

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session, Thursday, October 20, 2016 in council chambers at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Joe Hermes presided over the meeting. Councilmembers Doug Kelley, Wayne Callis, Johnny Vasquez and Lance Smiga were present. Councilmember Maxine Price was absent. City Manager Don Doering, City Secretary Becky Miska, Finance Director Olga Salomon, Director of Public Works Brad Ryan, Street Superintendent Steve Sample and Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge were also present.

VISITORS: Betty Collier-GrantWorks, Ray Vann-RKV/Raymond K. Vann & Associates, LLC, William Selders and Jake Srp

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 15, 2016:

Councilmember Kelley made the motion to approve minutes of the city council held September 15, 2016. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE.

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, the 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”

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION FROM THE CURRENT CITY ATTORNEY:

Mayor Hermes noted that Pam Guenther was newly appointed as District Attorney. Therefore, has tendered her resignation as the City Attorney. Councilmember Callis made the motion to accept the resignation from the current City Attorney Pam Guenther. Councilmember Smiga seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER HIRING A NEW CITY ATTORNEY:

Mayor Hermes stated that he would like for the council to consider hiring Jake Srp and the new City Attorney. Mr. Srp was present and addressed the council. Councilmember Kelley made the motion to approve the hiring Jake Srp as the new City Attorney. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AUTHORIZING AN ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE PROVIDER FOR THE 2017-2018 TEXAS CDBG COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND APPLICATION SERVICES:

Don Doering reported

Councilmember Kelley made the motion to hire GrantWorks as the Administrative Service Provider for the 2017-2018 Texas CDBG Community Development Fund application services. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AUTHORIZING AN ENGINEERING SERVICE PROVIDER FOR THE 2017-2018 TEXAS CDBG COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND APPLICATION SERVICES:

Don Doering reported

Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve hiring Urban Engineering as the Engineering Service Provider for the 2017-2018 Texas CDBG Community Development Fund Application Services. Councilmember Smiga seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. R-2016-10 AUTHORIZING AN ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE PROVIDER AND AN ENGINEERING SERVICE PROVIDER FOR THE 2017-2018 TEXAS CDBG COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND:

Councilmember Kelley made the motion to approve and adopt Resolution No. R-2016-10 authorizing GrantWorks as the Administrative Service Provider and Urban Engineers as the Engineering Service Provider for the 2017-2018 Texas 2017-2018 Texas CDBG Community Development Fund. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER MODIFICATION TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF EDNA AND EDNA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

City Manager Doering reported

Councilmember Kelley made the motion to approve the modification to the Lease Agreement Between the City of Edna and Edna Independent School District. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

HEAR CONCERNS FROM WILLIAM SELDERS REGARDING PROPERTY NEAR CARVER, ERIE AND WASHINGTON STREETS; ALSO THE ALLEY AT CARVER AND SECOND STREETS:

City Manager Don Doering stated this item is to be tabled. Citizen, William Selders, had asked this be put on the agenda but further information needs to be gathered.

DISCUSS & TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONSIDER APPOINTMENT/ REAPPOINTMENT OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE:

Councilmember Vasquez made the motion to reappointment Julio Espinosa as the Municipal Court Judge. Councilmember Kelley seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS & TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONSIDER APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION:

City Secretary Becky Miska reported that Commissioners terms ended in 2018 due to a few of them have moved to the Building & Standards Commission and three new appointments. Miska went onto say that three new members have also been added. City Secretary Miska noted that the City has modified term expirations in the past in order to make them staggered. Miska suggested that Bryan's and Strane's terms be changed to expire on 2017. This would make terms to be expiring in 2017, 2018 and 2019. Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve reappointing Joan Stallings to the Planning & Zoning Commission with her term expiring in 2019. Also, approve changing Commissioner's Bryan and Strane's terms to expire in 2017. Councilmember Smiga seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS & TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONSIDER APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD:

Mayor Hermes noted that the Charter states that he is to appoint/reappoint member to the board and he would like the council to approve reappointing Dennis Ray and Marcella Ramsbacher. Councilmember Kelley made the motion to approve the reappointment of Dennis Ray and Marcella Ramsbacher to the Housing Authority Board. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS & TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONSIDER APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT TO THE BUILDING & STANDARDS COMMISSION:

Councilmember Kelley made the motion to approve reappointing Lois Drushel and Shelly Srp to the Building & Standards Commission. Councilmember Smiga seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER APPROVING PROCLAMATION IN SUPPORT OF MUNICIPAL COURT WEEK, NOVEMBER 7-11, 2016:

Councilmember Kelley made the motion to approve the proclamation in support of Municipal Court Week, November 7-11, 2016. Councilmember Smiga seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER PAYMENT OF CURRENT BILLS:

Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve payment of current bills in the amount of \$193,221.20. 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; Public Works Department-park reports, water & sewer line updates; Street Department-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 Don Doering reported that the City of Edna received \$13,300.00 in grant money from Lavaca Navidad River Authority for baseball field improvements. The collection agency of McCreary, Veselka, Bragg & Allen, P.C. have collected the following: \$9,790.84 Municipal Court, \$5,212.87 Emergency Medical Services and \$689.48 Utility Department. An email was received from Government Capital letting us know our credit approval was completed. **Street Superintendent Steve Sample** stated city crews have been catching up on mowing. Sample noted that DOPW Ryan had talked to TxDot and they will be mowing in November. **Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge** stated that the recently held National Night Out went very well. Wooldridge went onto say that Office Luis Chavez received an award at the 100 Club Banquet. **Director of Public Works Brad Ryan** reported on smoke testing and noted that several leaks were found around clean-outs near the apartments. There will be a sewer plant inspection on Tuesday.

ADJOURN:

Councilmember Kelley 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