

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session Thursday, December 19, 2013 in council chambers at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Joe D. Hermes, Councilmembers Justin Bonnot, William Selders, Ray Chavarria, Jean Sorensen and Maxine Price were present. Also present were City Manager Ken Knight, City Secretary Becky Miska, Management Assistant Margarette Wright, Chief of Police Clinton and Director of Public Works Brad Ryan.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 21, 2013:

Councilmember Price made the motion to approve minutes of the city council meeting held November 21, 2013. Councilmember Selders seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS:

Connie Curtis-Kimley Horn, Kirk Cameron-TV/MGM, Tom Turk-M&S Engineering, Robin Cadle-Food Bank of the Golden Crescent, Stacy Cavazos & family, Chris Lundstrom-Jackson County Herald Tribune.

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.”

Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge introduced the newest employee to his department, Stacy Cavazos. Stacy will be serving the City of Edna as patrol officer. Following the introduction, Cavazos was sworn in.

Robin Cadle, Executive Director/Food Bank of the Golden Crescent addressed the council regarding the need for a place to distribute food on a monthly basis. Ms. Cadle noted she had spoken to City Manager Ken Knight who agreed that Shelby Park could possibly be utilized. Mr. Knight noted his only concerns were that it may be too far for those that walk to the distribution site. Also, Knight reminded council of during the summer months the YMCA has swim lessons at the pool and the parking could possibly be a problem. Mrs. Cadle also stated they were contacting Jackson County to see if they would be able to use the Jackson County Services Building parking lot. Mrs. Cadle asked for a possible board member for the Food Bank of the Golden Crescent.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER PROPOSALS FOR CITY ENGINEERING SERVICES:

City Manager Ken Knight stated he and Director of Public Works Brad Ryan went back over the RFQ proposals and would be fine with all of those that were received. However, their recommendation is KSA Engineering from Sugarland. KSA Engineering has done some work for the City of Edna previously and are familiar with the area. Councilmember Bonnot made the motion to approve hiring KSA Engineering. Councilmember Price seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE 2013-10 PROHIBITING PARKING ON BOTH SIDES OF SH 111 BETWEEN THE INTERSECTIONS OF SH 111 AND DIVISION STREET AND SH 111 AND TROTWOOD STREET:

City Manager Ken Knight along with Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge stated this area should not have parking on either side of the street due to the road narrowing as traffic gets to the intersection. Chief of Police Wooldridge added that there have been two cars hit that were parked on the side of the road in this area. Also, noted TxDot agrees with the unsafe condition and that has been a safety issue. TxDot recommends the city pass a no parking ordinance for this area. Councilmember Sorensen made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2013-10 on the first and final reading prohibiting parking on both sides of SH 111 between the intersections of SH 111 and Division Street and SH 111 and Trotwood Street. Councilmember Selders seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER CANCELLING THE FIRST COUNCIL MEETING IN JANUARY:

Councilmember Price made the motion to cancel the first council meeting in January. Councilmember Bonnot seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER PAYMENT OF CURRENT BILLS:

Councilmember Bonnot made the motion to approve payment of current bills in the amount of \$109,927.04. Councilmember Chavarria 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 repairs/projects; 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 Ken Knight noted he will be going on vacation and will be back in off January 7, 2014; will be available by phone if necessary. EMS Director/Fire Marshal Loyd Chase reported a grant has been received in the amount of \$2,500.00 from Wal-Mart, Homeland Security \$1,862.50, DCP \$1,200.00. Director of Public Works Brad Ryan noted that the street sweeper has been out and city crews have been busy with water leaks.

ADJOURN:

Councilmember Bonnot made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Sorensen seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVED: _____
Joe D. Hermes, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Becky Miska, City Secretary

