

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, September 3, 2026, in the council chamber at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Lance Smiga called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. The council stood for prayer led by Street Supervisor 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, and Councilperson District 5 Amanda Friedrich were present. City Manager Gary Broz, Finance Director Valerie Callaway, Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski, Lieutenant Mark Matlock, Staff Writer Beth Foley, and City Secretary LaSonya Robinson were also present. Utility Director Brad Ryan was absent. City Secretary Robinson recorded the minutes.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AUGUST 19, 2026:

Councilperson Jackson moved to approve the minutes of City Council meeting held August 19, 2026. Councilperson Palacios seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS:

Pamela Hughes, Caolina Jalufka-JCCA, Bridget Schmidt-LNRA, Jessica Coleman, Shannon Parker-TDEM

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.

Carolina Jalufka and Bridget Schmidt, representing the Jackson County Chamber, thanked the City of Edna for its Flag City Celebration. Jalufka also provided an update on the Chamber’s upcoming events.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AWARDED BY RESOLUTION 2026-16 A CONTRACT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES PERTAINING THE APPLICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION, IF AWARDED, OF THE CITY’S 2027 TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM-COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND (TxCDBG-CD) GRANT OF THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (TDA) AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT:

City Manager Gary Broz reported that the City received two proposals for administrative services related to the TxCDBG-CD grant and recommended Traylor & Associates. Councilperson Dodds moved to award the administrative services contract under Resolution

2026-16 to Traylor & Associates. Councilperson Friedrich seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AWARDED BY RESOLUTION 2026-17 A CONTRACT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES PERTAINING THE APPLICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION, IF AWARDED, OF THE CITY'S 2028 TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM-COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND (TxCDBG-CD) GRANT OF THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (TDA) AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT:

City Manager Gary Broz reported that the project would be completed in two phases, with the first half in 2027 and the second half in 2028. He recommended Traylor & Associates for administrative services under Resolution 2026-17. Councilperson Jackson moved to award the contract to Traylor & Associates, and Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE JACKSON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S REQUEST TO CLOSE MAIN STREET FROM WELLS STREET TO ALLEN STREET FROM 5:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M. ON OCTOBER 31, 2026, FOR THE ANNUAL HALLOWEEN ON MAIN EVENT, AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Carolina Jalufka, representing the Chamber of Commerce, requested the closure of Main Street from Wells Street to Allen Street for the Annual Halloween on Main event. Mayor Lance Smiga confirmed that the event would take place from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., with street closures beginning at 4:30 p.m. and ending at 7:30 p.m. Councilperson Palacios moved to approve the closure of Main Street from Wells Street to Allen Street on October 31, 2026, for the event. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER REQUEST OF INTERAGENCY TRANSFER TO FULTON POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR ONE BODY ARMOR VEST AND DECLARE THE VEST AS SURPLUS AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz stated that Officer Warren had accepted a position with the Fulton Police Department and requested to take his body armor vest with him. Broz explained that the vest needed to be declared surplus before the interagency transfer could be approved. Councilperson Dodds moved to declare the body armor vest surplus and approve the interagency transfer. Councilperson Jackson seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2026/2027 CITY OF EDNA FISCAL YEAR BUDGET AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz discussed the Texas Municipal Retirement System rate for fiscal year 2026/2027. Councilperson Dodds moved to approve the 2026/2027 fiscal year rates for the Texas Municipal Retirement System. Councilperson Jackson seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR 2026/2027 AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz requested that the agenda item be tabled. Councilperson Jackson moved the item to table, and Councilperson Friedrich seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2026-07 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS ADOPTING THE BUDGET OF THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 1, 2026; AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2027. APPROPRIATING THE VARIOUS AMOUNTS THEREOF; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT HERewith AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE:

City Manager Gary Broz requested that the agenda item be tabled. Councilperson Jackson moved the item to table, and Councilperson Friedrich seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2026/2027 TAX RATE, ESTABLISH THE TAX RATE AND TAX LEVY, AND LEVY AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF EDNA:

City Manager Gary Broz requested that the agenda item be tabled. Councilperson Jackson moved the item to table, and Councilperson Friedrich seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO 2026-08 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS SETTING THE TAX RATE AND TAX LEVY AND VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXS FOR THE YEAR 2026/2027 REPEALING ALL ORDINANCE OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE:

City Manager Gary Broz requested that the agenda item be tabled. Councilperson Jackson moved the item to table, and Councilperson Friedrich seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ADDING SECTION (7K) TO POLICE DEPARTMENT FLSA OVERTIME POLICY AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Finance Director Valerie Callaway explained that police officers and EMS personnel become eligible for overtime after working 86 hours and recommended adopting the Section 7(k) Police Department FLSA Overtime Policy. Councilperson Dodds moved to approve the policy, and Councilperson Jackson seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

None

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER PAYMENT OF CURRENT BILLS:

City Manager Gary Broz reported outstanding bills totaling \$742,965.45. Councilperson Friedrich moved to approve payment of the bills. 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 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.”

- **City Manager Gary Broz** reported that the CO project is moving, concrete on Miracle by Bus Barn should start next week, completed the repairs at Gail and Meadow Lane, have a pre-construction meeting on Tuesday September 8th to start the reallocation grant, receiving bids for the Sunset generator they are due on the 24th, continuing to work on the Environmental part of the MIT Project, still waiting on the contract for the Post Oak Branch Phase 1, have all the paperwork for the Police generator submitted and waiting on kick-off meeting date, working with staff on closing out fiscal year, starting interviews for Police Chief position, Sgt. Warren has resigned effective Sept 8th, Officer Bailey resigned effective September 15th, August financial were sent o you by email, Planning and Zoning is scheduling a meeting for the property that the county purchased on W. Main across from the Rice Mill.

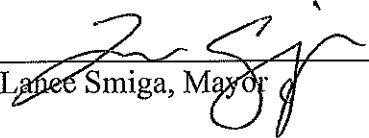
- **Finance Director Valerie Callaway** reported she has been working on 2026-2027 budget with Gary, Melissa with Harrison, Waldrop, & Uherek, L.L.P is scheduled to be on site on September 22nd and 23rd, working on closing out the month of August, 20 new accounts, 1 transfer, and 22 final out accounts.

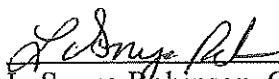
- **Street Supervisor Andy Brzozowski** reported they have cleaned the south facing ditch on Pin Oak between Guadalupe and Trinity, shredding, trimming and mowing behind shredding, cut the back slope of the same ditch to flatten it, had problem with the Dura-Patcher truck, on the south corner of Pin Oak and Guadalupe Street, AEP replaced a pole in the utility easement, and putting together a plan to have drainage repaired with will commence after October 1st.

- **Lieutenant Mark Matlock** reported that the Edna Police Department conducted 67 traffic stops, issued 16 citations and 67 warnings, made 1 arrest, responded to 223 calls for service.

ADJOURN:

Councilperson Jackson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 p.m. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.


Lance Smiga, Mayor


LaSonya Robinson, City Secretary