

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular city council meeting, Thursday, April 2, 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, Councilmember Richard Browning, William Selders, Maxine Price, Jean Sorensen and Johnny Vasquez. 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, Water Wastewater Superintendent Greg Woodring and EMS Director/Fire Marshal Loyd Chase were also present.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD MARCH 19, 2015:

Councilmember Browning made the motion to approve minutes of the city council meeting held March 19, 2015. Councilmember Selders seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS: Nick Strauss, Kurt Janica, Wayne Callis, Velma Vasquez and Bob Henderson-RBC Capital Markets, Shaneka Cantu, Taneka Dilworth and Chedric Robinson

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.”

There were no comments.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM THE 2015 JUNETENTH COMMITTEE FOR ROAD CLOSURE AND FUNDS FROM HOTEL-MOTEL TAX:

Chedric Robinson distributed the 2015 Proposed Juneteenth Budget to council for review. Mr. Robinson noted there would be a BBQ Cookoff, Kid's Zone, entertainment and basketball tournament. Robinson also asked the council to consider closing the street in front of the Martin Luther King Park beginning from Mexico to County Road 4081 from June 19th-June 20th. Mayor Hermes noted that \$1,500 was placed in the budget for the Juneteenth Celebration. Councilmember Browning made the motion to approve \$1,500 in support of the Juneteenth Celebration and the street closure as requested. Councilmember Selders seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE CITY OF EDNA'S INVESTMENT POLICY RESOLUTION NO. R-2015-03:

Mayor Hermes noted in accordance, with Chapter 2256 of the Government Code, commonly known as the “Public Funds Investment Act” requires the city to adopt an investment policy by rule, order, ordinance or resolution annually. Councilmember Browning made the motion to approve the City of Edna's Investment Policy Resolution No. R-2015-03. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER FINANCIAL ADVISORY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF EDNA AND RBC CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC:

Mayor Hermes reported the City of Edna is exploring ways to finance necessary repairs / updates at the water wastewater sewer plant. The estimated costs are ½ million dollars. We want to look at the possibility of rolling the debt owed that we currently have on the water meters into one

note that would include repairs / updates. Thus, having only one single financing instrument. Hermes noted Bob Henderson worked with the City of Edna previously when he was with First Southwest. He is knowledgeable on the financial status and needs of the City of Edna. With the changes in personnel handling the City of Edna's account we do not have a hand's on contact person at First Southwest. Mr. Bob Henderson was present, addressed the council and answered questions as presented. Councilmember Price made the motion to approve the Financial Advisory Agreement between the City of Edna and RBC Capital Markets LLC. Councilmember Sorensen seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE CITY OF EDNA FIRE DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT A CITY OF EDNA FIRE AND EMS SUMMER CAMP:

Nick Strauss addressed the council stating the Fire Department wished to conduct a City of Edna Fire and EMS Summer Camp. The Fire and EMS Summer Camp would be a free full day local camp that would run Monday through Friday. The camp will be dedicated to exposing school age kids to what it is like to be a firefighter with the Edna Fire Department. This camp would be a good opportunity for firefighters to help kids build a sense of teamwork and responsibility. The camp would be for children who will be entering 4th grade to children entering the 8th grade in August 2015. The camp is designed to be fun, challenging, entertaining and educational all at the same time. Children would learn safety lessons about things around their homes and schools that they encounter every day. They will have short periods of lecture and lessons each day followed by the opportunities to actively participate in exercises designed to reinforce what they have been taught. Strauss noted he as a young boy had attended a summer camp and it made a great impact on him to pursue a career in EMS/Fire Department. Councilmember Browning asked if TML –IRP had been contacted in regards to the city begin covered. Councilmember Price made the motion to approve the City of Edna Fire and EMS Summer Camp based on TML-IRP signing off on it. Councilmember Selders seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER PAYMENT OF CURRENT BILLS:

City Manager Don Doering noted that item #21 was listed as \$4,161 and it should be \$41.61. Doering said he was thankful the staff caught the error. Councilmember Browning made the motion to approve payment of current bills in the amount of \$286,678.00. Councilmember Vasquez 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 not include, but is not limited to the following: Police Department-grant updates, police report; Fire Department-grant updates, fire reports; Public Works Department-park reports, water & sewer line updates, street repairs/project; City Secretary & City Manager-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 stated this is the best city he has ever worked for. Doering noted staff and council are wonderful and intelligent; he has met with department heads and the municipal court judge. **Director of Public Works Brad Ryan** reported on the progress at the Pumphrey Children's Park; there is still water standing in areas and plans are still in place to haul in fill dirt. City crews are spraying for mosquitoes and areas where water is standing. **City Secretary Becky Miska** reminded the council of the upcoming TML Region 11 meeting and asked them to let her know if they would be attending.

ADJOURN:

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

APPROVED: _____
Joe Hermes, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Becky Miska, City Secretary