

## **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

The Edna City Council met in regular session Thursday, February 18, 2016 in council chambers at 6:30 p.m.

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

**PRESENT:** Mayor Joe Hermes, Councilmembers Doug Kelley, Wayne Callis, Johnny Vasquez, Jean Sorensen and Maxine Price. City Manager Don Doering, City Secretary Becky Miska, Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge, Brad Ryan Director of Public Works, Greg Woodring Water Wastewater Superintendent and Steve Sample Street Superintendent.

### **APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD JANUARY 21, 2016:**

Councilmember Kelley made the motion to approve minutes of the city council meeting held January 21, 2016. Councilmember Callis 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.*

**VISITORS:** Chris Lundstrom-Jackson County Herald Tribune, Velma Vasquez, Monica Pierre-USDA/RD, Dee Aupperle-USDA, Lois Dennis, Johnell Callis, Jean Dean and William Selders.

### **HEAR CONCERNS FROM MRS. BARNELL RAWLS REGARDING PIT BULLS:**

Councilmember Wayne Callis reported to the council that he had a resident in his district who expressed her concerns regarding pit bulls in the area. Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge that there are local regulations on what is considered a dangerous dog. Chief Wooldridge went onto say that he would visit with Mrs. Barnell Rawls in regarding to the pit bulls in her area.

### **HEAR FROM MONICA PIERRE, US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE REGARDING FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH THE USDA:**

Monica Pierre, Assistant Area Director, US Department of Agriculture. Ms.Pierre addressed the council sharing opportunities available to the City of Edna. Pierre went onto say that monies are available but they just need to apply to be considered. Some of the opportunities include: water and wastewater program, drainage. The Council thanked Monica for attending and sharing the possibilities for funding opportunities.

### **DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF EDNA AND JACKSON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & AGRICULTURE:**

City Secretary Miska address the council noting that after the lease agreement was approved at a previous council meeting but the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce has asked for an amendment:

a) That payment for rent for this year begin on March 1, 2016 in order for the Chamber to reorganize their funds. Councilmember Kelley made the motion to approve the Lease Agreement between the City of Edna and Jackson County Chamber of Commerce with the amendment to change the agreement to reflect the rent begin on March 1st. Councilmember Price seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

### **DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER CHANGES TO THE BILL OF SALE FOR THE PROPERTY OF LOCATED AT 317 W. MAIN:**

City Secretary Miska address the council stating that the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce asked the City of Edna consider amending the Bill of Sale to reflect the furniture, filing cabinets, chairs, etc that are in the chamber offices be considered property of the Chamber's. City Secretary Miska went onto that if the City took ownership for all of the furniture, etc. the City would be responsible for repairs and/or replacements. Chris Lundstrom-Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Board President was attending

the meeting and asked that the tables and chairs in the meeting room not be included as part of their property and but that the meeting room tables/chairs to be the property of the City of Edna. Councilmember Vasquez made the motion to approve the changes to the Bill of Sale for the property located at 317 W. Main. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM THE JACKSON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & AGRICULTURE FOR FUNDING FROM THE CURRENT CITY'S BUDGETED HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FOR THE 2016 FISCAL YEAR:**

Mayor Hermes noted that the request from the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture was a budgeted item. Councilmember Price asked that the Chamber present a list of expenditures. Councilmember Kelley made the motion to approve the request from the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture for funding from the current city's budgeted hotel/motel tax for the 2016 in the amount of \$5,000.00. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM THE FLAG CITY OPRY FOR FUNDING FROM THE CITY'S BUDGETED HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FOR THE 2016 FISCAL YEAR:**

Mayor Hermes noted that the request from Flag City Opry was a budgeted item. Councilmember Kelley made the motion to approve the request from the Flag City Opry for funding from the current city's budgeted hotel/motel tax for the 2016 in the amount of \$5,000.00. Councilmember Sorensen seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM THE TEXANA CENTER FOR THE ARTS FOR FUNDING FROM THE CURRENT CITY'S BUDGETED HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FOR THE 2016 FISCAL YEAR:**

Mayor Hermes noted that the request from Texana Center for The Arts was a budgeted item. Councilmember Price made the motion to approve the request from the Texana Center for the Arts for funding from the current city's budgeted hotel/motel tax for the 2016 in the amount of \$5,000.00. Councilmember Kelley seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. R-2016-01 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE TEXAS COALITION FOR AFFORDABLE POWER, INC. (TCAP) TO NEGOTIATE AN ELECTRIC SUPPLY AGREEMENT FOR FIVE YEARS FOR DELIVERIES OF ELECTRICITY EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018; AUTHORIZING TCAP TO ACT AS AN AGENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR ELECTRICITY; AUTHORIZING JOE HERMES OR MAXINE PRICE OR DON DOERING TO EXECUTE AN ELECTRIC SUPPLY AGREEMENT FOR DELIVERIES OF ELECTRICITY EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018 AND COMMITTING TO BUDGET FOR ENERGY PURCHASES IN 2018 THROUGH 2022 AND TO HONOR THE CITY'S COMMITMENTS TO PURCHASE POWER FOR ITS ELECTRICITY NEEDS IN 2018 THROUGH 2022 THROUGH TCAP:**

