

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session Thursday, February 20, 2014 in council chamber at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Joe D. Hermes, Councilmember William Selders, Jean Sorensen and Maxine Price were present. Councilmember Justin Bonnot was absent. City Manager Ken Knight, City Secretary Becky Miska, Finance Director Olga Salomon, Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge and Director of Public Works Brad Ryan.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 6, 2014:

Councilmember Price made the motion to approve minutes of the city council meeting held February 6, 2014. Councilmember Selders seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS: Scott Bounds-Olson & Olson Attorneys At Law, Velma Vasquez and Johnny Vasquez.

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.”

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

Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge address the council stating that Sargeant Bruce McConathy has prepared and the report presented is the 2013 racial profiling statistics. Chief Wooldridge answered questions as presented. Councilmember Sorensen made the motion to accept the report from the Edna Police Department on Racial Profiling Statistics. Councilmember Price seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO CONSIDER RENEWING LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF EDNA AND EDNA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR BASEBALL AND/OR SOFTBALL FACILITIES:

City Manager Knight reported this is a ten (10) year renewal lease agreement between the City of Edna and Edna Independent School District for baseball and/or softball facilities. Councilmember Selders made the motion to approve renewing the lease agreement between the City of Edna and Edna Independent School District for baseball and/or softball facilities. Councilmember Sorensen seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

ACCEPT DONATIONS FOR SPECIAL PROJECT:

City Manager Ken Knight reported that the City has received an additional \$360.00 in donations for the special project which brings the total to \$910.00 in donations.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO CONSIDER PROPOSAL FOR AN AUDIO/DIGITAL RECORDING SYSTEM FROM AGAMA ADVERTISING FOR THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS:

City Secretary Becky Miska reported the City had budgeted \$15,000.00 for a new recording system. City Manager Knight, Director of Public Works Brad Ryan and she had met with Agama Advertising (Bryant Price) several times to discuss the City's needs. Agama Advertising has prepared an estimate "not to exceed" \$20,000.00 which means when the equipment is purchased the total may be less; this quote is for the system and installation. If council approves equipment will be ordered and upon arrival installation will take 1-2 days. City Secretary Miska went onto say that she and Director of Public Works Ryan visited the City of Victoria and had a demonstration of the equipment. City Manager Knight recommended approval of the purchase for an audio/digital recording system. Councilmember Price made the motion. Councilmember Sorensen seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER PAYMENT OF CURRENT BILLS:

Councilmember Sorensen made the motion to approve payment of current bills in the amount of \$195,296.07. Councilmember Selders seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CITY STAFF REPORTS:

City Manager Ken Knight stated results of the recycling survey reflect 2 to 1 for a recycling center; a higher percentage wants curb side collection. Knight noted he would be attending a City Manager Clinic next Thursday and Friday. **Finance Director Olga Salomon** and **Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge** had nothing to report. **Director of Public Works Brad Ryan** reported he had met with a representative of the railroad. Ryan went onto say that the railroad arms do have battery backup. The house at 823 N. Wells has been torn down by McDonalds. Edna Independent School District has been working on upgrades and repairs at the baseball fields at Shelby Park.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT CODE §551.072 (FORMERLY EXCEPTION 2(F) SETS OUT THE FOLLOWING):

At this time, Mayor Hermes asked that the council chambers be cleared except for Council, City Manager and City Secretary. Executive session began at 6:45 p.m.

TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council returned to open session at 7:13 p.m. No action was taken.

ADJOURN:

Councilmember Selders made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Price seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVED: _____
Mayor Joe D. Hermes

ATTEST: _____
Becky Miska, City Secretary