

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, September 11, 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 3 Chris Jackson, Councilperson District 4 Mike Dodds, and Councilperson District 5 Amanda Friedrich were present. Finance Director Valerie Callaway, Utility Director Brad Ryan, Police Chief Kenneth Pyle, Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski, and City Secretary LaSonya Robinson were also present. Councilperson District 2 Katrina Callis and City Manager Gary Broz were absent. City Secretary Robinson recorded the minutes.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AUGUST 21, 2025:

Councilperson Jackson made a motion to approve August 21, 2025, minutes. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS:

Thomas Gwosdz – Thomas Gwosdz Law Firm, Nicole Borchard- Thomas Gwosdz Law Firm

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. Thomas Gwosdz introduced a new attorney to his office, Nicole Borcard. Gwosdz announced the TML Annual Meeting happening in October and invited everyone to dinner on Oct 30, 2025, if we are at the meeting.

DISCUSS RESOLUTION 2025-08, A RESOLUTION CONTINUING THE DESIGNATION OF EDNA, TEXAS AS FLAG CITY AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Mayor Lance Smiga stated the resolution is for continuing the designation of Edna, Texas as Flag City. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to approve the 2025-08 resolution. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS RESOLUTION 2025-09, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF EDNA TO SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR THE 2025-2026 MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE GRANT THROUGH THE GOLDEN CRESCENT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Mayor Lance Smiga stated we need to approve the 2025/2026 Municipal Solid Waste Grant. Steet Supervisor Andy Brzozowski stated the resolution is for another oil tank at the street barn

and a tank for anti-freeze. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to approve the 2025-09 resolution. Councilperson Jackson seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AWARDDING BIDS FOR THE DEMOLITION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 209 E. CHURCH AND 503 S. WELLS AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Mayor Lance Smiga stated we have received bids from WTS Services and Triple J. Demo. Smiga stated there is a \$5000 difference with Triple J. Demo being the cheaper of the bids. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to approve Triple J. Demo for the demolition of 209 E. Church and 503 S. Wells. Councilperson Palacios seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2025/2026 CITY OF EDNA FISCAL YEAR BUDGET. THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET BY \$29,047.00 OR 3.67%, AND OF THAT AMOUNT \$4,821.00 IS TAX REVE NE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR:

Held public hearing for 2025/2026 fiscal year.

CONSIDER FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2025-06 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS ADOPTING THE BUDGET OF THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 1, 2025; AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2026. APPROPRIATING THE VARIOUS AMOUNTS THEREOF; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE:

Councilperson Jackson made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance #2025-06 an ordinance of the City of Edna, Texas adopting the budget of the City of Edna. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2025/2026 SETTING THE TAX AND TAX LEVY AND LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF EDNA:

Held public hearing on proposed 2025/2026 setting the tax and tax levy.

CONSIDER FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO 2025-07AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS SETTING THE TAX RATE AND TAX LEVY AND AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS FOR THE YEAR 2025/2026 REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE:

Councilperson Dodds made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance #2025-07 an ordinance of the City of Edna, Texas setting the tax rate and tax levy and ad valorem taxes for the City of Edna. Councilperson Friedrich 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:**

Mayor Lance Smiga stated that bills totaling \$80,070.44 need to be paid. Councilperson Friedrich made a motion to approve paying the bills totaling \$80,070.44. 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 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."

- Finance Director Valerie Callaway reported 32 new accounts, 2 transfers, 4 temporary services, and 33 disconnects for the month of August. Callaway also reported tax advalorem, grants received, and we have made bond payments.
- Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski stated they removed a down hackberry tree from Mexico St., removed a couple trees and trimmed tree in the vicinity of Cedar and Erie St., cleaned a ditch on Cedar St between Carver and Erie, finished the initial street sweep and John commenced the second sweep (the sweeper is down), rebuilt a driveway on Fredrick St and cleaned the ditch to it outfall, cut the grass in a few ditches, worked with the water department to backfill two water leak repairs.
- Utility Director Brad Ryan stated they have repaired water leaks, fixed sewer stoppage on Alen and made sludge boxes.
- Police Chief Kenneth Pyle reported that since the last council meeting, Edna PD completed 76 traffic stops resulting in 31 citations and 72 warnings, working school zone and crosswalk heavy, working on motor vehicle reports, been updating server for Watchguard, Pyle and Matlock worked SRO while Crull was out, Operation Lone Star and Riffle- Resistant Body Armor is pending final,

ADJOURN:

Councilperson Dodds made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 p.m. Councilperson Friedrich seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.



Lance Smiga, Mayor



LaSonya Robinson, City Secretary