City Manager Doering noted that the City of Edna had benefited from being a part of TCAP and at times has received refund checks. Councilmember Kelley made the motion to approve Resolution No. R-2016-01 a resolution of the City of Edna, Texas authorizing the Texas Coalition for Affordable Power, Inc. (TCAP) to negotiate an electric supply agreement for five years for deliveries of electricity effective January 1, 2018; authorizing TCAP to act as an agent on behalf of the City to enter into a contract for electricity; authorizing Joe Hermes or Maxine Price or Don Doering to execute an electric supply agreement for deliveries of electricity effective January 1, 2018 and committing to budget for energy purchases in 2018 through 2022 and to honor the City's commitments to purchase power for its electricity needs in 2018 through 2022 through TCAP. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN TEXAS EMERGENCY SERVICES RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS REGARDING EDNA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

City Secretary Miska noted that there are three individuals currently receiving monthly retirement checks for serving as volunteer firemen: James Airhart, L.A. Parks and Julius A. Winters. The City of Edna is currently paying monthly amount of \$105.00 which was not budgeted. The City of Edna has two options since the Jackson County Emergency Services District #3 is formed and the three individuals served and retired under the Edna Volunteer Fire Department. 1) Pay TESRS the full amount that is calculated for future benefits of \$8,461.00 (one-time payment); 2) Continuing paying TESRS monthly payments of \$105.00. Councilmember Price stated she believes the City of Edna should continue the monthly payment because these men were loyal volunteers. Councilmember Kelley made the motion the Amendment to the Contract Between Texas Emergency Services Retirement System and City of Edna, Texas Regarding Edna Volunteer Fire Department. Councilmember Price seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER FUNDING FOR THE HEADWALL ON THE EAST DITCH PROJECT:**

Councilmember Callis noted he decided rip rap would be sufficient to finish the East Ditch Project. Streets need to be fixed instead of using the money on a headwall. Callis went onto say he went to the Jackson County County-Wide Drainage and asked if they would help to complete the east ditch. He was asked if the property was in the city and when he replied yes he was told “no they couldn’t help within the city limits.” Councilmember Callis asked the council “why are city residents paying for taxes for the Jackson County County-Wide Drainage.” Mayor Hermes and other Councilmembers said that they had been asking that for years. Councilmember Callis stated he then went to Precinct One and spoke to Commissioner Wayne Hunt. Commissioner Hunt said they could do something to help finish the ditch. Callis said he believes once the rip rap is in place that grass could be planted to help with erosion. Councilmember Price made the motion to continue with the rip rap and finished the East Ditch Project. Councilmember Kelley seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**ACCEPT REPORT FROM THE EDNA POLICE DEPARTMENT ON RACIAL PROFILING STATISTICS:**

Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge submitted the department’s annual report on racial profiling statistics. The reports 1,686 traffic stops were made in the 2015, resulting in 1,605 citations issued and 81 arrests of those stops; 22 were Asian, 197 were African-American, 582 were Hispanic and 885 were White. Chief Wooldridge said the report does not distinct between stops made on Edna residents or on people from out of the area. Councilmember Price made the motion to accept the Racial Profiling Statistics Report as presented by the Edna Police Department. Councilmember Kelley seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER PAYMENT OF CURRENT BILLS:**

Councilmember Kelley made the motion to approve payment of current bills in the amount of \$196,239.01. Councilmember Callis 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 & sewer line updates; Street Department-street repairs/projects; 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** noted that the Lakeway Fellowship Church had invited the council to attend a Jackson County Forum on Monday 6:30-8:00 p.m. to hear questions and answers that are presented to the candidates running for office in Jackson County. Also at this time the council would be recognized. Doering noted that he, Councilmembers Price, Callis and Vasquez attend the blessing of the project for the house being built by Habitat for Humanity. **Street Superintendent Steve Sample** reported drainage work and installation of culver pipes continues. Sample stated he had been in a class all

afternoon in regards to mosquito control. Information was also presented on the zika virus caused by certain types of mosquitoes. **Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge** stated he has an angry citizen that is putting nails in front of vehicles that are parked causing several flat tires. **Director of Public Works Brad Ryan** reported the Little League is getting ready for opening ceremonies. **Water Wastewater Superintendent Greg Woodring** stated that crews have been busy working on water and sewer lines at the construction site for Tractor Supply Company. Woodring added he last of the sewer line today, next will be installing manholes and clean up the area.

**ADJOURN:**

Before adjourning Councilmember Price asked the square footage of the Tractor Supply Company building. Director of Public Works Ryan noted it is 22,000 square feet. Councilmember Callis complimented Greg Woodring's crew for doing a great job on the site. Callis said he is concerned about the drainage due to the amount of dirt that the owner has moved around. Councilmember Kelley made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Joe Hermes, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Becky Miska, City Secretary