**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, May 16, 2024, 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 prayer by Andy Brzozowski followed by the council and audience reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENT:** Councilperson District 1 Cipriano Palacios, Councilperson District 2 Wayne Callis, Councilperson District 4 Mike Dodds and Councilperson District 5 Amanda Friedrich were present. City Manager Gary Broz, Investigator Derrick Berma, Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski, Utility Director Brad Ryan, Finance Director Diane Peirce and City Secretary LaSonya Robinson were also present. Councilperson District 3 Chris Jackson was absent. The minutes were recorded by City Secretary Robinson.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD MAY 2, 2024:**
Councilperson Palacios made a motion to approve the May 2, 2024, minutes. Councilperson Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**VISITORS:** Beth Foley, Mike Jordan, Lydia Jordan, Brent Strickland, Kimberly Mercer, Brandon Tinsley, Callie St. John, Adam Walk, Tonee Palacios, Whitney Turner, Jace.

**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.**

**RECEIVE PRESENTATION AND REQUEST FROM RISE BROADBAND AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEM NECESSARY:**
Callie stated that Rise Broadband will bring fiber internet service to our community. Callie stated they serve about 31,000 addresses in Texas and are striving for 80,000 by the end of the year. Callie stated they work in areas where the population is not over 6000. Callie presented a map of the service area. Pricing will be competitive. Callie stated that Rise Broadband would like to use Kleas Street water fencing to store their equipment. There was no motion needed.

**PUBLIC HEARING: DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AN APPLICATON FOR A ZONE CHANGE PERMIT. ZONE IS CURRENTLY RESIDENTIAL R-2 AND THERE IS A REQUEST FOR THE PROPERTY TO CHANBGE TO COMMERCIAL: LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ROSEMONT, BLOCK 2, LOT S77, 4FT 11-12, ACRES 0.17. ROSEMONT BLOCK 2, LOT PT 11-12-13-14-15-16, ACRES 0.43, ROSEMONT BLOCK 1, LOT 11 & PT 12-13, ACRES .29 AND BEING THE NORTHEAST 41 FT OF LOT NO. NINE (9), IN BLOCK NO. TWO (2) OF ROSEMONT ADDITON.**
City Secretary Sonya Robinson stated that Tony Doyle has submitted a zone change application. Doyle would like to change zone from R-2 to zone of commercial. Robinson presented a plat to the council members of the area on N. East Street and Sample St. that Tony Doyle has had replated and would like to be rezoned.

**APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE THE ZONE CHABNGE APPLICATION FROM PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION: PUBLIC HEARING: DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AN APPLICATON FOR A ZONE CHANGE PERMIT. ZONE IS CURRENTLY RESIDENTIAL R-2 AND THERE IS A REQUEST FOR THE PROPERTY TO CHANBGE TO COMMERCIAL: LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ROSEMONT, BLOCK 2, LOT S77, 4FT 11-12, ACRES 0.17. ROSEMONT**

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Councilperson Palacios made a motion to approve the Zone Change application from R-2 to Commercial. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

**DISCUSS CONTRCT RENEWAL WITH EDNA YOUTH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:**

City Manager Gary Broz stated it is time to renew the Edna Youth Football Association contract. Councilperson Palacios asked if he turn in all the paperwork that was requested. Broz stated we received his 501c paper, but not any financials. Broz stated that he thinks it would a good idea to have both teams use the field. Mayor Smiga stated it would be great if the teams could come together and make one team. Broz stated instead of contract we can have a calendar and the teams would have to reserve the field a week at a time. Council members thought that was a good idea. Broz stated the contract will be over May 31, 2024, and we will start a calendar for usage.

**DISCUSS CONSTRUCTION OF CONCESSION-STAND AND RESTROOMS AT SHELBY PARK AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:**

City Manager Broz stated it's time to get started with concession-stand and restrooms at Shelby Park. Broz stated we currently have $125,000 in treasury. Broz stated there are two foundations meeting next month. Broz stated that he wants to know if it's alright to start the process. Councilperson Palacios asked if we would be getting bids. Broz stated yes. Broz presented what he would like the concession/restroom to look like and the location. Visitor Michal Jordan ask will there more parking added since the concession/restroom will take some of the parking. Mayor Smiga stated the answer right now is no, but it will be addressed in future plans. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to proceed with the construction of the concession-stand/restrooms. Councilperson Friedrich seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**DISCUSS INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH EDNA ISD FOR SHELBY PARK UPGRADES AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:**

City Manager stated he gave handout of the interlocal agreement and Patrick Brzozowski with Edna ISD school board will give some information. Patrick Brzozowski stated that the interlocal talks a little about owner transfer and we are not at that stage. Brzozowski stated they will remove some verbiage from the agreement and if agreed upon tonight the School Board will then vote on Monday. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to accept the interlocal agreement with Edna ISD for Shelby Park upgrade. Councilperson Callis 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 we need to pay bills totaling $86,798.06. Councilperson Palacios made a motion to approve paying bills totaling $86,798.06. Councilperson Callis made a motion to second. 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."***

**City Manager Broz stated the pool is open, having another meeting with Habitat for Humanity on May 21st, have 1529 water meter installed, advised council the payable report in their packet is from the new software, continuing to field questions about the new meters, working on option for brush pickup, 20218/2019 disaster grant is continuing to move through the submittal phase, have a call next week with TML Health about our health insurance plan 24/25, gathering information for RBC for the proposed CO's what we can afford,**

**Finance Director Diane Pierce stated there were 3 pages of disconnects, 39 reconnects, 16 final outs, and 19 new accounts. Pierce stated that she has completed the quarterly report, paid quarterly insurance payments, inputting information for new software and mailing 2022-2023 audits per request.**

**Street Superintendent Andy Brozowski stated removed more than 80 dump truck loads of brush at Jackson County transfer station, completed the 1st shredding need to trim and weed eat, checked drainage and open drains during the rain, burned all the brush at the wastewater treatment facilities, finish the ditch cleaning on the west end of Ash St.**

**Director of Utilities state they are fixing water leaks, kleas st elevated tower filled and sampled for TCEQ, sewer stoppage on Pumphrey, disconnects and re-connects, jetted sewer lines in know problem area, cleaned orbital and clarifiers at sewer plant.**

**Investigator Derrick Berma stated they made 255 traffic stops, 117 of those resulted in a citation, partnered with Colere Group and Edna Education Foundation in the yearly Reality Check, assisted the county in several call this weekend, Bermea had the opportunity to present a Fentanyl program to about 60 adults and new office is working well.**

**ADJOURN:**

Councilperson Dodds made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m. Councilperson Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

Lance Smiga, Mayor

LaSonya Robinson, City Secretary