

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, August 6, 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 2 Katrina Callis, Councilperson District 3 Chris Jackson, Councilperson District 4 Mike Dodds, and Councilperson District 5 Amanda Friedrich were present. City Manager Gary Broz, Finance Director Valerie Callaway, Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski, Police Chief Kenneth Pyle, Utility Director Brad Ryan, Staff Writer Beth Foley, attorney Thomas Gwosdz and City Secretary LaSonya Robinson were also present. Councilperson District 1 Cipriano Palacios was absent. City Secretary Robinson recorded the minutes.

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

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

VISITORS:

Murphy Miller, Pamela Hughes, Budd Ratliff, Bobby Horecka, Matt Glaze, Marcy Davis

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.

Mayor Smiga gave an apology to Pamela Hughes.

CONSIDER REQUEST FROM JACKSON COUNTY YOUTH FAIR FOR HOTEL/MOTEL FUNDS AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Mary Davis, secretary with the Jackson County Youth Fair, is asking for a donation from the hotel/motel funds for the Jackson County Youth Fair. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to approve \$5000 sponsorship to the Jackson County Youth Fair. Councilperson Friedrich seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH HARRISON, WALDROP & UHEREK, LLP, FOR THE 2025/2026 ANNUAL AUDIT AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz stated there has been an update from the Texas Legislature requiring audits to be done in a more restricted time frame, meaning a higher demand for auditor services. Broz stated we need to approve the engagement agreement with Harrison, Waldrop & Uherek,

LLP for 2025-2026 annual audit. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to approve the engagement agreement with Harrison, Waldrop & Uherek, LLP. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER LEASE AGREEMENT WITH INNOVATIVE NETWORK OF KNOWLEDGE FOR ANNUAL LEASE OF BUILDING AT SHELBY PARK AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz stated it is time to renew the lease agreement with Innovative Network of Knowledge, formerly known as Head Start. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to approve the renewal lease agreement with Innovative Network of Knowledge. Councilperson Jackson seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AWARD OF BID FROM THE GLO REALLOCATION GRANT FOR CONTROL PANELS AT KLEAS AND MEXICO LIFT STATIONS AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz stated on July 29th they opened bids for control panels at Kleas and Mexico Lift Stations. Matt Glaze with Urban Engineer stated bids were received from Mercer Controls, Inc and Mercer Construction Company. Glaze stated Mercer Controls had the best bid. Councilperson Callis made a motion to approve Mercer Controls for the GLO Reallocation Grant for control panel at Kleas and Mexico Lift Stations. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION MODIFYING THE METHOD OF APPOINTING DIRECTORS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE JACKSON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT:

Mayor Lance Smiga stated that the Appraisal District has been challenged by several citizens regarding how its board of directors is appointed. Smiga said the resolution will be sent to all entities eligible to appoint a board member and will take effect January 1st. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to approve the resolution modifying the method for appointing directors to the Jackson County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Councilperson Jackson seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AN APPOINTMENT TO THE JACKSON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Mayor Lance Smiga stated that he has enjoyed serving as a board member, but he does not want to serve another two-year term. Smiga stated he has talked with Mickael Jordan and would like to appoint him as a board member for the Jackson County Appraisal District. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to approve Mickael Jordan for the Jackson County Appraisal District board. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS PROPERTY DONATED FROM DAVID ROSE FOR THE FRIENDS OF EDNA MEMORY GARDEN AND FUTURE MAINTENANCE OF PROPERTY AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz stated that David Rose has donated property to the Friend of Edna. Broz stated that Friends of Edna would like the city to do the upkeep of the property, including water and electric bills. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to approve the maintenance and

paying of the electric and water bills. Councilperson Jackson seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AGREEMENT WITH U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY WITH THE EDNA POLICE DEPARTMENT AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Budd Ratliff with Homeland Security provided information on available options if the agreement with the Edna Police Department is approved. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to approve the agreement with U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Councilperson Friedrich seconded the motion. All voted Aye

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 \$480,283.30. Councilperson Dodds 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 a miracle on Miracle has been done the street has it's first coat of asphalt, received word from TDEM that they will fund the price increase on the Kleas and Sunset generators, started paperwork for the Police Dept. generator, scheduling a pre-construction meeting for the GLO Reallocation grant, completed the application for the TWDB water line replacement grant, have a meeting scheduled to come up with an affordable plan to upgrade the Animal Shelter, Project Remodel is moving slowly, Broz stated he and Valerie are working on the proposed budget.
- **Finance Director Valerie Callaway** reported she has been working on 2026-2027 budget with Gary, 16 new accounts, 24 final outs and 3 transfers, Christmas fund has purchased a Santa sleigh and 3 reindeer from the Christmas fund.
- **Street Supervisor Andy Brzozowski** reported they have cleaned the west facing ditch on N. Colorado St., replaced two driveway pipes and installed a new drive, John has finished shredding and we are trimming areas throughout town, cleaned a ditch on Moody St. and replaced a driveway pipe.

Utility Director Brad Ryan reported they filled generators with diesel, repaired water leaks, did disconnects and reconnects, changed out chlorine bottles on both wells, and cleaned up around shop.

• **Police Chief Kenneth Pylle** reported that the Edna Police Department conducted 78 traffic stops, issued 21 citations and 98 warnings, made 6 arrests, responded to 183 calls for service.

Executive Session: Texas Government Code § 551.071, consultation with attorney on matters involving pending or contemplated litigation or other matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Entered executive session for discussion of personnel matters; and
Took no action upon returning from executive session.

ADJOURN:

Councilperson Jackson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.


Lance Smiga, Mayor


LaSonya Robinson, City Secretary