

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular city council meeting, Thursday, May 21, 2015 in council chambers at 6:30 p.m.

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

PRESENT: Mayor Joe Hermes, Councilmember Richard Browning, William Selders, Maxine Price, Jean Sorensen and Johnny Vasquez. City Manager Don Doering, City Secretary Becky Miska, Finance Director Olga Salomon, Street Superintendent Steve Sample, Director of Public Works Brad Ryan, Water Wastewater Superintendent Greg Woodring and Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD MAY 7, 2015:

Councilmember Vasquez made the motion to approve minutes of the city council meeting held May 7, 2015. Councilmember Price seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR THE MAY 9, 2015 GENERAL ELECTION:

MAYOR – JOE HERMES AND COUNCILMEMBER DISTRICT 2 – WAYNE CALLIS

City Secretary Becky Miska administered Oath of Office to Joe Hermes, Mayor and Wayne Callis, Councilmember District 2.

At this time, Councilmember Richard Browning and Councilmember William Selders stepped down. Mayor Hermes thanked both for their service to the community and to the City of Edna. A plaque of appreciation was presented to both.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO APPOINT A MAYOR PRO-TEM FOR A 1-YEAR TERM BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2015 – MAY 31, 2015:

Mayor Hermes stated his appointment for Mayor Pro-Tem would be Maxine Price. Councilmember Sorensen made the motion to approve Maxine Price as Mayor Pro-Tem as appointed by Mayor Hermes. Councilmember Selders seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS: Jessica Coleman-Jackson County Herald Tribune, Betty Jones, Velma Vasquez, Wayne Callis, Johnell Callis, Audrey Tones and Leonard Hines.

HEARING OF VISTORS:

“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 on any item which has not been posted on the agenda.”

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER REQUEST FROM THE JCYR ASSOCIATION FOR FUNDING FROM HOTEL-MOTEL FUNDS:

Mayor Hermes noted the Jackson County Youth Rodeo Association is requesting funding from hotel-motel funds in the amount of \$5,000.00. City Secretary Miska stated this is budgeted item. Councilmember Price made the request from the Jackson County Youth Rodeo Association for

funding from hotel-motel funds in the amount of \$5,000.00 as budgeted. Councilmember Sorensen seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER 2015 STREET REPAIR PROJECTS:

Street Superintendent Steve Sample addressed council. Mr. Sample stated that he, Director of Public Works Brad Ryan and City Manager Don Doering had driven around the city and looked over each street. Sample noted the list of streets that was in the packet is his recommendations only. Councilmember Callis suggested Fourth Street be considered as well. Sample explained that the list presented was for this budget year and he would repair the streets council wished. Mayor Hermes also noted that the council would be reviewing street repairs for the next budget year during workshops.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING A PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING MAY 24-30, 2015 AS HURRICANE AWARENESS WEEK:

Councilmember Vasquez made the motion to approve the proclamation designating May 24-30, 2015 as Hurricane Awareness Week. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING A PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING MAY 16-22, 2015 AS NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK:

Councilmember Vasquez made the motion to approve the proclamation designating May 16-22, 2015 as National Safe Boating Week. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

SET DATES FOR THE 2015-2016 ANNUAL BUDGET WORKSHOPS:

After discussion, Wednesday, June 3rd was set as the first 2015-2016 annual budget workshop at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Hermes stated he wished to have an executive session before the budget workshop. An executive session was scheduled at 5:30 p.m. to discuss contracts.

DISCUSS AND SET DATE FOR THE FLAG CITY PLAZA DEDICATION:

Following discussion, Mayor Hermes stated June 14th was Flag Day and felt that would be an appropriate date for the dedication. Councilmember Price made the motion to approve June 14, 2015 as the date for the Flag City Plaza dedication. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING THE FIRST READING OF CITY OF EDNA ORDINANCE NO. 2015-04 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDNA TO HOST A FARMERS MARKET AT THE PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF EDNA LOCATED BEHIND 317 W. MAIN; MARKET TO BE KNOWN AS FLAG CITY COMMUNITY MARKET:

City Secretary Miska noted that a phone call had been received from the Health Department regarding our application for the market. The Health Department noted that since our Retail Food Establishment Permit cost is \$150 then the required Food Permit for the vendors at the market will have to be the same. The City could however pass an ordinance waiving the fee for vendors of the market. Thus is the proposed ordinance. Councilmember Price made the motion to approve the first reading of City of Edna Ordinance No. 2015-04 an ordinance of the City of Edna to host a farmers market at the property owned by the City of Edna located behind 317 W. Main; market to be known as Flag City Community Market. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER PAYMENT OF CURRENT BILLS:

Councilmember Vasquez made the motion to approve payment of current bills in the amount of \$218,480.37. Councilmember Price 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; Fire Department-grant updates, fire reports; Public Works Department-park reports, water & sewer line updates; Street Department-street repairs/project; City Manager & City Secretary-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 reported that he has prepared a brief financial summary, with the fiscal year 58% over we have collected 57% our budgeted revenue and spent 55% of our budgeted expenses. Doering noted weekly meeting is held with city staff and goals have been highlight to be completed within a year. **Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge** noted that Edna High School graduation will be held May 28th and he will available for the ceremony. **Street Superintendent Steve Sample** reported that in-between rains city crews are spraying; District 2 has been sprayed twice for mosquitoes. The cost for mosquito spraying the whole town is \$1000.00 each time. Dry Creek has been sprayed twice as well. City crews continue to clean culverts from debris & leaves. **Director of Public Works Brad Ryan** noted the city pool will be open Memorial Weekend. Plaques for the Flag City Plaza will be here and installed next week. **Water Wastewater Superintendent Greg Woodring** stated smoke testing has continued in-between recent rainfall; 10-12 broken areas in the lines have been identified. **Finance Director Olga Salomon** noted she has been working on a draft budget for council review.

ADJOURN:

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

APPROVED: _____
Joe Hermes, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Becky Miska, City Secretary