

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, September 21, 2023, in council chambers at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Callis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The council stood for a moment of silence, 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, and Councilperson District 5 Johnny Vasquez were present, City Manager Gary Broz, Director of Utilities Brad Ryan, Investigator Stacy Cavazos, Finance Director Diane Pierce, and City Secretary Sonya Robinson were also present. Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski was absent. The minutes were recorded by City Secretary Robinson.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 7, 2023:

Councilperson Vasquez made the motion to approve the minutes of the city council meeting held September 7, 2023. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS: Elizabeth Sommerfield

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.

No action taken.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2023-05 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS, CHAPTER 13, UTILITIES, BY ADDING ARTICLE 13.08, REGARDING CUSTOMER DAMAGE TO UTILITY METERS, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE:

City Manager Gary Broz informed everyone that its information went over at last meeting if someone was to damage the meter. Broz stated that the fee will be in the fee schedule. Councilperson Dodds made motion to approve the first reading of ordinance no. 2023-05 an ordinance amending the code of ordinance of the City of Edna, Texas, chapter 13, utilities by adding article 13.08, regarding customer damage to utility meters, and establishing an effective date. Councilperson Palacios seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2023-03 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS ADOPTING THE BUDGET OF THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 1, 2023; AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2024, REVISING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2023. APPROPRIATING THE VARIOUS AMOUNTS THEREOF; RVEALING ALL ORDINANCE OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE:

City Manager Broz stated this is the second reading for adopting of the budget. Broz stated he met with a few that had questions. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to approve the second reading of ordinance 2023-03. Councilperson Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2023-04 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS FIXING THE TAX RATE AND TAX LEVY AND LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS FOR THE YEAR 2023/2024 REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE:

City Manager Broz stated that this is the second reading. The tax rate is .2128. Broz stated that is a 6.90% increase. Councilperson Dodds made a motion that tax rate be increased by the adoption of .2128, which is effectively a 6.90 percent increase in tax rate. Councilperson Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND APPROVE THE 2023/2024 FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY OF EDNA:

City Manager Broz advised that the water and sewer was raised 5% and solid waste increased 3%. Broz stated that a new section was added for the cost of the meters if damaged. Councilperson Dodd made motion to approve the 2023/2024 fee schedule for the City of Edna.

DISCUSS THE PROPOSED NEW CONCESSION STAND AND RESTROOMS AT SHELBY PARK, AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Broz passed a sketch to everyone of possible concession stand for Shelby Park would look like. Broz stated that we got \$50,000 from LNRA and we budgeted \$50,000, \$25,000 from the Cleare Group and the little league will work on the electrical and plumbing. Councilperson Palacios asked who would have a key. Broz stated the Edna Little League, High School AD and our Parks Department. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to approve the starting of concession stand at Shelby Park. Councilperson Palacio seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

City Manager Broz advised everyone that they have a financial packet in from of them. Broz stated that anything that was in the negative then tried to make it positive. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to approve budget amendment. Councilperson Palacios seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

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

Councilperson Dodds made the motion to approve the payment of current bills in the amount of \$209,122.20. Councilperson Vasquez 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 that we will be starting utility billing training for the new software. The northside project is almost complete. Broz stated that an eviction notice has been issued to 1123 N. Kleas St. Had a meeting with CPS last Friday and got some numbers, but nothing changes. Gilbert Road is trying to finish their project. The GLO mitigation is moving. to get work done. Broz stated that he is trying to find a short-term person to install the water meters. Andy is on vacation.

Finance Director Diane Pierce did not have a report.

Director of Utilities Brad Ryan stated TCEQ was in town last Thursday and Friday due to a call about the water. They ran several tests and we passed and there were not issues with the water. Ryan stated they still have several waters leaks they have been working on.

Investigator Stacy Cavazos stated they have had several sexual assault cases they are working on and there just staying busy.

ADJOURN:

Councilperson Jackson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 p.m. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.



Wayne Callis, Mayor Pro-Tem



LaSonya Robinson, City Secretary