

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, January 16, 2025, in council chambers at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Councilperson District 4-Mayor Pro-Tem Mike Dodds 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 1 Cipriano Palacios, Councilperson District 2 Katrina Callis, Councilperson District 3 Chris Jackson, Councilperson District 4 Mike Dodds, 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. Mayor Lance Smiga and Councilperson District 5 Amanda Friedrich were absent. City Secretary Robinson recorded the minutes.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD JANUARY 2, 2025:

Councilperson Jackson made a motion to approve the January 2, 2025, minutes. Councilperson Palacios seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS: Beth Foley- Jackson Hearld

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 A REQUEST FROM THE EDNA JUNETEENTH BOARD FOR FUNDING FOR THEIR ANNUAL JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz stated that Chelsea from the Juneteenth Committee was not able to make it and wanted to reschedule. Broz stated that they returned all paperwork last year and reported as needed, so he would like to fund the annual Juneteenth celebration. Broz stated \$2000.00 as been budgeted. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to fund \$2000.00 to the annual Juneteenth Celebration. Councilperson Palacios seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS WITH LITTLE LEAGUE THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz stated there is a correction needed from one year to ten years. Broz stated ordinance and contract does not match, so it needs to be corrected. Broz stated he has informed Chris Crenshaw we are cleaning our end up and everything will keep moving. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to table. Councilperson Palacios seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AWARDING BY RESOLUTION #2025-01 A CONTRACT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES PERTAINING THE APPLICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION IF AWARDED OF THE CITY 2024 HAZARD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE (HMA) GRANTS FROM THE TEXAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND/OR TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD AND AUTHORITY THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT:

City Manager Gary Broz stated that we received three proposals and after scoring them Traylor & Associates was the best. Broz stated this is for the Jackson and Gayle drainage, and generator for Police Department. Broz stated he would like to award Traylor & Associates for administration services.

Councilperson Palacios motioned to approve Traylor & Associates for resolution 2025-01, a contract for administrative services. Councilperson Jackson seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AWARDED BY RESOLUTION #2025-02 A CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES PERTAINING THE APPLICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION IF AWARDED OF THE CITY'S 2024 HAZARD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE (HMA) GRANTS FROM THE TEXAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND/OR TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD AND AUTHORITY THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT:

City Manager Gary Broz stated there were two proposals received. Broz stated that he would like to award CivilCorp for engineering services for the Gayle and Jackson Street drainage. Broz stated he would like to award LynnEngineering for engineering services for generators at the Police Department. Councilperson Palacios made a motion to award CivilCorp for engineering services for Gayle and Jackson St. and award LynnEngineering engineering service for generators at the Police Department. Councilperson Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE #2025-01 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 "ANIMAL CONTROL" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCE, CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS; PROVIDING A DEFINITION FOR "STERILIZATION", PROVIDING A REQUEST FOR ANIMALS TO BE STERILIZED AND/OR VACCINATED PRIOR TO ADOPTION FROM THE ANIMAL CONTROL AUTHORITY; AND PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT, ENACTMENT, REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, EFFECTIVE DATE AND PROPER NOTICE AND HEARING.:

City Manager Gary Broz stated Susan has been working with City Attorney Jake Srp for a while to update the animal control ordinance. Broz stated that before the animal is released it will need to have all the vaccinations and sterilized Councilperson Jackson made a motion to pass the first reading for ordinance 2025-01 amending chapter 2 "Animal Control" of the Code Ordinance, City of Edna, Texas. Councilperson Palacios seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

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 \$138,440.70. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to approve paying bills totaling \$138,440.70. Councilperson Callis 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 the weather is taking top spot as the staff is working to winterize all our equipment and facilities. Monday is a city holiday, but we will still be monitoring the weather, GOLIVE has gone live, we are doing our first billing on the new software, we are making progress and want to thank all the staff for their work, sign up is open for Mayor, Dist. 1, and Dist. 2 positions. The mayor has signed up to run for another term, if you noticed that County-Wide Drainage has cleaned our Dry Creek north of the Main Street Bridge. It looks good and they are going to do more

as time permits, the three generators from the 2018 GLO Grant are all functional. Working on how maintenance will be documented, Shelby Park Project is moving along building is just about complete, working on getting a pipe fence around it, drainage, and more parking, we are receiving calls saying that in some areas the boxes Rise installed are settling, so if you hear of anything let us know, so we can contact Rise, we have received about \$235,000 in tax money for January, staff and Fire Dept. met with Sean at the Cottonwood Apartment. He has secured funds to tear down the back two buildings and do some repairs to the facility. We advised him that we will monitor his actions and discussed the rodent complaints they will look into also, brush pickup is going well, continuing to work with the County on an Animal Shelter. Funding is the issue as there are not enough funds, working on a couple of private foundations who fund these projects, Susan and Kenny are working to keep the animals warm next week, brick project around the Horse Sculptor is complete, continuing to work with VEDC on possible housing as they have two developers who are looking at Edna to build houses and a possible strip center, Texas legislature went into session this week and cities are their target again, February 4th is the date for the second planning session for the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning update grant, still hanging as GLO has not made a move for the Drainage Grant in District 2, Post Oak drainage in continuing as FEMA is asking for more information, the 2025 CDBG Grant for water line replacement in District 2 ranked 3rd in regional competition, more to come.

Finance Director Valerie Callaway stated we are live with the UB software and the billing department has been working very hard the past two weeks, there were 14 new account and 13 closed account, we have received tax Advalorem Tax Revenue, Hotel/Motel reports have issued and are due January 31st, 4th quarter reports are completed, W2's and 1099's are being processed and ready to mail.

Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski stated that they participated in the removal and storage of Christmas decorations. Made sure all the drains were clean and ready for rain, continue patching the streets, setup traffic barricades for an event on Elm St., finished cleaning the outfall ditch on Vail Street, serviced some of our equipment, assisted with a water leak, attended a safety training session.

Director of Utilities Brad Ryan stated they repaired waters at Davis, Bois D'Arc, Moody, Vanderbilt, Cottonwood, Dewberry Lane, Washington & Erie, and Jackson St, jettied Sunset sewer stoppage, took water samples, mowed Sewer Plant, made sludge boxes and had training for the new generators

Police Chief Kenneth Pyle stated that from January 2nd to January 16th Edna PD completed 58 traffic stops, 17 resulted in citations, 61 warnings were issued, 3 arrests were made due to a variety of offenses. EPD had 136 calls for service and 17 resulted in incident reports, on January 8th, 2025 interview were conducted which was fruitful on hiring a patrol officer and a detective from outside the department, there were two warmers purchased for the shelter from TSC totaling \$467.97, earlier today at the FBC Edna, the EPD attended the celebration of life for Elizabeth "Lauren" Alexander who was EISD school teacher, also married to DPS Trooper Drew Alexander, January 22nd, at 8 a.m.-10 a.m. EPD will be at McDonald's for "Coffee with a COP"

ADJOURN:

Councilperson Jackson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 p.m. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.


Lance Smiga, Mayor