

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, August 7, 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 JULY 3, 2025, AND THE BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING HELD JULY 16, 2025:

Councilperson Dodds made a motion to approve July 3, 2025, minutes and the budget workshop minutes from July 16, 2025. Councilperson Friedrich seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS:

Donald Brinkman, Anthony Witkowski, Jonas Titus, and Diane Drussell – VEDC, Marcy Davis, Kiara Woods

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.

Anthony Witkowski stated that he lives on the corner of Carver and Cedar St. He stated that vehicles travel too fast down that street, and he believes there should be a stop sign or speed bump in place. Mayor Lance Smiga advised him they cannot comment on the topic but will look into changes.

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 an awning. Council had some questions and would like to have a drawing of the location they are requesting. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to table the request for additional space located at 315 W. Main. Councilperson Palacios seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS REQUEST FROM THE JACKSON COUNTY YOUTH FAIR FOR FUNDING AND THE STREET CLOSURE FOR PARADE ON OCTOBER 4, 2025, AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Marcy Davis with the Jackson County Youth Fair requested a sponsorship to the JCYF of \$5,000.00. Davis also requested the street closure for the JCYF Parade on October 4, 2025. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to approve the sponsorship of \$5,000.00 and to close the street on October 4, 2025. Councilperson Friedrich seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

RATIFY REQUEST FROM EDNA COWBOY YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE TO USE THE FOOTBALL FIELD AT SHELBY PARK FOR THE SEASON AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz stated the Edna Cowboy Youth Football League wants to use the football field at Shelby Park for the season. Broz stated they will practice and play games as needed on the field. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to approve the Edna Cowboy Youth Football League to practice and have games as needed at Shelby Park Football Field. Councilperson Jackson seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 2025-06, ALLOWING THE EDNA POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OPERATION LONE STAR GRANT PROGRAM #4628004 AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz stated Resolution 2025-06 allows the Police Department to participate in the Operation Lone Star Grant. Broz stated the grant is for overtime and police equipment. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to accept Resolution 2025-06. Councilperson Jackson seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

RATIFY PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FROM THE OPERATION LONE STAR GRANT PROGRAM AND THE RIFLE RESISTANT GRANT FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz stated the Police Department has received \$269,000.00 from the Lone Star and Rifle Grants. Broz stated the Police Department will purchase 3- license plate readers for patrol vehicles, 8- handheld Motorola 2-way radios, 12- Peacemaker technology tablets for vehicles, 4- new and 2 refurbished Stalker dual radars, 1- video endoscope for fuel tank searches, 7- sets of body armor for police personnel, and 1- X-ray thermal imaging camera. Councilperson

Jackson made a motion to approve the purchases. Councilperson Palacios seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM CSRS REGARDING THE FINAL DRAFT OF THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Donald Brinkman with CSRS gave a presentation regarding the final draft of the City's Comprehensive Plan. Brinkman explained the proposed zoning changes. No action was taken.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 2025-07, ON HOW TO NOTIFY THE PUBLIC OF THE PROPOSED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz stated we need to notify the public of the proposed Comprehensive Plan. Broz stated we will notify the public by posting on the City of Edna website, in the Edna newspaper electronic version, and on Facebook. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-07 to notify the public of the proposed comprehensive plan. Councilperson Palacios seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

FIRST 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 first reading of Ordinance No. 2025-05 adding additional signage to Chapter 12. Councilperson Jackson 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 \$99,621.14 need to be paid. Councilperson Callis made a motion to approve paying the bills totaling \$99,621.14. Councilperson Palacios seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CITY STAFF REPORTS:

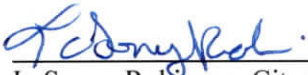
“At this time, City Council will hear reports/updates on all committees or department assignments, which may include, but are not limited to, the following: City Manager—grants, projects, public information; Finance Director—finance & department reports; Police Department—grant updates, police reports; 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; cleanup week went very well, with 160 vehicles bringing junk, tires, metal, and other items; all water meters have been installed; performing maintenance and checking for any missed installations; working on reports such as pumpage and usage; software conversion is on the last module; swimming pool closes Sunday; new street signs and stop signs are being installed; continuing to work on various grants, MIT, Post Oak, generator, and lift stations; continuing to work with the property owner on Church and S. Wells; building and standards meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 14; Sonya and Valerie attended FEMA training in Port Lavaca two weeks ago; online auction starts August 11, 2025; pre-construction meeting scheduled next week for sewer line work on Division and Brackenridge; open enrollment held this past Tuesday.
- **Finance Director Valerie Callaway** reported 28 new accounts and 0 closed accounts for July; received grant money; hotel tax money is still coming in; received ad valorem tax and Texas State Comptroller tax.
- **Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski** reported they cleaned part of a ditch on Colorado Street adjacent to Pin Oak St., cleaned part of the ditch on Pin Oak in the vicinity of Pumphrey St., helped the Parks Department catch up on mowing and trimming; participated in citywide cleanup; made a few equipment repairs; removed trash piles from the streets during the cleanup; patched potholes when possible; sealed part of Robinson Street and have sealed Cora Street; new signs have arrived, so they have been building and installing them while removing the old ones; finished shredding but still need trimming in some areas of town.
- **Utility Director Brad Ryan** reported on sewer plant operations (daily samples, adjustments, and making sludge boxes); mowing and weed eating at the sewer plant, 11 lift stations, and shop; completed cut-offs and turn-ons for the month; repaired water leak on Peabody St.; jetted sewer main on Hanover; repaired water leaks on Trinity and at 205 Hanover St.; having control issues with 3 lift stations (Asbeck, W. Main, and Cedar) requiring daily priming until the controls are repaired; one booster pump at Kleas well is down and sent for possible rebuilding.
- **Police Chief Kenneth Pyle** reported that since the last council meeting, Edna PD completed 63 traffic stops, resulting in 33 citations and 58 warnings; continuing to work on grants; visited Victoria College Police Academy to recruit cadets; attended FEMA disaster recovery training; attended the EISD school board meeting on the multi-hazard emergency operations plan; placed the radar trailer on Gayle St. near EHS to encourage drivers to slow down.

ADJOURN:

Councilperson Dodds made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m. Councilperson Jackson seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.



Lance Smiga, Mayor

LaSonya Robinson, City Secretary