

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, June 5, 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, Utility Director Brad Ryan, Police Officer Lous Warren, Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski, and City Secretary LaSonya Robinson were also present. Police Chief Kenneth Pyle was absent. City Secretary Robinson recorded the minutes.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD MAY 15, 2025:

Councilperson Jackson made a motion to approve May 15, 2025, minutes. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS: Shannon Parker, Angie Tapia, Henry Guajardo, Robin Palacios, Adrian Palacios

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.

Shannon Parker with TDEM stated there will be a day and a half FEMA class in Port Lavaca, TX and everyone is welcome to attend.

ISSUE CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION AND ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE FOR COUNCILPERSON DISTRICT 1:

City Secretary Sonya Robinson administered the Oath of Office to Councilperson District 1 Cipriano Palacios. District 1 was unopposed on May 3, 2025, in the General Election.

RECEIVE DONNIE SPARKS HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES AT 209 CHURCH ST. AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION AS NEEDED:

Donnie Sparks was absent. Code Enforcer Samantha Idlett stated that 209 Church St. was in court on Tuesday regarding the property. Idlett reported that the judge instructed her to clean the property and gave her one week to do so. She plans to have a garage sale on Saturday to reduce clutter.

CONSIDER NOMINATIONS FOR FY 2026 GENERAL ASSEMBLY DELGATES AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPRESENTIVE FOR THE GOLDEN CRESCENT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz stated its time to nominate General Assembly Delegates for FY 2026. Broz stated we currently have Councilperson District 1 Cipriano Palacios and Councilperson District 4 Mike Dodds. Broz ask would they like to continue for FY 26 or nominate someone else. Palcios and Dodd both accepted the FY 26 nominations. Councilperson Dodds made a motion for Councilperson Palacios to remain in General Assembly seat 1 and himself to remain in General Assembly Seat 2. Councilperson Palacios seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER CLOSING MAIN STREET FROM WELLS STREET TO ALLEN STREET, ON DECEMBER 6, 2025, FROM 2:00 P.M. – 8: 00 P.M FOR THE EDNA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION MARKET DAYS AND CHRISTMAS PARADE AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz stated Edna Business Association would like to have Market Days for Christmas along with the Christmas Parade on December 6, 2025. Broz stated they would like to close Main St. from Wells St. to Allen St. from 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Councilperson Friedrich made a motion to approved the December 6, 2025, Market Days, Christmas Parade and for the streets to close from 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Councilperson Palacios 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:

Gary Broz stated there was a bill passed for property tax exemption for Child-Care Facilities. Broz stated that the exemption is for no less than 50% and no more than 100%. Broz stated he recommends starting at 50%, because we can always move the percentage upwards. Angie Tapia, owner of Amazing Grace stated she has worked hard to get her day where it needs to be to qualify the exemption. Tapia states she would like to have 100%, but she will continue to push for more. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to approve 50% of her property tax that will start for next year's taxes. Councilperson Palacios seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER NEW FLAG CITY RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM OUR CITY TO THE FLAG CITY NAME:

City Manager Gary Broz stated there was a resolution passed in 1967 for the City of Edna to be named Flag City. Broz stated that it did not have an end date, but he thinks we need to update the resolution. Mayor Smiga stated someone has been inquiring about the expiration of Flag City, so he would like to have a resolution to read and signed yearly. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to approve a resolution yearly the City of Edna, TX to remain as Flag City. Councilperson Jackson 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 \$141,341.93. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to approve paying bills totaling \$141,102.55. 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 Inspections are inputting data into the new software with Code and Permits which will start next week. Utility Billing is working great, working on reports, 10 water meters remaining to install to complete project, continuing to work on Disaster Contracts, received a \$540.00 donation from Airstream Club towards the Animal shelter, brush number continue to climb, swimming pool has an issue, something is wrong with backflow line, Jamie is working on it,

tomorrow is the day for Department Heads to turn in budget request, will compile and have one-on-one meetings to discuss. The estimate for health insurance for employees is a 4% increase and a slight decrease in our contributions to the TMRS System, Friends of the Elder came by for a meeting, this group operates the Transit System in the County and City. They are requesting some funding; I requested information from them as to routes and ridership, the Legislative Session has concluded, TML compiling a list of how bad Cities got beat up, received an RFI for information and pictures on the Jackson/Gayle Drainage Grant, have not heard anything in a couple weeks on the Post Oak Branch Grant, Civilcorp has the documents ready to advertise the sewer pipe bursting on the CO Project. Will advertise next week, Chief, Judge and Municipal Court clerk are working on a plan to enhance the Failure to Appear citations, trying to figure out how we can put properties on our website that need mowing, etc., reminder that July 16th is budget workshop, Friday June 20th there will be a TML Regional Meeting in Cuero let us know if you would like to attend, our July 17th meeting will have Comprehensive Plan and Zoning discussion with P&Z. CSRS will present the plan for comment and discussion, grass in continuing to grow, pothole patcher is in operation, mosquitoes are growing, and we are having water leaks.

Finance Director Valerie Callaway stated that we have 25 new accounts and 21 closed accounts, we received some Franchise tax.

Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski stated that they have been spraying for mosquitoes, installed a new driveway culvert on Brazos St., it has dried up enough to start shredding again, mowed and trimmed sidewalks on Allen St., checked and cleaned drains during the rain, removed some trees and underbrush from Brazos St. and Vitoria St., patched potholes, re-surfaced Cedar St. from Pumphrey to Flournoy St. and now working on Cora St., had a few trees go down on Harris, Cottonwood, Dennis and Washington St. we cut them up and hauled off, completed my proposed budget for FY 2025-2026 and has been turned in.

Utility Director Brad Ryan stated they took monthly T Samples, installed a new meter at Sonic, cleaned clarifier and mowed plant, jetted sewer stoppage on Bois D Arc St., cleaned E. Main Lift Station, repaired water leak on Ash St., jetted sewer stoppage on Navidad St., installed new water meter at 507 Gilbert, E. Main, Peabody and City Hall, dirt work on Dugger and Pumphrey St., line located for Fiber at HEB, line locates for High School fiber, repaired water leak on Pumphrey St.

Police Officer Louis Warren stated that from the last council meeting, Edna PD completed 62 traffic stops, resulting in 33 citations, 44 warnings were issued, 10 arrests were made due to a variety of offenses. EPD had 392 calls for service, assisted with EHS Graduation, Lt. Matlock and Chief Pyle went to Austin for eGrants training with LEOSA funds, assisted with the escort for Buddy Fun Day, the cadet Brandon Johnson is graduating from the Victoria Police Academy on June 5th, purchased virtual academy with the LEOSA funds, Officer Warren assisted in finalizing the rifle resistant body armor grant, Chief Pyle talked with Judge Espinosa regarding Failure to Appear warrant and raising the fine amounts.

ADJOURN:

Councilperson Dodds made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m. Councilperson Palacios seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.


Lance Smiga, Mayor

LaSonya Robinson, City Secretary