

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, February 1, 2024, in council chambers 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 a prayer by Andy Brzozowski followed by the council and audience reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilperson District 2 Wayne Callis, Councilperson District 3 Chris Jackson, Councilperson District 4 Mike Dodds and Councilperson District 5 Johnny Vasquez were present, City Manager Gary Broz, Police Chief Rick Boone, Finance Director Diane Pierce, and City Secretary Sonya Robinson were also present. Councilperson District 1 Cipriano Palacios, and Director of Utilities Brad Ryan were absent. The minutes were recorded by City Secretary Robinson.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD JANUARY 18, 2024:

Councilperson Jackson made the motion to approve the minutes of the city council meeting held January 18, 2024. Councilperson Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS: Beth Foley, Jackson Co. Hearld, Velma Vasquez, John Slaton, Amanda Fredrich, Shannon Parker-TDEM,

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.

No action taken.

DISCUSS REPORT FROM JACKSON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REQUESTING FUNDS AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Councilpersons discussed the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, but because they were not present Councilperson Jackson asked to table. Councilperson Callis agreed. All voted AYE. Motion to table was accepted.

DISCUSS REPORT FROM CHELSEA CALLIS WITH THE JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION REQUESTING FUNDS AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Broz stated there was nothing budgeted for the Juneteenth Celebration, because there has been nothing ask in the last two years. Mayor Smiga asks if there is anything left in the budget to consider. Broz stated yes. Broz stated Chelesea ask for a donation of \$1500. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to approve the donation for \$1500.00. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

RECEIVE ANNUAL RACIAL PROFILING REPORT FROM POLICE CHIEF RICK BOONE AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Police Chief Rick Boone stated there were a total of 795 traffic stops they had for 2023. Bonne stated there were 118 African Americans, 4 Asians, 525 White, 147 Hispanics, 1 native American. Down from last year. The call volume for service in 2021 was 3615, call volume in 2022 was 3887 and call volume in 2023was 4047. Boone stated that their calls volume has been on the rise. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to accept the Annual Racial Profiling Report from Chief Rick Boone. Councilperson Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2024-02 AN ORDINANCE CALLING FOR A GENERAL ELECTION AND ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR SAID ELECTION TO BE HELD SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024; THE GENERAL ELECTION SHALL BE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTION COUNCILPERSON TO REPRESENT DISTRICT 3, DISTRICT 4 AND DISTRICT 5 AND PROVIDING FOR THE TIME, PLACE AND MANNER FOR HOLDING A CITY OF ENDA ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF SAME AS REQUIRED BY LAW:

City Manager Gary Broz stated that the county will be hosting the election. Broz stated the ordinance gives dates, time, and place for election. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to approve the first reading of ordinance no 2024-02 calling for a general election and establishing procedures for said election to be held Saturday, May 4, 2024. Councilperson Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

City Manager Broz stated that we are \$307,155 short to pay for the Gilbert Road project. Broz that we can transfer the money from the street rehab fund 110 to 200. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to transfer \$307,155 from fund 110 the street rehab to fund 200. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

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

Councilperson Callis made the motion to approve the payment of current bills in the amount of \$42,410.61. Councilperson Vasquez 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 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-Vice Economic Development; City Secretary-public information." No formal action taken on these items.

Gary Broz, City Manager, stated the 2018, 2019 FEMA generator notice to proceed as been given. Baseball season is starting at Shelby Park. P&Z will be February 13. There were 409 water meters installed as of last week. Water meter crew will start installing at the well meter next week. Allen water leak repairs are looking good.

Broz stated the codes department has sent out 50 letter 15 for house demo.

Broz stated the water department has fixed a water leak on Allen Street, replaced a meter on Roosevelt Street.

Diane Pierce, Director of Finance stated there were 26 new accounts, 33 final outs and 60 cutoffs. Pierce stated Vicki has been busy entering new meter data.

Andy Brzozowski, Street Supervisor, stated they have been cleaning drains on Division, Allen and Gayle. Cleaning curbs and gutters on Leila and Robinson, patching potholes and helping the water department with some of their projects and helping at Shelby Park.

Police Chief Rick Boone stated Susan has been busy with animal control. They are working on two sexual assault cases. Boone states they were notified of spray painting on bridge by the railroad. Grand jury will be next week.

ADJOURN:

Councilperson Callis made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m. Councilperson Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

Lance Smiga, Mayor

LaSonya Robinson, City Secretary