

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, January 4, 2024, in council chambers at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Callis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The council stood for a prayer by Andy Brzozowski followed by the council and audience reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilperson District 1 Cipriano Palacios, Councilperson District 3 Chris Jackson, Councilperson District 4 Mike Dodds and Councilperson District 5 Johnny Vasquez were present, City Manager Gary Broz, Police Chief Rick Boone, Finance Director Diane Pierce, and City Secretary Sonya Robinson were also present. Mayor Lance Smiga and Director of Utilities Brad Ryan were absent. The minutes were recorded by City Secretary Robinson.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD DECEMBER 14, 2023:

Councilperson Dodds made the motion to approve the minutes of the city council meeting held December 14, 2023. Councilperson Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS: Beth Foley, Jackson Co. Hearld, Ben Galvan, Randy Janek, Zane Charbula- CivilCorp, Donald Brinkman-CSRS, Jaime Liepe, Shannon Parker-TDEM, Chelsea Callies, Al Callies

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.

No action taken.

RECEIVE A REPORT FROM CHELSEA CALLIS FOR A JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Chelsea Callis stated that she would like to have a Juneteenth celebration and would like the City of Edna to close some streets and possibly donate. Chelsea is requesting Martin Luther King and Mexico and Martin Luther King and Lincoln St to be blocked. She also asks if the city would be able to donate. City Manager Broz stated that it is not in our budget but is able to complete to Hotel/Motel form and we will look into our funding. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to approve the blocking of the streets. Councilperson Jackson seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

RECEIVE UPDATE FROM THE 2023 GENERAL LAND OFFICE MITIGATION PROGRAM THROUGH THE GOLDEN CRESCENT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FOR DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Broz stated that it has been narrowed down to where to spend the money. Broz stated district 2 will be the focus, so the water can drain to Post Oak Branch. Broz stated they will have to do a door-to-door survey for those streets. Broz states we have two weeks before the application is due. Broz stated that if everyone is good with what was presented, they will move forward and keep everyone updated.

RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM CIVILCORP ENGINEERS ON PROPOSED STREET UPGRADES FOR A FUTURE CERTIFICATE OF OBLIGATION ISSUANCE AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Broz stated that it narrowed down to where to spend the money. Broz stated that CivilCorp has been helping us. The five streets are Lavaca (Co Rd 1161), Division, Brackenridge from Pumphrey to Wells, Glendale, and Miracle. Division Street would seal coat curb and gutter may need to be replaced but will have to wait on survey to be certain. Brackenridge is looking to rehab replacing end lets, storm sewer

for water to drain, Miracle Drive would reconstruct. Water and sewer lines replacement. Lavaca Street reconstruction to make water flow.

Broz stated if everyone is good with what was presented, they will move and keep everyone updated.

APPROVE RESOLUTION 2024-01 FOR FILING A GRANT APPLICATION THAT THE GOLDEN CRESCENT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FOR A REGIONAL SOLID WASTE GRANT:

City Manager Gary Broz stated this is a Golden Crescent grant with TCEQ money. Broz stated we need to apply, and we will be asking for a dump trailer to haul brush. Broz stated that it is a 90/10 grant. Councilperson Jackson made motion to approve the 2024-01 resolution for filing a grant application that the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission for a regional solid waste grant. Councilperson Palacios seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS PROCEDURE FOR OPERATION OF SHELBY PARK FACILITY AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Broz issued a list of procedures for Shelby Park. Broz stated that Edna Little League, Edna High, and the Edna Football youth will only have access to fields during their seasons. Broz stated that they are responsible for keeping the bathrooms clean. City Hall will start renting the fields, but no sub-leasing. Broz stated we will have keys to the electrical boxes. Users will need to dump their trash. Broz stated there will be signs informing them of how to access the fields along with a fee. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to approve the procedures for operation of Shelby Park Facility. Councilperson Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

AWARD GRANT ADMINISTRATION AND ENGINEERING FOR THE 2022 RESILIENT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM GRANT THROUGH THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE VIA HUD COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND ZONING UPDATES AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Broz stated we received \$230,000.00 for study engineering. We received three proposals Lynn Engineering, CivilCorp, and CSRS. Broz stated that himself, Mayor Smiga and Councilperson Dodds evaluated by a scoring system and then they meet to go over. CSRS was the higher score. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to award the grant to CSRS administration and engineering for the 2022 Resilient Communities Program Grant through the Texas General Land Office Via HUD comprehensive Planning and Zoning updates. Councilperson Palacios seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE READING OF 2024-01 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS ESTABLISHING FEES FOR THE USE OF SHELBY PARK:

City Manager Broz stated that we must have an ordinance for the fees to use Shelby Park. Broz stated that it will be \$50 an hour with a \$100 refundable deposit. Broz stated the fields and restroom as to be clean, gates locked, and keys returned to receive their deposit.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

Pass

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

Councilperson Vasquez made the motion to approve the payment of current bills in the amount of \$72,343.70. Councilperson Dodds 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-Vice Economic Development; City Secretary-public information." No formal action taken on these items.

Gary Broz, City Manager, stated are still working on the software, and will start installing the meters on Monday. Broz stated that he will be meeting with the owner of Cottonwood Apt this month. Meet with TCEQ today and burn pile is still hot. Gilbert Road project still have some things that need to be completed. Broz stated that he is still working on the \$100,000.00 disaster money. Keeping a watch on 1123 N Kleas but has been informed they are working. January 17, first day to file for election.

Diane Pierce, Director of Finance stated there were 26 new accounts, 33 final outs and 63 cutoffs. Pierce stated that she is still working on a general ledger for software.

Andy Brzozowski, Street Supervisor, stated they have been cleaning gutters and the edge of some streets trying to clean off the grass. They have been patching potholes. Brzozowski stated that his patch truck broke today. Brzozowski stated that he will be looking into renting a lift to trim some trees on the bus route.

Police Chief Rick Boone stated they assisted with the shooting in Vanderbilt. Boone stated they have finished paperwork and spoke with the family of the young girl that was murdered in December. Boone stated that TCOLE came for a visit yesterday and they scored 100% on their audit.

ADJOURN:

Councilperson Dodds the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m. Councilperson Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

Lance Smiga, Mayor

LaSonya Robinson, City Secretary