

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pro-Tem Maxine Price presided over the meeting in the absence of Mayor Joe Hermes. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Joe Hermes, Councilmembers Doug Kelley, Wayne Callis, Jean Sorensen and Johnny Vasquez were present. Also present were City Manager Don Doering, City Secretary Becky Miska, Street Superintendent Steve Sample, Water Wastewater Superintendent Greg Woodring, Director of Public Works Brad Ryan and Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD JANUARY 7, 2016:

Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve minutes of the city council meeting held January 7, 2016. Councilmember Kelley 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.” Please limit comments to two (2) minutes.

VISITORS: Millie Diaz-Jackson County Herald Tribune, David Webel, Velma Vasquez and William Selders

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO CONSIDER RENEWING LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF EDNA AND EDNA LITTLE LEAGUE ASSOCIATION FOR BASEBALL AND/OR SOFTBALL FACILITIES:

Councilmember Sorensen made the motion to renew Lease Agreement between the City of Edna and Edna Little League Association for baseball and/or softball facilities. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE BILL OF SALE FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 317 WEST MAIN:

Councilmember Kelley made the motion for the City of Edna to purchase the building located at 317 West Main (known as the Chamber Building) for a sum of \$10.00. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO CONSIDER BILL OF SALE FOR THE OFFICE SPACE LOCATED AT 317 WEST MAIN:

Councilmember Callis made the motion for the City of Edna to purchase the office space located at 317 West Main. Councilmember Kelley seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF EDNA AND JACKSON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & AGRICULTURE:

Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve the Lease Agreement between the City of Edna and Jackson County Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO BAN OPEN AND CONCEALED CARRY HANDGUNS IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS DURING OPEN GOVERNMENT MEETINGS AND APPROVE SIGNAGE OF SAME:

Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge addressed the council reviewing the laws for open and concealed carry. After discussion, Councilmember Kelley made the motion to approve no open carry during government meetings in council chambers. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION CONCERNING THE POSTING OF SIGNS PROHIBITING OPEN AND CONCEALED HANDGUNS FROM MUNICIPAL COURT AND THOSE OFFICES WITHIN THE COURT BUILDING THAT SUPPORT THE COURT:

Councilmember Kelley made the motion to approve the posting of signs prohibiting open and concealed handguns from the municipal court and those offices within the court building that support the court. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER 2-1-1 PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE VALUE OF THE REGIONAL INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICES TO OUR COMMUNITY:

Councilmember Vasquez made the motion to approve the 2-1-1 Proclamation recognizing the value of the regional information and referral services to our community. Councilmember Kelley seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER FUNDING THE HEADWALL ON THE EAST DITCH:

Mayor Pro-Tem Maxine Price noted that the City has spent over \$10,000 last year on the East Ditch. Price addressed Selders telling him she understood his frustration but a headwall wasn't budget for and the cost for the headwall would be \$12,500. Councilmember Kelley replied that if two engineers say we don't need it then why are we considering spending that much money. Price suggested that Councilmember Callis and City Manager Doering meet to see if they could find somewhere in the budget to re-designate in order to come up with the \$12,500.00. Councilmember Kelley said he didn't want anything deleted from his District in the budget. Councilmember Sorensen made the motion to table this agenda item and seek additional information. Also, for City Manager Doering and Councilmember Callis to meet to work to re-designate money within a category in the budget. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER PAYMENT OF CURRENT BILLS:

Councilmember Kelley made the motion to approve payment of current bills in the amount of \$122,452.02. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. Motion carried. All voted AYE.

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 Secretary & City Manager-public information; Finance Director-financial report; Code Enforcement-progress reports on code issues. No formal action can be taken on these items."

ADJOURN:

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

APPROVED: _____
Maxine Price, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST: _____
Becky Miska, City Secretary