Bonnot, William Selders, Ray Chavarria, Jean Sorensen and Maxine Price. Also present were City Manager Ken Knight, Management Assistant Margarette Wright, Finance Director Olga Salomon, Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge and Director of Public Works Brad Ryan. City Secretary Becky Miska was not present.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AUGUST 15, 2013:
Councilmember Price made the motion to approve minutes of the city council meeting held August 15, 2013. Councilmember Sorensen seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

HEARING OF VISITORS:

“At this time, comment 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.”

VISITORS: None

PUBLIC HEARING:

a) **CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 2013-07 FIXING THE TAX RATE AND LEVY AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS FOR THE YEAR 2013 REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith, AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE:**

There were no comments.

DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2013-07, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS FIXING THE TAX RATE AND THE TAX LEVY AND LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS FOR THE YEAR 2013 REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith, AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE:

City Manager Knight reported the new tax rate will be .2084 which is .10 cents below last year. Councilmember Bonnot made the motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2013-07, ordinance of the City of Edna, Texas fixing the tax rate and the tax levy and levying ad valorem taxes for City of Edna, Texas for the year 2013 repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, and declaring an effective date. Councilmember Sorensen seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN ESD #3 AND CITY OF EDNA:

As of the council meeting date, the City of Edna had not received the Interlocal Agreement between ESD #3 and City of Edna from the ESD Board.

DISCUSS PROPOSED RFP FOR AUDIT SERVICES:

City Manager Knight noted the city has had the same auditors for several years and asked if the council wished to go out for proposals for possibly new auditors. Councilmember Price made the motion to go out for proposals for new auditors. Councilmember Sorensen seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON A TREE SERVICE:

City Manager Knight asked Director of Public Works Brad Ryan to give report. Mr. Ryan reported three different bids were received: each around \$15,000. Mr. Knight and Mr. Ryan both recommended P&W from Bay City who has 22 years or experience. P&W will be in City of Edna bringing five employees along with five foremen to cut down and dispose of dead trees that have been already been marked by city staff. It was also noted that P&W will also give citizens a discount that are in need of trees to be cut down and disposed of on private property. Councilmember Price made the motion to approve awarding P&W as contractors for the tree service. Councilmember Sorensen seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONSIDER LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EDNA YOUTH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION AND THE CITY OF EDNA:

Councilmember Chavarria made the motion to approve the Lease Agreement between the Edna Youth Football Association and the City of Edna for another year. Councilmember Price seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE REQUEST FROM THE JACKSON COUNTY YOUTH FAIR ASSOCIATION:

Councilmember Sorensen made the motion to approve the request from the Jackson County Youth Fair Association for the parade route on October 5, 2013. Councilmember Bonnot seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER PAYMENT OF CURRENT BILLS:

Councilmember Price made the motion to approve payment of current bills in the amount of \$192,239.31. 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 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/projects; City Manager & City Secretary-public information; Finance Director-financial report; Code Enforcement-progress reports on code issues. No formal action can be taken on these items.”

City Manager Ken Knight reported the Texas Municipal League Region 11 Meeting will be held in Aransas Pass on September 13, 2013. Also, noted City Secretary Miska has been released for ½ days and will return to work after her recent surgery. **Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge** noted school started this week and extra patrols are in those areas during school dismissal times; resignation has been received from patrolman Blake Johnson; advertising has begun for a new patrolman. **Director of Public Works Brad Ryan** stated the city has hired Michael Gasch for the city's mechanical maintenance.

ADJOURN:

Councilmember Bonnot made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Sorensen seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVED: _____
Joe D. Hermes, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Becky Miska, City Secretary