

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, January 18, 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 a prayer by Andy Brzozowski followed by the council and audience reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilperson District 1 Cipriano Palacios, Councilperson District 3 Chris Jackson, Councilperson District 4 Mike Dodds were present, City Manager Gary Broz, Police Chief Rick Boone, Director of Utilities Brad Ryan, and City Secretary Sonya Robinson were also present. Councilperson District 2 Wayne Callis, Councilperson District 5 Johnny Vasquez, and Finance Director Diane Pierce were absent. The minutes were recorded by City Secretary Robinson.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD JANUARY 4, 2024:

Councilperson Jackson made the motion to approve the minutes of the city council meeting held January 4, 2024. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS: Beth Foley, Amanda Brand, Amanda Fredrich

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.

Amanda Brand reported about the Christmas on Main event that occurred in December.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO ORDER THE GENERAL ELECTION FOR MAY 4, 2024:

City Manager Broz stated the election is May 4, 2024, and we must order the election. Broz advised everyone that January 17, 2024, is the first day to sign up and February 16 is last day sign up. Councilperson Jackson made motion to order the general election. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER 2-1-1 PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE VALUE OF THE REGIONAL INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICES TO OUR COMMUNITY:

City Manager Gary Broz stated this is the yearly proclamation for Golden Crescent recognizing the value of regional information. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to accept the 2-1-1 proclamation. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. R 2024-02 FOR OPERATION LONE STAR GRANT (GRANT # 4628002) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024. TO PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE EDNA POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Police Chief Rick Boone stated this grant is for a vehicle and overtime. \$75,000 is for a vehicle. Councilperson Dodds made motion to approve resolution no. R 2024-02. Councilperson Palacios seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. R 2024-03 FOR RIFLE-RESISTANT BODY ARMOR GRANT (GRANT # 5001801) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025. TO PROVIDE MATCHING FUND FOR EDNA POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Police Chief Rick Boone stated this grant is for level 3 rifle resistant vests. Boone stated there is no match money needed. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to approve resolution no. R 2024-03. Councilperson Jackson seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER ENGAGEMENT LETTER FROM THE LAW OFFICE OF JAKE SRP, PLLC.

City Manager Broz it's the yearly engagement letter. Broz stated everything stays the same except rates went from \$125 a hour to \$175 a hour. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to approve the engagement letter from the Law Office of Jake Srp, PLLC. Councilperson Palacios seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

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

Councilperson Palacios made the motion to approve the payment of current bills in the amount of \$73,183.59. Councilperson Dodds 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 taken on these items.

Gary Broz, City Manager, stated are still working on the software. Water meter installations have started. Chief of Police Rick Boone, Samantha, Brad Ryan and himself met with the owner of Cottonwoods Apt. Broz stated he will have to complete some surveys for mitigation grant. Burn pile still hot.

Brad Ryan Director of Utilities stated they only had one check valve to freeze. The water well was excellent. Had one sewer stoppage during the freeze, but the crew was able to fix it.

Andy Brzozowski, Street Supervisor, stated they have been checking equipment and cleaning the shop. Brzozowski stated they have been patching streets, weed eating, and getting quotes for a lift to cut trees on bus route.

Police Chief Rick Boone stated they have been completing paperwork from the murder. He has completed the racial profiling paperwork. Looking for a new vehicle.

ADJOURN:

Councilperson Dodds the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m. Councilperson Jackson seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

Lance Smiga, Mayor

LaSonya Robinson, City Secretary

