

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in a regular city council meeting, Thursday, September 3, 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, Councilmembers Doug Kelley, Wayne Callis, Maxine Price, Jean Anne Sorensen and Johnny Vasquez. City Manager Don Doering, City Secretary Becky Miska, Finance Director Olga Salomon, Street Superintendent Steve Sample, Water Wastewater Superintendent Greg Woodring, Director of Public Works Brad Ryan, Assistant Chief Kurt Janica and Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AUGUST 20, 2015:

Councilmember Kelley made the motion to approve minutes of the city council meeting held August 20, 2015. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AUGUST 24, 2015:

Councilmember Price made the motion to approve minutes of the city council meeting held August 24, 2015. Councilmember Vasquez 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 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: Barbara Culpepper, Velma Vasquez and Chris Lundstrom-Jackson County Herald Tribune

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER CITY OF EDNA ORDINANCE NO. 2015-06 ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 1, 2015 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 REVISING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2015. APPROPRIATING THE VARIOUS AMOUNTS THEREOF; REVEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE:

Councilmember Kelley made the motion to approve City of Edna Ordinance No. 2015-06 adopting the budget for the City of Edna, Texas for the fiscal year beginning on October 1, 2015 and ending on September 30, 2016 revising the budget for the fiscal year ending on September 30, 2015. Appropriating the various amounts thereof; revealing all ordinances in conflict herewith and declaring an effective date. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER CITY OF EDNA ORDINANCE NO. 2015-07 AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE TAX RATE AND THE TAX LEVY AND LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS FOR THE YEAR 2015-2016 REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith, AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE:

Councilmember Price made the motion to approve the City of Edna Ordinance No. 2015-07 an ordinance fixing the tax rate and the tax levy and levying ad valorem taxes for the City of Edna, Texas for the year 2015-2016 repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, and declaring an effective date. Councilmember Sorensen seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON REQUEST FROM THE JACKSON COUNTY YOUTH FAIR ASSOCIATION TO CLOSE CERTAIN STREETS IN ORDER TO HOLD THE FAIR PARADE:

Councilmember Price confirmed that Saturday, October 3rd is the day of the fair parade. City Secretary Miska noted that is the day as stated in their letter. Councilmember Kelley made the motion to approve the request from the Jackson County Youth Fair Youth Fair Association to close certain streets in order to hold the fair parade. Councilmember Price seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON REQUEST FROM THE JACKSON COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT TO CONSIDER THE TRANSFER OF ALL CITY OF EDNA AMBULANCES, AS CURRENTLY EQUIPPED, TO THE JACKSON COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT:

Mayor Hermes stated “that he has spoken to ESD #3 and to Mr. Jones at the hospital. The ESD #3 said they would like the process to be done as soon as possible. Mr. Jones stated he would like have the one ambulance that is not painted as soon as they can to have it sent off, painted and set up for service before the end of the month.” Councilmember Kelley asked “why the City is giving them \$500,000 worth of equipment when the city is so broke that it can’t pay for its EMS.” Mayor Hermes noted “because those ambulances didn’t cost us anything.” Councilmember Kelley said “So we give them away?” Mayor Hermes replied, “that is what the people who sent us the money said.” Councilmember Kelley “but the ESD#3 and the people over there have plans to repurpose those.” Mayor Hermes noted “the ESD#3 told him last night to go ahead.” Councilmember Kelley stated “I talked to some of the ESD #3 people and they didn’t know anything about it. They said it wasn’t theirs to give away yet because it hadn’t been given to them yet.” Mayor Hermes “No, it’s ours. The people that gave us the cash were very adamant that they go to the hospital. Also, said that if this is not done it will not be looked on favorably.” Councilmember Price noted “so they are saying they gave us the money to buy these for the safety and welfare of the citizens. That is what they intend them to be used for. Whether it be us or the hospital it was their intent and purpose.” Mayor Hermes stated “That’s true. Whatever you all want to do? Let’s make a motion.” Councilmember Callis asked “what would the ESD#3 do with them anyway?” Councilmember Kelley noted “the brand new is 4-wheel drive they would make a grass truck out of it. The other one would make a rehab vehicle when they go to a fire, a place to get out of the sun and heat.” Mayor Hermes noted “the Johnson Foundation was adamant in saying no on that option. What are we going to do here?” Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve transferring all of the City of Edna ambulances, as currently equipped, to the Jackson County Hospital District. Councilmember Price seconded the motion. Councilmember Sorensen and Councilmember Vasquez voted AYE. Councilmember Kelley voted NAYE. Motion carried 4 to 1.

CONSIDER PAYMENT OF CURRENT BILLS:

Councilmember Vasquez made the motion to approve the payment of current bills in the amount of \$194,711.01. Councilmember Kelley 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 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 reported that a social media policy has been implemented this week and distributed to each employee. A drilling ordinance is possibly forthcoming on the next agenda. **Director of Public Works Brad Ryan** stated street repairs are completed. **City Secretary Becky Miska** reported that the Farmers Market on Saturday, September 12th has 15 vendors participating, live music and the Edna Cheerleaders. Meeting has been held to plan the Shop At Home and the Christmas Parade. **Water Wastewater Superintendent Greg Woodring** noted that city crews have been working on water line repairs in the street next to Speedy Stop.

AJOURN:

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