

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session, Thursday, July 5, 2018 in council chambers at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Joe Hermes presided over the meeting. Mayor Pro-Tem/Councilmember District 2 Wayne Callis, Councilmember District 1 Dustin Muncrief, Councilmember District 3 Rick Boone, Councilmember District 4 Lance Smiga and Councilmember District 5 Johnny Vasquez were present. City Manager Don Doering, City Secretary Becky Miska, Finance Director Olga Salomon, Street Superintendent Steve Sample, Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge and Water Wastewater Superintendent Greg Woodring were also present. Minutes were recorded by City Secretary Becky Miska.

VISITORS: Clyde Kazmir, Velma Vasquez, Courtney Mercer-Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Sarah Barta, Jacob Balderas-Rosenburg Councilman and Chris Lundstrum-Jackson County Herald Tribune.

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.

No comments were made from visitors during this time.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING AND REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD JUNE 7, 2018:

Councilmember Boone made the motion to approve minutes of the special council meeting and regular city council meeting held June 7, 2018. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE BUDGET WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETINGS HELD JUNE 12, 2018:

Councilmember Vasquez made the motion to approve minutes of the budget workshop/special meetings held June 12, 2018. Councilmember Smiga seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS ROAD CONSTRUCTION WORK ON LAVACA STREET AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Clyde Kazmir addressed the council on extending Lavaca Street and additional 900 feet. Mr. Kazmir noted that if the council would consider extending Lavaca Street and provide base material. Kazmir went onto say that he would provide equipment and labor to complete the road. He also mentioned that this project is a few years behind the annexation of the property. After discussion, Mayor Hermes stated at this time, with the closing of Wal-Mart the city council has some hard decisions to be made during the upcoming budget workshops.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER REQUEST BY THE TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE:

County Extension Agent Courtney C. Mercer reported to the council that she had attended a Harvest on Main in Cuero. At this event, merchants donated food, drinks, dessert and 120 tickets were sold for those that wished to enjoy a good meal. Ms. Mercer noted that she would like to try and host something like this event in Edna possibly in April, 2019. Mercer would need help with tables/chairs, blocking off Ed Linn Street between the Courthouse and the theater. Monies raised were used towards scholarships. Each of the councilmember's expressed their support of her pursuing the project. Councilmember Smiga made the motion to approve closing a portion of Ed Linn Street for the event, the city to provide barricades and help with tables and chairs. Councilmember Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER QUIT CLAIM DEED ON THE ALLEYWAY BETWEEN W. CEDAR AND BOIS D' ARC:

City Manager Doering noted that the Quit Claim Deed was prepared by City Attorney Jake Srp for the alleyway between W. Cedar and Bois D' Arc. As discussed in the previous council meeting, in 2007 the request to abandon the alleyway was addressed by the city council at that time and the abandonment was approved. But unfortunately, none of the adjacent property owners of the alley had recorded their portion. By approving the Quit Claim Deed, the deed would transfer the interest in real property to the adjacent property owners. Once approved the Quit Claim Deed would be recorded at the County Clerk's office. Councilmember Muncrief made the motion to approve the Quit Claim Deed on the alleyway between W. Cedar and Bois D' Arc. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO APPROVE THE 10/01/2018 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS RENEWAL RATES AND RETIREE RENEWAL RATES FROM TML MULTISTATE IEBP:

City Manager Doering reported that there is an increase in the TML MultiState Insurance but there was not enough time to get other quotes to review. Councilmember Smiga made the motion to approve the 10/01/2018 Employee Renewal Rates and Retiree Renewal Rates from the TML MultiState IEBP. Councilmember Boone seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER PAYMENT OF CURRENT BILLS:

Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve payment of current bills in the amount of \$178,885.78. Councilmember Smiga 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 & service 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 that GrantWorks is going forward on bids for sewer line improvements. Mayor Hermes signed paperwork for the new generator. Doering noted he has made several contacts to different agencies to let them know that with the closing of Walmart there is a building up for lease. Dollar Tree continues to be a possibility. Had a positive conversation with an HEB representative and they should be responding back in 7-10 days. Texas Municipal League Conference will be held in October; registration/hotel will be open on July 19th so let the City Secretary know if you will be attending. **Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge** noted that the Sheriff's Department is looking for a grant to be used for a resource officer. Wooldridge will keep council informed. **Street Superintendent Steve Sample** reported that city crews are continuing to spray for mosquitoes.

ADJOURN:

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

APPROVED: _____
Joe Hermes, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Becky Miska, City Secretary