

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, May 1, 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, Councilperson District 5 Amanda Friedrich were present. City Manager Gary Broz, Finance Director Valerie Callaway, Police Chief Kenneth Pyle, Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski, and City Secretary LaSonya Robinson were also present. Utility Director Brad Ryan was absent. City Secretary Robinson recorded the minutes.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD APRIL 17, 2025:

Councilperson Jackson made a motion to approve April 17, 2025, minutes. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS: Jonas Titus – VEDC, Diane Drussell – VEDC, Ron Chaney – CenterPoint, Kelly Chaney

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.

CONSIDER THE AGREEMENT WITH TFR ENTERPRISE, INC. FOR DEBRIS CLEARING, REMOVAL, DISPOSAL SERVICES, STAGING AND REDUCTION SITES AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz stated we need to have something in order in case of emergency. Broz stated that this is an agreement for debris clearing removal and disposal services. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to accept the agreement with TFR Enterprise, Inc for debris clearing, removal, disposal services staging and reduction sites. Councilperson Jackson seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP., DBA CENTERPOINT ENERGY TEXAS GAS OPERATIONS, THE RIGHT PRIVILEGE AND FRANCHISE TO CONSTANT INSTALL, EXTEND, REMOVE, REPLACE, ABANDON, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN IT'S FACILITIES WITHIN THE PUBLIC RIGH-OF-WAY OF THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS FOR THE TRANSPORTATION, DELIVERY, SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF NATURAL GAS; CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS REALTY TO THE FOREGOING SUBJECT; PROVIDING OR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING AND EFFECTIVE DATE AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz stated that we have not approved an ordinance for CenterPoint since 1995. Broz stated everyone has a handout of some changes he thinks need to be adjusted. Broz informed everyone to read over the ordinance and see what updates if any are needed and what do they think about the changes he suggests.

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 \$154,313.14. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to approve paying bills totaling \$154,313.14. Councilperson Callis 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-Victoria Economic Development; City Secretary-public information.

City Manager Broz stated GOLIVE is continuing to move. We start Monday morning with inspections, permits and court modules, we are down 21 water meters to install. End of May goal to complete, have not received any information on the GRPC/GLO Mitigation Drainage Project, we are in the waiting period for the TWDB/FEMA Post Oak Drainage Project, brush is slowing down, continuing to work on the Hurricane Disaster Contracts, opened bids this afternoon on 5 demo properties and will award at the May 15th meeting, continuing to work with Valerie on financials, everything at Shelby Park is going well. High school season is complete, monitoring assorted bills going through the Legislature in Austin, scheduling training on how to use the weather radar, grass is growing.

Finance Director Valerie Callaway stated that we have 22 new accounts and 27 closed accounts, we received some Hotel/Motel tax revenue.

Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski stated that they have a new mosquito fogger, and it is operational, trimmed and cut low limbs on Gilbert St between Laura and Gilbert Road, N. Colorado and Eliabeth St., received the hardware for the stop signs replacement but we are waiting on the signs, the gradall is ready for pickup, we helped the Water Department with a wastewater tap on Harlem St., repaired a bad spot in the road on Progress St. near 708, cleaned out our east shed to store the hardware for the stop sign replacements, patched a few potholes as time allowed, trimmed trees at Martin Luther King Park, hauled limbs from the park and Gilbert St. to the Jackson County Transfer Station, was notified by the County that they have a load of CRS-2 asphalt, so we can resume using the patcher, have called to check the availability of a street sweeper and I'm waiting on a date, planning to start shredding the R.O.W next week.

Police Chief Kenneth Pyle stated that from the last council meeting, Edna PD completed 43 traffic stops, resulting in 25 citations, 34 warnings were issued, 8 arrests were made due to a variety of offenses. EPD had 259 calls for service, a stolen vehicle out of Houston was located and drugs were found, cash was stolen from Shelby Park concession stand and the person has been arrested, umpires were issued citations at Shelby Park, but they were warning for illegally parking, met with Operation Lone Star in Nixon regarding a operation in Jim Wells and Waller County, hiring a new police secretary, working on cleaning the evidence room, met with EISD O'Connor, school official and other Law Enforcement agencies regarding emergency action plans.

Victoria Economic Development Jonas Titus gave run down of what they have been working on in the area.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: THE CITY COUNCIL WILL DISCUSS MATTERS FROM TEXAS GOV'T SECTION 551.074: DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE; CITY MANAGER

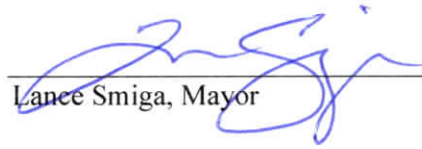
Mayor Smiga asked everyone to clear the chamber except for the council @ 6:35 p.m.

TAKE ACTION AS A RESULT OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The council returned to the open session at 6:55 p.m. No action taken.

ADJOURN:

Councilperson Dodds made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m. Councilperson Jackson seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.


Lance Smiga, Mayor

LaSonya Robinson, City Secretary