

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, March 13, 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: 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, Utility Director Brad Ryan, and City Secretary LaSonya Robinson were also present. City Secretary Robinson recorded the minutes.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 20, 2025:

Councilperson Palacios made a motion to approve February 20, 2025, minutes. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS: Beth Foley- Jackson Hearld, Angie Tapia, Sergio Tapia, Henry Guajardo

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.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ADDITON OF A MURAL AMENDMENT TO THE CITY ORDINANCES:

City Manager Gary Broz stated that we need a order in place for art. Broz stated that everyone received a Mural ordinance at the last meeting to look over and see if there is any changes needed or for there thoughts. Broz stated that Council would only approve the murals it would not go to the Planning & zoning committee.

CONSIDER FIRST READING AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 3, BUILDING REGULATIONS, OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE, RELATED TO THE ADDITION OF A MURAL AMENDMENT; PROVIDING A SIGN CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING A SEVERITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN OPEN MEETING CLAUSE:

City Manager Gary Broz stated this is first reading for Ordinance 2025-03. Broz stated it is to amend chapter 3, building regulations, of the zoning and ordinance, related to the addition of a mural amendment. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to accept the first reading of ordinance of the city council of the city of Edna, Texas, amending chapter 3, building regulation, of the zoning ordinance, related to the addition of a mural amendment. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

RATIFY THE JOINT AGREEMENT WITH JACKSON COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE TO CONDUCT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD MAY 3, 2025, AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NEESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz stated we need to ratify the joint agreement with Jackson County Clerk's Office, so the school can have an election. Mayor Smiga stated he had signed it and given it to the Clerk's office. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to ratify the joint agreement with Jackson County Clerk's Office to conduct the general election. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS THE MUNICIPAL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FROM TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz stated we have a Municipal Maintenance agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation, and it is time to renew. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to renew the Municipal Maintenance agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation. Councilperson Friedrich second the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SELECTION REVIEW COMMITTEE TO AWARD BY RESOLUTION THE NEGOTIATION OF A CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES PERTAINING TO THE APPLICATION IMPLEMENTATION, IF AWARDED OF THE CITY'S 2025-2026 TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TXCDBG GRANT AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT: CONSIDER THE REQUEST FORM AMAZING GRACE CHILD-CARE FACILITY FOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEEMED NECESARY:

City Manager Gry Broz stated we need a engineer for the water line replacement for Yubadam, Simon, St. Charles. Broz stated we have received RFQs, and he would like to recommend LynnEngineering. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to approve LynnEngineering for the engineering services pertaining to the application implementation, if awarded the city's 2025-2026 Texas Department of Agriculture TXCDBG grant. Councilperson Friedrich seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER THE REQUEST FROM AMAZING GRACE CHILD-CARE FACILITY FOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Angie Tapia, owner of Amazing Grace stated that she has been working for about 3 years to become a Texas Rise Star Facility, that is one of the requirements for tax exemptions. Tapia stated she is open Monday – Friday 6:30 am to 6:30 pm. Tapia stated she needs the approval of several entities to have her property tax exempt. Mayor Smiga informed Tapia that he would like to have an ordinance and work with other entities before responding, so it will be the same for all day facilities if they were to come forward. Smiga asks to have the request tabled. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to table request. Councilperson Palacios seconded. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

RECEIVE 2024 RACIAL PROFILE REPORT FROM THE EDNA POLICE DEPARTMENT AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSRY:

Police Chief Kenneth Pyle went over the number of the 2024 racial profile report. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to accept the 2024 racial profile report. Councilperson Friedrich seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS THE CERTIFICATON OF UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES FOR MAY 3, 2025 ELECTIONS:

City Manager Gary Broz stated we need to certify there are unopposed candidates for the May 3, 2025, election. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to accept the Certification of Unopposed Candidates for the May 3, 2025, election. Councilperson Friedrich seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER THE ORDER OF CANCELLATION FOR MAY 3, 2025, ELECTIONS:

City Manager Gary Broz stated we have to order a cancellation for May 3, 2025, elections. Councilperson Palacios made a motion to accept the Order of Cancellation for May 3, 2025, elections. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS CHANGING NAME(S) ON CITY OF EDNA BANK ACCOUNTS AT PROSPERITY BANK AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz stated there have been some changes at the Police Department. Broz stated we need to remove Lee Jordan from the accounts and add Mark Marlock to the Police accounts. Councilperson

Palacios made a motion to remove Lee Jordan and add Mark Matlock to the police bank accounts at Prosperity Bank. Councilperson Dodds 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 \$57,446.31. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to approve paying bills totaling \$57,446.31. Councilperson Palacios 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 the Shelby Park Project is basically complete, Street Dept. has all the pipe fence built and needs paint. Restrooms are in use by the High School team, GOLIVE is moving. We have a financial report on expenditures from October to February. Valerie is working on the revenue side. Start the last modules April 1st with are permitting inspection, code and court, water meter changeout needs to be completed. Staff meet every Tuesday to find out what has been installed and what needs to be installed. We have received most of the meters that have been on order, GLO/GCRC Mit Grant has all the question answered, should receive an announcement April 1st, Post Oak Branch Grant has been asking quite a few questions. We are waiting for an announcement, will have Civilcorp at the April 3rd meeting to review the Miracle, Brackenridge, Division Project so we can bid, I went to TCAP meeting last Thursday and Friday in Dallas. Did not contract for 2026 power going to wait until May meeting to contract as hopefully everything settles down and gas prices go down. We are .069 per kw, this week will be a big brush pickup week as we have over 100 piles, have been assisting VEDC with locating properties that are available for development, Andy is working on the street signs and stop signs, met with Judge Sklar this morning and discussed animal shelter, continuing to work on grant for AEDs for all city facilities, utility bills are late this month as the Post Office has the bills, we need to start thinking about member for the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Finance Director Valerie Callaway stated that we have 28 new accounts, we received the advalorem tax revenue, Texas State Comptroller and Franchise Tax, has been received, 1st quarter invoices have been issued for payment and franchise tax has been received.

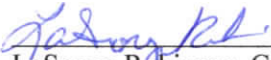
Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski stated that they have completed the pipe fence as Shelby Park for the concession building, have all the new drainpipes and catch basins installed at Shelby Park, and patched potholes when they were able.

Director of Utilities Brad Ryan stated they changed out UV bulbs and ballast that were bad, replaced cutoff at 408 Sayles, repaired waters leak at Shelby Park and 402 W. Cedar, jetted sewer lines at 109 Apollo, 209 W. Cypress, and 406 Richard Browning, installed water meters, replaced cutoff at 410 E. Division, mowed sewer plan and lift stations, sampling for TCEQ at sewer plant and line locates for AEP.

Police Chief Kenneth Pyle stated that from the last council meeting, Edna PD completed 47 traffic stops, resulting in 12 citations, 35 warnings were issued, 15 arrests were made due to a variety of offenses. EPD had 184 calls for service. Racial Profiling report for 2024 was completed, had a meeting with the Sonic owner Lisa Crull who wants to have a Happy Hour with the Chief on March 24th from 1500 to 1630 hours, March 7th, 2025 I signed a contract with a Victoria Police Academy Cadet Brandon Johnson, installing a stop sign at the intersection of Cedar and Richard Browning making a 4-way stop, installing a no left turn sign, during school days on Country Club Rd. facing Apollo Dr.

ADJOURN:

Councilperson Dodds made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m. Councilperson Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.



LaSonya Robinson, City Secretary



Lance Smiga, Mayor