

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session, Thursday, August 18, 2016 in council chambers at 6:30 p.m.

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

VISITORS: Shelly Gerjes-RBank, Jimmy Lopez-Citizens State Bank, Catherine Moore-Citizens State Bank and Julio Espinosa

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AUGUST 4, 2016:

Councilmember Kelley to approve the minutes of the city council meeting held August 4, 2016 as amended. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING / BUDGET WORKSHOP HELD AUGUST 16, 2016:

Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve the special meeting / budget workshop held August 16, 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, 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.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE BANK DEPOSITORY BIDS RECEIVED FOR THE CITY OF EDNA:

City Manager Doering noted that the City of Edna had received two (2) depository bids which were opened on Monday, August 15, 2016: Citizens State Bank and RBank. Both bids were submitted to our auditors for review and recommendation. Our auditors determined that based on the information they were provided, it appears RBank is offering more competitive interest rates on deposits and no fees. They appear to be the better choice based on these monetary factors. Councilmember Price stated she had to abstain from voting because she is a board member of Citizens State Bank. Councilmember Kelley noted that the City would benefit from the higher interest rates. Councilmember Callis agreed and made the motion to approve RBank as the City of Edna's depository bank for a period of two (2) years. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. Councilmember Kelley, Callis, Vasquez voted AYE. Councilmember Price abstained from voting. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER ADOPTING THE PROPOSED RATE FOR TAX YEAR 2016:

Councilmember Kelley made the motion to approve adopting the proposed tax rate for the tax year 2016 with the rollback rate of .2175. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 2016-08 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FOUR-WAY STOPS, UPON CERTAIN STREETS THEREOF, WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF EDNA AS SET OUT IN THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING A PENALTY OF A FINE NOT TO EXCEED \$200.00 FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF:

Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge reported that TxDot is requesting that the City of Edna support their decision to upgrade the four (4) intersections to 4-way stops as a safety improvement: 1) The intersection by the Post Office and 2) The intersection by McDonalds. Councilmember Kelley noted that it would be helpful and needed to improve safety. Councilmember Kelley made the motion to approve Ordinance No.

2016-08 an ordinance establishing four-way stops, upon certain streets or parts of streets thereof, within the corporate limits of the City of Edna as set out in this ordinance; providing a penalty of fine not to exceed \$200.00 for the violation thereof. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER APPROVAL TO SOLICIT ENGINEERING AND GRANT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR THE 2017-2018 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND GRANT PROGRAM FOR APPLICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION:

City Manager Doering addressed the council stating the Casey LaMay with KSA Engineerings reports that it appears the City of Edna may qualify again for another \$250,000 grant. Mayor Hermes noted that these are two (2) year programs and this would once again be beneficial to the city. Councilmember Kelley made the motion to approve the City of Edna to solicit engineering and grant administration services for the 2017-2018 Community Development Fund Grant Program for application and implementation. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER ENGINEERING SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED TO THE CITY OF EDNA:

City Manager Doering asked that the council see the letter presented from KSA Engineers. Doering went onto say that Urban Engineers will be half the cost of KSA Engineers and will utilize our staff to complete smoke testing. Councilmember Price made the motion to approve hiring Urban Engineering to provide engineering services to be provided to the City of Edna. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER REPUBLIC SERVICES REQUEST FOR A CONSUMER PRICE INDEX INCREASE FOR THE BASE RESIDENTIAL RATE:

Councilmember Kelley commented since the City is not happy with Republic Services and their garbage/limb pick up he did not see why we had to accept or approve the consumer price index increase. City Manager Doering reported that this is consumer price index increase is part of our contract and we did not have a choice. Councilmember Price made the motion to approve the consumer price index increase for the base residential rate as presented by Republic Services. Councilmember Kelley seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND SET 2016-2017 BUDGET WORKSHOP DATE(S) IF NECESSARY:

This item was tabled.

CONSIDER PAYMENT OF CURRENT BILLS:

Councilmember Vasquez made the motion to approve payment of current bills in the amount \$396,008.10. Councilmember Kelley 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 reports; Public Works Department-park reports, water & sewer line updates; Street Department-street repairs/projects; 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 reported on the gazebo at the Pumphrey Children’s Park. Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge reported on the Back to School Rally at the Edna Independent School District. Grand Jury will be tomorrow/items to be addressed: 1) on the attacked officer 2) man who attacked a young boy. Director of Public Works Brad Ryan that within a week all brush should be picked up within the city limits by Republic Services. Water Wastewater Superintendent Greg Woodring noted that they are still finding manholes that need covers to keep the large amount of recent rainfall out.

ADJOURN:

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

APPROVED:_____

Joe Hermes, Mayor

ATTEST:_____

Becky Miska, City Secretary