

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session Thursday, September 19, 2013 in council chambers at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Joe D. Hermes, Councilmember Justin Bonnot, William Selders Ray Chavarria, Jean Sorensen and Maxine Price. Also present were City Manager Ken Knight, City Secretary Becky Miska, Finance Director Olga Salomon, Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge, EMS Director Loyd Chase and Director of Public Works Brad Ryan.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AUGUST 29, 2013:

Councilmember Price made the motion to approve minutes of the city council meeting held August 29, 2013. Councilmember Selders seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 12, 2013:

Councilmember Price made the motion to approve minutes of the special city council meeting held September 12, 2013. Councilmember Selders seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

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, City Council may not discuss or take action on any item which has not been posted on the agenda.”

VISITORS:

Chris Lundstrom-Jackson County Herald Tribune, Bernard Scott-EMS Paramedic, Nick Strauss, EMS Paramedic and

PUBLIC HEARING:

a) CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 2013-08 ADOPTING THE 2013-2014 FISCAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF EDNA:

There were no public comments.

b) CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 2013-07 AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE TAX RATE AND THE TAX LEVY AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF EDNA:

There were no public comments.

DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2013-07, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS FIXING THE TAX RATE AND THE TAX LEVY AND LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS FOR THE YEAR 2013 REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE:

City Manager Ken Knight noted that the tax rate is ten cents less than previous year. Councilmember Price made the motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2013-

07, an ordinance of the City of Edna, Texas fixing the tax rate and the tax levy and levying ad valorem taxes for the City of Edna, Texas for the year 2013 repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, and declaring an effective date. Councilmember Sorensen seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM THE JACKSON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & AGRICULTURE FOR THE CURRENT CITY'S BUDGETED HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FUNDING FOR THE SECOND HALF OF THE 2013 FISCAL YEAR:

Councilmember Price made the motion to approve funding the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce \$15,000.00 from hotel / motel tax. Councilmember Selders seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ESD #3 AND CITY OF EDNA:

Councilmember Bonnot made the motion to approve and authorize Mayor Hermes to sign the Interlocal Agreement for one (1) year in order to pass the budget. Councilmember Sorensen questioned if the City was going to have to go into our reserves if the amount in the agreed is approved. Mayor Hermes stated the no. Councilmember Selders seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 2013-08, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF EDNA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 1, 2013 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2014 AND REVISING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2013, APPROPRIATING THE VARIOUS AMOUNTS THEREOF; REVEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE:

Councilmember Price made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2013-08, an ordinance of the City of Edna, Texas adopting the budget for the City of Edna, for the fiscal year beginning on October 1, 2013 and ending on September 30, 2014 and revising the budget for the fiscal year ending on September 30, 2013, appropriating the various amounts thereof; revealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith and declaring an effective date. Councilmember Bonnot seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONSIDER APPOINTMENT / REAPPOINTMENT OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE:

City Manager Knight noted that Julio Espinosa is the current Municipal Court Judge and is doing an excellent job. Mayor Hermes and council all agreed with Knight's comment. Councilmember Sorensen made the motion to reappoint Julio Espinosa as the Municipal Court Judge. Councilmember Selders seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

HEAR REPORT ON KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN'S (KCS) HOLIDAY EXPRESS TRAIN PLANS TO STOP IN EDNA:

City Manager Ken Knight stated that Kansas City Southern's Holiday Express Train plans to stop in Edna on Monday, December 2nd at 4:00 p.m. Director of Public Works Brad Ryan reported that the set-up will remain the same as previous years.

CONSIDER PAYMENT OF CURRENT:

Councilmember Price made the motion to approve payment of current bills in the amount of \$253,125.24. Councilmember Selders seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CITY STAFF REPORTS:

City Manager Ken Knight reported BEFCO will be at the next council meeting to report on the Quiet Zone findings for the City of Edna. The City's new waste contract with Republic Services begins on October 1st. Republic Services will be distributing green carts to replace Waste Management, Inc. blue ones. Republic Services is encouraging customers to get a second trash cart (free of charge). Limb pick up will be on the same day as trash pick up beginning October 1st.

Knight also noted the tree trimmer (P&W) will be returning to Edna to grind the left over stumps. Texas Municipal League (TML) Conference is the second week of October.

Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge stated he has received a couple of applications for the patrol officer position. **EMS Director Loyd Chase** stated the department responded to a Haz-Mat incident last Friday; there was a diesel spill near Travel America in Ganado. Chase went onto to thank the City Manager, Mayor and Council for all of their help and support over the last few months during towards the ESD #3. **Director of Public Works Brad Ryan** reported there was a recent TECQ inspection in which they noted the city needed to order two air packs a the sewer plant.

ADJOURN:

Councilmember Bonnot made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Selders seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVED: _____
Joe D. Hermes, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Becky Miska, City Secretary