

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session, Thursday, January 5, 2017 in council chambers at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Joe Hermes presided over the meeting. Councilmembers Doug Kelley, Wayne Callis, Lance Smiga, Johnny Vasquez and Maxine Price were present. City Manager Don Doering, City Secretary Becky Miska, Finance Director Olga Salomon, Director of Public Works Brad Ryan, Water Wastewater Superintendent Greg Woodring and Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge.

VISITORS: Velma Vasquez, Chris Lundstrom-Jackson County Herald Tribune

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD DECEMBER 15, 2016:

Councilmember Price made the motion to approve minutes of the city council meeting held December 15, 2016. Councilmember Smiga 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, the 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.

There were no comments.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE CITY COUNCIL TO ORDER A GENERAL ELECTION FOR MAY 6, 2017 AND AUTHORIZING MAYOR HERMES TO SIGN THE ELECTION ORDER:

Councilmember Kelley made the motion to approve the order for a General Election for May 6, 2017 and authorizing Mayor Hermes to sign the Election Order. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO THE CONSIDER THE FIRST READING OF CITY OF EDNA ORDINANCE NO. 2017-01 CALLING FOR A GENERAL ELECTION TO THE OFFICES OF MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBER DISTRICT 1 AND COUNCILMEMBER DISTRICT 2 AND PROVIDING FOR ELECTION OFFICIALS AND THE TIME, PLACE AND MANNER FOR HOLDING A CITY OF EDNA ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF SAME:

Councilmember Price made the motion to approve the first reading of City of Edna Ordinance No. 2017-01 calling for a General Election to the offices of Mayor, Councilmember District 1 and Councilmember District 2 and providing for election officials and the time, place and manner for holding a City of Edna election; and providing for notice of same. Councilmember Kelley seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

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

Councilmember Smiga made the motion to approve renewing the 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.

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

Councilmember Price 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.

CONSIDER PAYMENT OF CURRENT BILLS:

Councilmember Kelley made the motion to approve payment of current bills in the amount of \$187,442.94. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

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

City Manager Don Doering noted 2017 will be the best year ever for the City of Edna! **Finance Director Olga Salomon** stated she has been working on the annual audit. **City Secretary Becky Miska** gave a report on the hospitality suite that the City of Edna hosted during the Texas Extreme Barrel Classic at the Brackenridge Main Event Center.

ADJOURN:

Before adjourning Councilmember Kelley asked if the city had any ways to handle citizens that fly shabby America flags. Councilmember Callis noted that old flags may be give to the American Legion or the Boy Scouts for proper disposal.

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

APPROVED:_____

Joe Hermes, Mayor

ATTEST:_____

Becky Miska, City Secretary