

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, February 20, 2025, 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: Councilperson District 2 Katrina Callis, Councilperson District 3 Chris Jackson, Councilperson District 4 Mike Dodds, Councilperson District 5 Amanda Friedrich were present. City Manager Gary Broz, Finance Director Valerie Callaway, Police Chief Kenneth Pyle, Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski, Utility Director Brad Ryan, and City Secretary LaSonya Robinson were also present. Councilperson District 1 Cipriano Palacios was absent. City Secretary Robinson recorded the minutes.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 6, 2025:

Councilperson Jackson made a motion to approve February 6, 2025, minutes. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS: Beth Foley- Jackson Hearld, Kimberly Mercer, Mike Jordan, Lydia Jordan, Shannon-TDEM

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.

Police Chief Pyle introduced Lee Jordan as the new Lt. Kimberly Mercer invited everyone to the Business Association Happy Hour on March 10, 2025.

PROCLAMTION DECLARING APRIL CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH REQUESTED BY GOLDEN CRESENT CHILDREN'S PROJECT:

Table until April.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE #2025-02 AN ORDINANCE CALLING FOR A GENERAL ELECTION AND ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR SAID ELECTION TO BE HELD SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025; THE GENERAL ELECTION SHALL BE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR AND COUNCILPERSON TO REPRESENT DISTRICT 1, AND DISTRICT 2; PROVIDING FOR THE TIME, PLACE AND MANNER FOR HOLDING A CITY OF EDNA ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF SAME AS REQUIRED BY LAW:

City Manager Gary Broz stated this is second reading for Ordinance 2025-02. Broz stated it is calling for a general election for May 3rd for the purpose of electing a Mayor and for a Councilperson to represent District 1 and District 2. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to approve the second reading of ordinance 2025-02. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AN AGREEMENT WITH JACKSON COUNNTY CLERK'S OFFICE TO CONDUCT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 3, 2025, AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSRY:

City Manager Gary Broz stated we do not have to have an election on May 3, 2025, so we can pass.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

No action taken.

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

The City Manager stated that we need to pay bills totaling \$135,592.85. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to approve paying bills totaling \$135,592.85. Councilperson Friedrich 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-Victoria Economic Development; City Secretary-public information."

City Manager Broz stated Shelby Park project is coming together, they completed a walk through with the contractor last Friday, got punch list for them to complete, restrooms are ready to be used, continuing to work with GLO and Traylor on the GCRPC/GLO Mit project. Trying to have it awarded in the March 1st announcement, waiting for the official announcement for the Post Oak Branch Project, working with civilcorp to finalize the design for the '24 CO's so we can present them Council, currently advertising the Engineering for the '25 CDBG Water Line Replacement Grant, received 8 – 2-inch water meters out of the 55 ordered. Water department will install them soon, GOLIVE is continuing to move ahead, having our issues but figuring them out, schedule for you official TDEM ID is next week, you will need to go to Services Building on day an time with 2 ID's, the City is hosting the Regional TML Meeting on Friday February 28th at Brackenridge Park, you are all invited, let Sonya know if you plan to attend, you have a draft of Mural Ordinance please look over and let me know your comments as we would like to have the first reading March 13th.

Finance Director Valerie Callaway stated that the advalorem tax revenue, Texas State Comptroller and Franchise Tax, has been received.

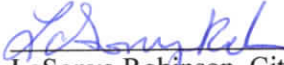
Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski stated that they started cleaning the ditch on the south side of Asbeck Lane but paused while we started working to get the concession at Shelby Park, patched potholes, sloped all four sides of the concession building, need to complete some drainage work.

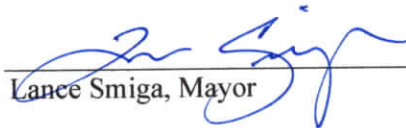
Director of Utilities Brad Ryan stated they repaired waters leaks at 110 Erie, 509 Erie, 402 W. Cedar, Frederick Dr., and Celestial Lane, mowed Lift Stations & Sewer Plant, made sludge boxes, cleaned clarifier, pulled pumps on W. Division and E. Main Lift Station, jettied sewer stoppages, 4" sewer break at Stripes Convenience store, changed chlorine bottles at both wells, line locates for AEP & CenterPoint, 4" water leak at old Frontier BBQ.

Police Chief Kenneth Pyle stated that from February 6th - February 20, 2025, Edna PD completed 50 traffic stops, resulting in 11 citations, 57 warnings were issued, 4 arrests were made due to a variety of offenses. EPD had 158 calls for service. On the 13th, EPD assisted the U.S. Marshalls with a multi residence warrant round up. One individual was arrested for continuous sexual assault of minor out of VPD, attended a zoom meeting for Operation Lone Star Task Force regarding our unwavering support for the Governor, had an interview with a Victoria College Police Academy Cadet who will be hired soon while going through the academy, he will graduate June 5th, the 25th-27th Lt. Jordan and Sgt. Chavez will attend an operation out of town.

ADJOURN:

Councilperson Dodds made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Councilperson Friedrich seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.


LaSonya Robinson, City Secretary


Lance Smiga, Mayor