

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session Thursday, August 15, 2013 in council chambers at 6:30 p.m.

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

PRESENT: Mayor Joe D. Hermes, Councilmembers Justin Bonnot, William Selders, Ray Chavarria, Maxine Price and Jean Sorensen were present. Also present were City Manager Ken Knight, City Secretary Becky Miska, Finance Director Olga Salomon, Management Assistant Margarette Wright, Director of Public Works Brad Ryan, Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge and EMS Director Loyd Chase.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD JULY 16, 2013:

Councilmember Price made the motion to approve minutes of the special city council meeting held July 16, 2013. Councilmember Bonnot seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD JULY 18, 2013:

Councilmember Price made the motion to approve minutes of the city council meeting held July 18, 2013. Councilmember Selders 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 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."

VISITORS: Ron Crabtree-KSA Engineers, Chris Lundstrom-Jackson County Herald Tribune

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER A MASTER DRAINAGE PLAN PREPARED BY KSA ENGINEERS:

Ron Crabtree presented a draft for the Master Drainage Plan prepared by KSA Engineers. Problem areas in the city included Miracle and Gayle Streets at the Edna High School, Kleas Street at US 59, Cedar/Martin Luther King Drive/Washington Street and Hurst, Division, Milam and Ezzell Streets. The estimated cost for the drainage improvements by the high school would be \$52,000 excluding the cost of acquiring the easement. After discussion, Councilmember Price made the motion to approve KSA Engineers continuing with the draft plan providing additional items discussed and bring a finished report to council at a later date. Councilmember Bonnot seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

SCHEDULE SECOND BUDGET WORKSHOP / SPECIAL MEETING, IF NECESSARY:

City Manager Ken Knight noted the city would be lowering taxes and a second budget workshop may not be necessary. The ESD Board will be meeting next week and minor changes were noted. Councilmember Selders made the motion to table this agenda item. Councilmember Bonnot seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF RE-SCHEDULING THE SEPTEMBER 5TH COUNCIL MEETING:

City Manager Knight noted he would be attending a Public Funds Investment Seminar in Galveston on September 5th and 6th. Knight asked the council to consider scheduling the September 5th to August 29th. Council agreed to change the next meeting to August 29th.

CONSIDER PAYMENT OF CURRENT BILLS:

Councilmember Price made the motion to approve payment of current bills in the amount of \$157,653.78. Councilmember Sorensen 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 reported that office staff dealt with a disgruntle customer in regards to closing/transferring utility accounts, but noted office staff did everything by within the city guidelines. **Public Works Director Brad Ryan** stated that streets will be complete next week with weather permitting.

ADJOURN:

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

APPROVED: _____
Joe D. Hermes, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Becky Miska, City Secretary