

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session Thursday, April 21, 2016 in council chambers at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Joe Hermes called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Joe Hermes presided over the meeting. Councilmembers Doug Kelley, Wayne Callis, Johnny Vasquez, Jean Sorensen and Maxine Price were present. City Manager Don Doering, City Secretary Becky Miska, Finance Director Olga Salomon, Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge, Street Superintendent Steve Sample, Water Wastewater Superintendent Greg Woodring were also present.

VISITORS: Chris Lundstrom-Jackson County Herald Tribune, Donald Sparks, Jimmy Lee Barnes, Kenneth Hadley, Lance Smiga and Velma Vasquez

HEARING OF VISITORS:

“At this time, comments will be heard from the audience on any subject matter that is not on the agenda. In accordance, with the Open Meeting Act, Council may not discuss or take action on any item which has not been posted on the agenda.” Please limit comments to two (2) minutes.

PUBLIC HEARING:

a) **DISCUSS AND CONSIDER REQUEST FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FOR THE PLACEMENT OF MANUFACTURED HOMES BY DONALD SPARKS ON CHURCH STREET. LEGAL DESCRIPTION: MARVIN 1ST, LOT 7-8 & 50 FT. 5-6, ACRES 0.46:**

Councilmember Price made the motion to table this item. Councilmember Kelley seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE THE PLANNING & ZONING’S RECOMMENDATION:

Councilmember Price made the motion to table this item. Councilmember Kelley seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM THE JACKSON COUNTY YOUTH RODEO ASSOCIATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE CURRENT CITY’S BUDGETED HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FOR THE 2016 FISCAL YEAR:

Kenneth Hadley, President of the Jackson County Youth Rodeo Association was present. Mr. Hadley reported that over \$800,000 is given back to the kids in the form of scholarships and prizes. Numerous people attend from the community and surrounding communities. The Jackson County Rodeo Association is a family oriented association and they proudly support our community. Mr. Hadley went onto thank the City of Edna and City Council for their continued support. Councilmember Vasquez made the motion to approve the request from the Jackson County Youth Rodeo Association for funding from the current city’s budgeted hotel/motel tax for the 2016 fiscal year. Councilmember Kelley seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER CREATING A HISTORIC DISTRICT(S):

Information was presented to the council for review in their packets. City Manager Doering noted he had reviewed the Local Government Code in regards to the guidelines for historic districts and there are a lot of guidelines that need to be compliance being designation. Councilmember Callis reported he had looked into the area and it seemed there were a lot of homes that needed to be taken care of before the city would even consider the designation. Councilmember Vasquez agreed with Callis. Councilmember Callis made the motion not to create a historic district at this time. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER CITY OF EDNA RESOLUTION NO. R-2016-05 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS FINDING THAT AEP TEXAS CENTRAL COMPANY'S APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF A DISTRIBUTION COST RECOVERY FACTOR TO INCREASE DISTRIBUTION RATES WITHIN THE CITY SHOULD BE DENIED; FINDING THAT THE CITY'S REASONABLE RATE CASE EXPENSES SHALL BE REIMBURSED BY THE COMPANY:

City Manager Don Doering asked that the council consider approving Resolution No. R-2016-05. Councilmember Kelley made the motion to approve Resolution No. R-2016-05 a resolution of the City of Edna, Texas finding that AEP Texas Central Company's application for approval of a distribution cost recovery factor to increase distribution rates within the city should be denied; finding that the city's reasonable rate case expenses shall be reimbursed by the company. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER PAYMENT OF CURRENT BILLS:

Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve the payment of current bills in the amount of \$163,454.84. Councilmember Price seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CITY STAFF REPORTS:

"At this time, the City Council will hear reports / updates on all committees or department assignments which may include, but is not limited to the following: Police Department-grant updates, police report; Public Works Department-park reports, water & sewer line updates; Street Department-street repairs/project; City Manager & City Secretary-public information; Finance Director-financial report; Code Enforcement-progress reports on code issues. No formal action can be taken on these items."

City Manager Don Doering stated that he, Councilmember Doug Kelley and Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge attended the Hurricane Conference/Workshop earlier today in Victoria. **Finance Director Olga Salomon** reported that she had spoke to the auditors today and they may want to be on the next agenda. **Street Superintendent Steve Sample** noted that the City Clean-Up was held last Saturday. A total of ten (10) dumpster and two hundred (200) tires were accepted from Edna citizens. **Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge** stated all is well in his department; with the rising waters currently keeping an eye of the Colorado River. **Wooldridge** also noted that Wal-Mart donated 500 lbs of dog food for the animals in the shelter. **Water Wastewater Greg Woodring** with the current rainfall city crews are fighting battles with sewer lines and sink holes.

ADJOURN:

At this time, Mayor Hermes noted that he had been contacted by the Memory Gardens Cemetery asking if the City would help with the pot holes within the cemetery. Councilmember Price replied she would like us to help out with the pot holes. Councilmember Kelley asked what it will cost. He also would like us to see us help them.

Councilmember Kelley made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Sorensen seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVED: _____
Joe Hermes, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Becky Miska, City Secretary