

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in a regular city council meeting, Thursday, August 20, 2015 in council chambers at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Joe Hermes called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Joe Hermes, Councilmembers Doug Kelley, Wayne Callis, Maxine Price, Jean Anne Sorensen and Johnny Vasquez. City Manager Don Doering, City Secretary Becky Miska, Finance Director Olga Salomon, Street Superintendent Steve Sample, Water Wastewater Superintendent Greg Woodring, Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge, Assistant EMS Director Kurt Janica, Code Enforcement Officer Sheila Miller and Director of Public Works Brad Ryan.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AUGUST 6, 2015:

Councilmember Sorensen made the motion to approve minutes of the city council meeting held August 6, 2015. Councilmember Price seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE BUDGET WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING HELD AUGUST 17, 2015:

Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve minutes of the budget workshop/special meeting held August 17, 2015. Councilmember Vasquez 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, City 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 TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM THE JACKSON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & AGRICULTURE FOR FUNDING FROM THE HOTEL-MOTEL FUNDS FOR THE SECOND HALF OF THE FISCAL YEAR:

Mayor Hermes noted that the council had approved \$15,000 for funding to the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture from the hotel-motel funds during last year budget workshops. The Jackson County Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture has already received \$7,500.00 and they are requesting the second half. Councilmember Price made the motion to approve the request from the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture for funding from hotel-motel funds for the second half of the fiscal year in the amount of \$7,500.00. Councilmember Kelley seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON EXTENSION OF THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR THE EMERGENCY SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF EDNA AND THE JACKSON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 3:

Mayor Hermes noted this is the final time for this agenda item to be acted on because of the budget calendar. "We have talked about this many, many times. I think we have heard all the positives and negatives. It's time the council makes and takes whatever action they choose because other parties need to know what is going on. Does anybody want to say or doing anything on council before they make a motion?" Councilmember Doug Kelley stated "I would like to find out why we think we are going to do things in three months that we haven't been able to do in ten years." Mayor Hermes replied "I don't know." Councilmember Kelley continued "There are so many negatives to this...As I said before this should be a no brainer now I realize we are short of money. We have cut the Edna EMS & Fire Department down to bare bones in trying to keep them. But, these guys need to know that they have a job not past December or whatever. As I said before my motion was and I removed it last time because we were going to talk about it. That we fund them for \$200,000.00 a year at least the next five years at a steady rate of that. There are just so many things that are going to go wrong if we get rid of them." Councilmember Wayne Callis stated "Mayor, I would like to make a motion. That we extend the contract with the Emergency Services District #3 for three months after that then the EMS & Fire Department be handed over to the Emergency Service District 3." Councilmember Sorensen seconded the motion. Mayor Hermes asked to see a show of hands. Councilmember Wayne Callis, Johnny Vasquez, Jean Sorensen and Maxine Price voted AYE. Councilmember Doug Kelley voted NAYE. Mayor Hermes noted that the voted passed 4 to 1.

Mayor Hermes asked Emergency Services District 3 Chairman Jake Srp if he wanted to say anything. Mr. Srp stated “the board will be meeting next Tuesday. We obviously have a lot to figure out before January 1st. On Tuesday we will begin preparing a schedule to sit down to move forward. I’m sure from the ESD view we will do everything we can to save what we can. We have no intention of going to a volunteer fire department.”

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SETTING ADDITIONAL BUDGET WORKSHOP DATES:

After discussion, the next budget workshop is set for Monday, August 25, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

CONSIDER PAYMENT OF CURRENT BILLS:

Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve payment of current bills in the amount of \$80,963.38. Councilmember Price 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: Fire Department-grant updates, fire reports; Public Works Department-park reports, water & sewer line updates; Street Department-street repairs/project; Finance Director-financial report; Code Enforcement-progress reports on code issues. City Manager & City Secretary-public information. No formal action can be taken on these items.”

City Manager Don Doering reported that we are financially 83% through the budget year and have spent 82%; the city has received 79% of the total revenue. Doering noted that city staff has been told not to spend any unnecessary funds. The city’s bond council has tentatively given their approval. **Street Superintendent Steve Sample** noted that weather permitting streets will be primed and seal coated next week. **Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge** stated school starts on Monday and he along with other officers will be patrolling and assisting with school traffic control. **Director of Public Works Brad Ryan** reported he had spoken to KSA Engineers and they are working to get the scope of work down. **Water Waster Superintendent Greg Woodring** stated city crews are working to on top the water leaks. **Assistant EMS Director Kurt Janica** stated Engine 1 is shot, Engine 2 is in need of an air conditioning belt and Engine 3 has a pulley that is bad.

ADJOURN:

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

APPROVED: _____
Joe Hermes, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Becky Miska, City Secretary