

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, May 7, 2026, in the council chamber at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Lance Smiga called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The council stood for prayer led by Street Supervisor Andy Brzozowski, followed by the council and audience reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT:

Mayor Lance Smiga, Councilperson District 1 Cipriano Palacios, Councilperson District 2 Katrina Callis, Councilperson District 3 Chris Jackson, and Councilperson District 4 Mike Dodds were present. City Manager Gary Broz, Finance Director Valerie Callaway, Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski, Utility Director Brad Ryan, Police Chief Kenneth Pyle, Staff Writer Beth Foley and City Secretary LaSonya Robinson were also present. Councilperson District 5 Amanda Friedrich was absent. City Secretary Robinson recorded the minutes.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD APRIL 16, 2026:

Councilperson Dodds moved to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2026, City Council meeting. Councilperson Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS:

Pamela Hughes, Doloris King, Youlonda Robinson, Carther Kovar, Kiana Padron, Judith Barefield, Nick Strauss, Melinda Griffin

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 comments to two minutes.

Youlonda voiced some concerns about the new business on Fannin St. and how the 18 wheelers will get there. Chief Pyle introduced the new HRO Jared Pereira.

MAYOR WILL PRESENT PROCLAMATION TO JACKSON COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT ANNOUNCING MAY 6TH TO 12TH AS NURSE’S WEEK:

Mayor Lance Smiga presented a Nurse’s Week proclamation to the Jackson County Hospital District.

MAYOR WILL PRESENT PROCLAMATION TO JACKSON HOSPITAL DISTRICT ANNOUNCING MAY 17TH TO 23RD AS EMS WEEK:

Mayor Lance Smiga presented the EMS Week proclamation to the Jackson County Hospital District.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 2026-09, AUTHORIZING INTERVENTION IN AEP TEXAS, INC'S APPLICATION TO AMEND ITS RIDER MOBILE TEMPORARY EMERGENCY ELECTION ENERGY FACILITIES BEFORE THE COMMISSION; APPROVING COOPERATIVE WITH THE CITIES SERVED BY AEP TEXAS; HIRING LLOYD GOSSELINK ATTORNEYS AND CONSULTING SERVICES TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE COMPANY AND DIRECT ALL NECESSARY LITIGATION AND APPEALS; RECEIVING REIMBURSEMENT TO CITIES RATE CASE EXPRESS; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; REQUIRING NOTICE OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY AND LEGAL COUNSEL:

City Manager Gary Broz explained that Resolution 2026-09 is needed to authorize the City's intervention in AEP Texas, Inc.'s request to amend its Rider Mobile. Councilperson Jackson moved to approve Resolution 2026-09, authorizing intervention in AEP Texas, Inc.'s application (rate increase request). Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEMBERS AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz asked to table the item. Councilperson Jackson moved to table the discussion of Planning & Zoning Commission members. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

None.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER PAYMENT OF CURRENT BILLS:

City Manager Gary Broz reported outstanding bills totaling \$260,584.86. Councilperson Jackson moved to approve payment of the bills. Councilperson Callis seconded the motion. 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 are 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 Gary Broz** reported that the rain was nice, but the grass is growing, the swimming pool is coming together for the summer, and the YMCA has eight local lifeguards, the CO Project is continuing to move forward, and the City received a truckload of concrete drainage fixtures this morning, the MIT Project is also continuing to progress, cleanup last week was a success, and the City will host a small electronics drop-off and Shred-It Event in mid-July, staff is working with County Wide Drainage on easements through Edna along Dry Creek, efforts

continue to complete the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Grant, the Kleas Generator Project is moving slowly, with hurricane season approaching, staff is working on cleanup contracts and locating generators if needed, budget season is here, and staff will begin working together to build the budget, workshop dates are scheduled for July 15th and 16th, staff and local businesses are continuing preparations for the First Annual Flag City Celebration on June 13th, the project remodel has been announced, the TWDB/FEMA Post Oak Drainage Project appears likely to be funded, although it is not official yet, the City is accepting bids for drainage repairs on Gayle and Meadow Lane, bids for the building demolitions will go out next week, and brush pickup numbers are also rising..

- **Finance Director Valerie Callaway** reported information about the First Annual Flag City Celebration

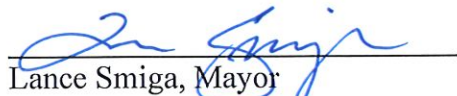
- **Street Supervisor Andy Brzozowski** reported they are patching potholes all over town, disposed of limbs cut by American Electric Power, participated in weeklong City clean-up, installed new end of the road barricades at Fannin St., S. Kleas St, and Menefee St.

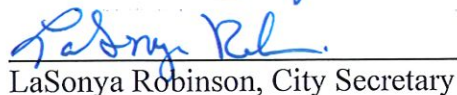
Utility Director Brad Ryan reported they have replaced check valve at W. Main Lift Station, mowed and sprayed Sewer Plant and Lift Station, pulled pump #2 at Plant and cleaned the rags and debris, made sludge boxes at plant, marked water & sewer lines AEP pole replacement, repaired water leak on Sayles St.

- **Police Chief Kenneth Pyle** reported that since the last council meeting, Edna PD conducted 103 traffic stops, issuing 39 citations and 103 warnings. He introduced the new HRO, Jared Pereira. He also noted that HRO unit 660's transmission is slipping and estimates are being obtained; unit 672 required a \$100 wire replacement. Edna PD submitted its final response for the CJIS audit, met with Edna ISD's Bill Boyd to plan summer school training, participated in the senior class "Reality Check," and attended an Operation Lone Star Task Force meeting in Beeville, Texas.

ADJOURN:

Councilperson Dodds made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m. Councilperson Jackson seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.


Lance Smiga, Mayor


LaSonya Robinson, City Secretary