

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, August 15, 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 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 Wayne Callis, Councilperson District 3 Chris Jackson, Councilperson District 4 Mike Dodds Councilperson District 5 Amanda Friedrich were present. City Manager Gary Broz, Investigator Stacy Cavazos, Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski, Finance Director Diane Peirce, Utility Director Brad Ryan and City Secretary LaSonya Robinson were also present. The minutes were recorded by City Secretary Robinson.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AUGUST 1, 2024:

Councilperson Dodds made a motion to approve the August 1, 2024, minutes. Councilperson Friedrich seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS: Beth Foley- Jackson Hearld, Shannon Parker- TDEM, Shelley Srp, Jake Srp, Dusty Traylor, Shannon Longoria

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.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE 2024-11 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF "COMBINATON TAX AND REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2024"; SECURING THE PAYMENT THEREOF BY AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF AN ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAX AND A PLEDGE OF CERTAIN SURPLUS REVENUES OF THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM; AND APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING ALL OTHER INSTRUMENTS AND PROCEDURES RELATED THERETO.

Dusty Traylor services as the City of Edna's financial adviser. Traylor gave handouts to councilpersons and went over rates. Traylor stated that in June the city took action to approve a Certificate of Obligation for \$5.5 million. Traylor stated that the funds should be deposited in September. The first payment will not be made until March 2025. Traylor also stated that it's a 4.17% rate which is lower than in June. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to accept the certificate of obligation. Councilperson Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

HEAR REQUEST FROM TEXANA ARTS COUNCIL FOR PERMISSION TO BLOCK ED LINN STREET TO HOST A STREET DANCE AND OLD CAR SHOW, ALSO SEEKING PERMISSION FROM TXDOT TO CLOSE MAIN STREET FOR THE TIME ALLOWED, AND TO REQUEST FUNDING FROM THE HOTEL/MOTEL FUNDS AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Jake and Shelley Srp with Texana Arts Council stated they would like to block Ed Linn Street to host a street dance, block part of Main Street for an old car show and asking for funding from the hotel/motel funds to help with the street dance. Mayor Smiga asks what amount we donated last year. City Manager Broz stated \$3000. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to approve blocking the street of Ed Linn and

part of Main for the car show and street dance, and fund \$3000 from the hotel/motel account. Councilperson Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS EXTENDING AUDIT SERVICES WITH HARRISON, WALDROP & UHEREK, L.L.P. FOR ANOTHER YEAR AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz stated that it is time to extend our contract with Harrison, Waldrop and Uherek L.L.P. for auditing. Broz stated that rates increased about \$500, but they are checking more information. Councilperson Callis made a motion to approve extending service with Harrison, Waldrop & Uherek, L.L.P. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS TAX RATE FOR THE 2024 TAX YEAR AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz stated he has been working with Monica at the tax office on tax rate. Broz stated the 2024 tax rate will be .2271 and that is the highest we can go to without an election. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to approve the tax rate for the 2024 year. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS CITY FLEET AND ENTERPRISE LEASE'S AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz stated some of the city vehicles are having problems. There was a handout for every councilperson informing them of the vehicle, price and terms. Broz stated the Police Department needs four cars. Broz stated that the 2020 lease cars would be returned and we would receive some equity from those two cars. Broz stated the new vehicles would come fully loaded and the equipment from the other two vehicles would be placed in the new cars. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to lease four cars for the Police Department. Councilperson Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS CITY TEXAS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz stated that the new 2025 rate for city Texas Municipal Retirement will be 12.23%, and you can retire when you are 60 with five years worked or any age with twenty years worked. Broz stated there is a 2:1 ratio and employee contribution rate is 5%. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to accept the Texas Municipal Retirement System rate. Councilperson Jackson seconded the motion.

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 \$253,363.35. Councilperson Callis made a motion to approve paying bills totaling \$253,363.35. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to second. 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."

City Manager Broz stated he has been working on the CO issuance, received more RFI questions for the GLO MIT grant for the district 2 drainage, continuing to work on RFI's for the Reconnect Grant for the controls at Mexico and Kleas Lift Station, continuing to sift through paperwork from TDEM on the generator project for Kleas Well, Sunset Lift Station and City Hall, have not received anything back from TDS on the request to meet, Rise Broadband has had a couple issues the past two weeks, the Comp Plan/Zoning Grant is continuing top move and a Preliminary Report will be presented to Council in early October, have not heard anything on the TWDB/FEMA Drainage Grant to Post Oak Branch, Regional TML meeting is scheduled for August 30th in Goliad and if you want to attend let us know, first brick order has been handed in to the Brick Company, still working on the Burn Permit from TCEQ at the WWTP, the water Meter Project is under 100 meters, having to order 55 meters, 1 ½, 2, and 4 inch, questions from citizens about their water bills being higher and the answer is you are paying for what you use, software conversion is in full swing, financial, human resources and purchasing are what we are training on now, continuing to work on the bank transition from R Bank to Prosperity, grass growing, the demo project is continuing to move, court revenues are increasing as Kim is working on the cases, TML in Houston next month let us know if you want to attend, continuing to work on budget, cutting spending for the end of FY on September 5, BLS want to pour concrete as soon as the pad is ready, Andy team will be working on it next week.

Finance Director Diane Pierce stated that Vicki is continuing to keep up with current installation, it's the 15th ladies were busy today, Kim R as been training for the Purchase Order Software and paying invoices, working on setting up new account with Prosperity Bank, Bank reconciliation, budget preparations, online training with encode on payroll and purchase orders.

Street Superintendent Andy Brozowski stated they are patching potholes, mowed and trimmed sidewalks on Apollo, Main and Allen, they are shredding the City's R.O. W, installing a driveway on Dewberry Lane, completed painting the crosswalks on Gayle Street, have been trimming and mowing problem areas, and actively spraying for mosquitoes.

Director of Utilities stated that they mowed Lift Stations and Sewer Plant, sprayed weeds at Sewer Plant, repaired 2 water leaks on Cypress, repaired water leak on Sample St., put a pump on at Division Lift Station, jetted lines at Sewer Plant, water and sewer tap on Bluebonnet, water and sewer taps on Celestial, line locates for fiber crew, and fire hydrant is almost complete at Dairy Queen

Police Chief Rick Boone stated they made 100 traffic stops, 28 of those resulted in a citation, 72 warning were issued and 11 arrests have been made from the last meeting, officers were dispatched to 82 calls for service, participated in the back-to-school rally at the elementary school, Officers were at each campus on the first day of school, August 9 at about 2 a.m. officers responded to possible gunshots there was a deceased female and the suspect is in custody, Lt. Bermea and Detective Bustamante assisted with a search and arrest warrant on Pumphrey St., Officers are continuing to work traffic at Main and Wells and other known areas.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.074: PERSONAL MATTERS.

-DISCUSSION REGARDING THE RESPONSIBILITY AND DUTIES OF EMPLOYEES RELATED TO ZONING MATTERS INVOLVING THE NEW JUSTICE CENTER. CITY MANAGER, CITY SECRETARY, PERMIT TECH:

TAKE ANY ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The council stated they want to be informed of Planning & Zoning changes, before it is time for their council meeting. Going forward when the Planning & Zoning committee receives their packet for the Planning & Zoning meeting we will email the information to City Council members.

ADJOURN:

Councilperson Jackson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

Lance Smiga, Mayor

LaSonya Robinson, City Secretary