

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, September 19, 2024, in council chambers at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Lance Smiga called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The council stood for prayer by 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 Wayne Callis, Councilperson District 3 Chris Jackson, Councilperson District 4 Mike Dodds Councilperson District 5 Amanda Friedrich were present. City Manager Gary Broz, Police Chief Rick Boone, Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski, Utility Director Brad Ryan, Code Enforcer Sam Idlett and City Secretary LaSonya Robinson were also present. The minutes were recorded by City Secretary Robinson.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AUGUST 15, 2024, AND BUDGET MEETING HELD AUGUST 28, 2024:

Councilperson Jackson made a motion to approve the August 15, 2024, and budget meeting held August 28, 2024, minutes. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS: Beth Foley- Jackson Hearld, John Slaton, Kimberly Mercer, Kayla Barton, Shelley Srp, Jake Srp, Carolina Jalufka

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.

CONSIDER THE REQUEST FROM JACKSON COUNTY CARES TO CLOSE ED LINN STREET BETWEEN THE COURTHOUSE AND THE THEATRE FOR A CANCER WALK ON OCTOBER 26, 2024, AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Kayla Barton the secretary of the Jackson County Cares stated they would close Ed Linn Street between the courthouse and the theatre for their cancer walk on October 26, 2024. Councilperson Callis approves the road closure on Ed Linn Street between the courthouse and the theatre. Councilperson Palacios seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER THE REQUEST FROM EDNA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION TO CLOSE MAIN STREET ON DECEMBER 7, 2024, FOR AN OLD FASHION CHRISTMAS MARKET FROM 4:00 P.M TO 8:00 P.M. AND REQUEST HOTEL/MOTEL FUNDS AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Shelley Srp stated the Merchant Committee is now under the Edna Business Association. Srp stated they would like to close the streets from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and have the bouncy houses in the road. Srp stated they would like the council to judge cookies this year and waive the fee for the vendors. Srp asked if they were able to get some funds from the Hotel/Motel fund to help with the market. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to approve \$2500 for the Christmas market and street closure on December 7, 2024. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER THE REQUEST FROM JACKSON COUNTY CHAMBER TO CLOSE MAIN STREET FOR HALLOWEEN ON MAIN OCTOBER 31, 2024, FROM 5:00 P.M TO 7:00 P.M. AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Carolina Jalufka stated they would like to close Main Street for the Halloween on Main. Jalufka stated it would be Thursday October 31, 2024, from 5:00p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Councilperson Callis made a motion to

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

The City Manager stated that we need to pay bills totaling \$199,898.98. Councilperson Callis made a motion to approve paying bills totaling \$199,898.98. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to second. 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-Victoria Economic Development; City Secretary-public information."

City Manager Broz stated we do not have a Finance Director, starting October 1st hours will be changed at City Hall to 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., advertising for Police Chief, working on the brush options will have Oct 3rd agenda, received a letter that we have been approved for a backup generator here at City Hall from TDEM, working on year-end closeout of projects and paperwork and reports, '24 CO's are in final design, still waiting on the 55 water meters to arrive to complete meter changeout, Shelby Park concession/RR is moving, staff has been working on fee schedule, getting RFP's out for the new TDEM/FEMA grant projects generators, drainage, tomorrow is the last day for RFI's for the GLO-MIT project hopefully we will get a contract soon, continuing to work on the Surplus list for sale of old equipment and meters, spending more time with software.

Street Superintendent Andy Brozowski stated they are mowing the streets and other City owned property, removing the limb piles which are non-compliant with TDS contract agreement, sealed and patched with the patching truck, patched potholes the conventional way, removed advertisement signs,

Director of Utilities Brad Ryan stated that they are reading meters, cleaned clarifier and orbital, checked vacant meter accounts, repaired water leak on Apollo, water taps on Carol Ann Drive, water leak at Dairy Queen, repaired a 12" water leak on Hickory, repaired water leak on Fannin, repaired water leak at Brodie and Wilson, repaired meter leak at 205 Sunset, repaired water leak on Gilbert, installed new tap at 512 E. Houston Hwy, replaced well motor at Kleas.

Police Chief Rick Boone stated they made 67 traffic stops, 28 of those resulted in a citation, 66 warning were issued and 8 arrests have been made from the last meeting, officers were dispatched to 246 calls for service, continuing to work at the elementary crosswalk every morning and evening, participating in a Lone Star operation with several other agencies, been working with Jackson County Investigator B. Martin on a sensitive case involving Coach Logan O'Connor and a 14 year old student, animal control number are down this week.

ADJOURN:

Councilperson Dodds made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 p.m. Councilperson Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

Lance Smiga, Mayor

LaSonya Robinson, City Secretary