

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, November 7, 2024, in council chambers 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 by Andy Brzozowski followed by the council and audience reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Mayor Lance Smiga, Councilperson District 1 Cipriano Palacios, Councilperson Chris Jackson District 3, Councilperson District 4 Mike Dodds, were present. City Manager Gary Broz, Investigator Stacy Cavzos, and City Secretary LaSonya Robinson were also present. Councilperson District 5 Amanda Friedrich and Utility Director Brad Ryan were absent. City Secretary Robinson recorded the minutes.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD OCTOBER 17, 2024:

Councilperson Jackson made a motion to approve the October 17, 2024, minutes. Councilperson Palacios seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS: Beth Foley- Jackson Hearld, Shannon Parker-TDEM, Katrina Callis, BJ – White Trash

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-two minutes.

AWARD GRANT ADMINISTRATION FOR THE DISASTER RECOVERY REALLOCATION PROGRAM (DRRP) FOR THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE (GLO) AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz stated the DRRP has six different disasters that go back to hurricane Harvey. Broz stated they have reallocated money that has been reallocated. Broz stated that we are submitting for three different projects. One will be drainage for Gayle, Jackson, and Davis, generator for Police Department, radios for Public Works. Broz stated we have received two confirmations back and recommend Traylor and Associates. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to award Traylor and Associates for administration for the disaster recovery reallocation program. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

AWARD ENGINEERING THE DISASTER RECOVERY REALLOCATION PROGRAM (DRRP) FROM THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz stated three firms turned in RFQ's. Broz stated we already have favorable reviews for the Jackson, Davis, Gayle project, by CivilCorp. Broz stated that he would recommend CivilCorp for the drainage, Lynn Engineering for the generator, and radios are completed by there in house engineering. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to award engineering for drainage to CivilCorp, generator to Lynn Engineering, and Radios completed by in house. Councilperson Jackson seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER FRIENDS OF EDNA REQUEST FOR \$6000.00 FROM THE HOTEL/MOTEL FUND FOR CHRISTMAS LIGHTS FOR THE DOWNTOWN AREA AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz stated that Friend of Edna have requested \$6000 from Hotel/Motel Fund. Broz stated the funding is to help with Christmas lights for Edna. Broz stated the amount is in the budget.

Councilperson Dodds made a motion to approve the \$6000.00 from the Hotel/Motel for Christmas decorations. Councilperson Palacois seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER CONTRACT AMENDMENT FROM TEXAS DISPOSAL SYSTEMS (TDS) TO REMOVE BRUSH SERVICE FROM THE CONTRACT AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz stated we have received an amendment from Texas Disposal Systems (TDS) to remove brush pick up from the contract. Broz stated he has read over the contract, and he sent to City Attorney Jake Srp to look over to make the brush pick up is the only change. Broz stated they did drop the bulky from six cubic yards to three cubic yards. Broz stated if approved will begin December 1, 2024. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to approve the amendment from Texas Disposal Systems (TDS). Councilperson Palacios seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AGREEMENT WITH WHITE TRASH SERVICES TO COLLECT AND DISPOSE OF THE BRUSH IN THE CITY OF EDNA AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz stated White Trash submitted a proposal for brush pick up in the City of Edna. Broz stated he has looked over each option and would like to recommend option one. BJ the owner of White Trash stated we would need to call in the address for pick by noon on Mondays. BJ stated brush pick up would start at 8:00 a.m. every Monday. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to accept option 1 of White Trash brush pick proposal. Councilperson Palacios seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE FUTURE OF DISTRICT 2 COUNCIL SEAT AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Mayor Lance Smiga stated he has talked with Katrina Callis about holding her dad Councilperson Wayne Callis spot until May. Smiga states he thinks that she would be a great person to finish the term. Katrina Callis accepted the offer. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to appoint Katrina Callis to finish the term as Councilperson District 2. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried. Katrina was sworn in at this time.

MAYOR APPOINTMENT OF A MAYOR PRO-TEM FOR CURRENT EXISTING TERM:

Mayor Lance Smiga stated he would like to appoint Mike Dodds as Mayor Pro-Tem to finish the current term. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to appoint Mike Dodds as Mayor Pro-Tem. Councilperson Palacios seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

UPDATE FROM MAYOR ON RECENT HOUSING AUTHORITY APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Lance Smiga stated he met with the Housing Authority, and they have reappointed Andrea Ware, and they have a newly appointed member Greata Thompson.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

No action taken.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER PAYMENT OF CURRENT BILLS:

The City Manager stated that we need to pay bills totaling \$201,262.86. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to approve paying bills totaling \$201,262.86. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to second. 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 is 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 Broz stated he has concluded interview for Finance Director, and he is working on offer, interviews for Police Chief started, continuing to work with staff on the software conversion, Rise Broadband has completed its conduit burial and has started installing fiber. They have some customer online in the north side of the city, working on the contracts for the TDEM Generator's Project, hopefully the 2018/2019 Generator Project will start installation soon, have not received any information on the GCRPC/GLO MIT Drainage in Dist.2, working on easements for the 2024 CO Project, putting projects together for the upcoming DRRP Grants, TCEQ will be in the city on the 14th to inspect the WWTP and all our Lift Stations, winding up personal evaluations and everyone has received the 3%, continuing to work with VEDC and Developer on Housing Projects, Tuesday the 12th is the Chamber Banquet, City Hall will be closed Monday the 11th for Veterans Day, there will be a program at the High School at 11:00 a.m.

Street Supervisor Andy Brzozowski stated they borrowed LNRA's portable man lift and trimmed an alley between Division and Simmons St, on Simmons adjacent to the alley the dead -end part of Miliam Street off Ward Street, East Division by S. East St. intersection and on Brodie Street in front of Mrs. Jordans home. All the work were from pending work orders, cut down all the trees and brush on Buffalo Street between Cobb and FM 822 and on Cobb from Buffalo Street north to the end of the street, trimmed up the trees on Allen Street between Blackjack and Bois D'Arc Street, mowed and trimmed the sidewalks on Allen Street, Apollo Drive and LP 521, took the grad=all to Southern Field Maintenance for repairs, took the Cat Mini Excavator to Mustang in El Campo for repairs and it's 1000 hour service, shredded the ditch on Pin Oak, made sure all the drains were clean and ready for a rain.

Investigator Stacy Cavazos stated officers were dispatched to 312 calls for service from last meeting, continuing to work at the elementary crosswalk every morning and afternoon, assisted DPS, Ranger Shultz and Jackson Co. Investigators on the motor vehicle hit and run/murder case, detective Cavazos just finished a sexual assault investigation reported a few weeks ago, had another successful Halloween nigh to Main, assisted with traffic control at the Veteran's Parade, animal control number are back on the rise, and new Chief prospects has stared.

ADJOURN: Councilperson Dodds made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 p.m. Councilperson Jackson seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

Lance Smiga, Mayor

LaSonya Robinson, City Secretary