

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, July 16, 2026, in the council chamber at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Pro Tem Chris Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:00 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:

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, Police Chief Kenneth Pyle, Utility Director Brad Ryan, Staff Writer Beth Foley and City Secretary LaSonya Robinson were also present. Mayor Lance Smiga was absent. City Secretary Robinson recorded the minutes.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING HELD JUNE 15, 2026, AND THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD JUNE 18, 2026:

Councilperson Dodds moved to approve the minutes of executive session June 15, 2026, and City Council meeting held June 18, 2026. Councilperson Palacios seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS:

Elaine Newkirk, Murphy Miller, Pamela Hughes, Bobby Horecka, Jennifer Granberry, Steven Ward, Boo Podanoffsky and Richard Gibbens

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.

Received public remarks from Elaine Newkirk about water in her ditch, Chief Kenneth Pyle introduced the new HRO Michael Ferrel and Bobby Horecka with the Jackson County Herald.

DISCUSS AND ACCEPT THE ANNUAL DISTRICT WATER QUALITY REPORT:

City Manager Gary Broz reported that the Annual Drinking Water Quality Report was complete, and Public Works Director Brad Ryan reviewed the report. Councilperson Dodds moved to approve the report. Councilperson Friedrich seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS REQUESTING FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION FROM THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD, AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A FUNDING APPLICATION, AUTHORIZING REPRESENTATIVE, MAKING RELATED FINDINGS, AND TAKING ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz stated that the Legislature provided additional funding to the Texas Water Development Board for city water line projects, increasing the funding cap from \$5 million to \$10 million. Councilperson Dodds moved to accept the resolution from the Water Development Board. Councilperson Palacios seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM RICHARD GIBBENS WITH E3 REGARDING THE UPGRADE OF THE ORBITAL AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT:

Richard Gibbens with E3 and Boo Podanoffsky presented an upgrade proposal for the orbital at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION #2026-15, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY ON THE TWDB/FEMA POST OAK BRANCH IMPROVEMENT-PHASE 2 AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz stated that Resolution 2026-15 authorizes the start of Phase 2 of the Post Oak Branch improvements. Councilperson Dodds moved to approve Resolution 2026-15, authorizing the City Manager to act on behalf of the City for the TWDB/FEMA Post Oak Branch Improvement Project. Councilperson Palacios seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM PAMELA HUGHES WITH PATRIOT WARRIORS OF VALOR ON UPDATED EVENTS, BLOCKING OF STREETS AND WHO IS COMING TO EDNA ON NOVEMBER 7, 2026, AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Pamela Hughes stated that she is planning a Veterans Day Parade for November 7, 2026. She explained that she had invited several important guests, reviewed the event plans, and introduced Murphy Miller to assist with the parade. Councilperson Palacios asked about the parade date and whether Hughes would be willing to change it. Hughes stated that she preferred to keep the November 7, 2026, date. Councilperson Dodds moved to approve the road closure for the November 7, 2026, Patriot Warriors event. Councilperson Callis seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 3-to-2 vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

City Manager Gary Broz reviewed the budget amendments. Councilperson Callis moved to approve the amendments. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

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

City Manager Gary Broz reported outstanding bills totaling \$253,978.14. Councilperson Dodds 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 drainage work on the '24 CO Project is ongoing, with three crews working. The GLO Reallocation Project is in the bid stage, and the City received a TDEM grant for a generator at the Police Station. Work continues on the TWDB Water Line Replacement Grant, while paperwork has not yet been received for the TWDB/FEMA Post Oak Drainage Project Phase 1. Installation of the Kleas Well generator is progressing, and the TDA Water Grant for line replacement is moving slowly. Broz also reported working with Chief Pyle on participation in an ICE Task Force, that the Animal Shelter has moved to the top of the to-do list, and that he is working with Valerie and department heads on the budget. A budget workshop is scheduled for August 5, with completion planned for August 6. Project Rehab is moving slowly.

- **Finance Director Valerie Callaway** reported she has been working on 2026-2027 budget with Gary, completed Quartey reports, 22 new accounts, 14 final outs and 3 transfers.

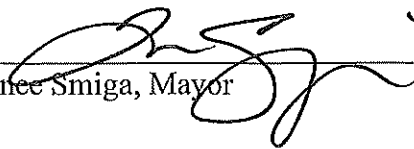
- **Street Supervisor Andy Brzozowski** reported that the stop sign project for the year was completed. Crews cleaned the ditches behind Pizza Hut and the south-facing ditch on E. Simons between S. Wells and St. Charles, replaced a driveway on W. Houston St. behind Pizza Hut, installed a new driveway on E. Simons St., cleared trees from S. Guadalupe St., trimmed grass, and patched potholes. Badger Daylighting was hired to clean drainage structures from Jackson to Apollo, W. Gayle to Brodie, and the north side of Gayle from Miracle to Dennis.

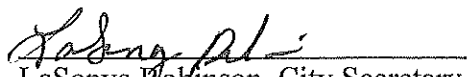
Utility Director Brad Ryan reported that crews sprayed weeds around the Sewer Plant and lift stations, cleared sewer stoppages at 512 W. Bois D. Arc and 801 Fulton, repaired water leaks at 505 Jackson, 802 S. East, and 302 N. Kleas, repaired a sewer tap at 214 Sandra, and fixed a broken water meter at 102 E. Brackenridge.

- **Police Chief Kenneth Pylle** reported that the Edna Police Department conducted 47 traffic stops, issued 22 citations and 47 warnings, made 7 arrests, responded to 114 calls for service, and documented 44 reportable offenses.

ADJOURN:

Councilperson Palacios made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.


Lance Smiga, Mayor


LaSonya Robinson, City Secretary