

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, July 20, 2023, 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 followed by the council and audience reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Mayor Lance Smiga, Councilperson District 1 Cipirano Palacios, Councilperson District 2 Wayne Callis, Councilperson District 3 Chris Jackson, Councilperson District 4 Mike Dodds and Councilperson District 5 Johnny Vasquez were present. City Manager Gary Broz, Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski, Utilities Director Brad Ryan, Finance Director Diane Pierce, Police Chief Rick Boone, and City Secretary LaSonya Robinson were also present. The minutes were recorded by City Secretary Robinson.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD JULY 6, 2023:

Councilperson Dodds made a motion to approve the minutes of the city council meeting held June 22, 2023. Councilperson Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS: John Slaton

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.

DISCUSS 2023/2024 RATES FOR EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT BENEFITS PACKAGE AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Broz directed everyone to look at the packet for the retirement plan the City of Edna has. City Manager Broz stated that we had some payouts. Broz stated that there is a 1.25 increase. They will be about \$750 per employee on average. Broz stated that employee invest five percent and is matched at 2:1. City Manager Broz stated that 60 years old and five years or you work 20 years at any age you can retire. Broz stated that we have supplemental death as well. Councilperson Dodds motion to approve the 2023/2024 rates for employee retirement benefits package. Councilperson Jackson seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS 2023/2024 RATES FOR EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE PACKAGE AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Broz informed that he has a copy of rates in front of the councilpersons. City Manager Broz states there has been a 50% increase in our health insurance. City Manager Broz states he did ask for options and TX Health gave four (4) different options to view. City manager Broz stated that the difference between plans is the deductible and the cost of plans. City Manager Broz stated that he has been to each department to discuss the changes and ask them their thoughts. City Manager Broz stated he is thinking about option number two. Broz stated that option 2 change is the deductible from \$750 to \$2500 deductible and rate of \$1021.44 a month per employee. City Manager Broz stated it will be about a \$214 per month per person increase. City Manager Broz stated the dental increased \$2.28 per month and Vision remain the same. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to approve the 2023/2024 rates for employee health insurance package option 2. Councilperson Callis seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

DISCUSS HOW TO DISBURSE THE 2023 REGIONAL MITIGATION FUNDS THROUGH THE GOLDEN CRESCENT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AND TAKE ANY ACTIONS DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Broz handed out a proposal for drainage of mitigation funds. City Manager Broz stated that \$2,124,019.00 is what we will receive. Broz stated there is no match for this money. City Manager Broz stated that \$1,062,000.00 must be spent in LMI areas. City Manager Broz stated that the remaining \$254,989.00 can be spent in other areas. Broz advised everyone to look at the color-coded map. Yellow was for the ditches that have been cleaned in the city. Broz stated blue is the area he proposing to spend the million. Broz stated the areas are Rowlett, Fannin, Yubdham, Fourth, Roosevelt, St. Charles, but not sure how far the funding will go. City Manager Broz stated that he thought about Post Oak branch, but that is County Wide ditch, so to use our money wisely let's clean our ditches. Broz stated the half million dollars is for Jackson County radio backbone. City Manager Broz stated it is to help the emergency service with their radio system to be able to talk out past the city limits and to possibly put another tower in Morales. City Manager Broz stated that these funds cannot buy new radios it just building a backbone. City Manager Broz started the with the remaining \$254,989.00 looking to work with TxDot to work along 111 West along the frontage Road the ditches there is at least 18 inches of fill in the ditches. City Manager Broz stated that we are spending 4 million dollars on the other side of Highway 59, and we want that to drain correctly. Councilperson Palacios made a motion to approve the 2023 Regional Mitigation funds through the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS POSSIBLE UPGRADE TO STREETS FROM THE PROPOSED 2023 CERTIFICATE OF OBLIGATION ISSUE AND TAKE ANY ACTIONS DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager stated that it was voted to start another CO project. Phase one is almost complete. City Manager Broz states that phase 1 CO project was North of 59. City Manager states that roads have changed streets has changed weather has caused issues. City Manager Broz issued a handout of proposed routes. City Manager Broz stated the routes are bus routes. City Manger Broz stated that Brackenridge is terrible in some places, Gayle, Miracle, Dugger and Gilbert is a major bus route. City Manager Broz advised everyone to take their list and ride those streets and rate them 1-4 and turn them in to him before next meeting. City Manger Broz stated that we should be able to complete 2-3 of the streets. Broz stated that the grant that was applied for on Miracle was not approved.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

No action taken.

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

City Manager stated that we need to pay bills totaling \$31,212.84. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to approve paying bills totaling \$31,212.84. Councilperson Vasquez 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-Vice Economic Development; City Secretary-public information."

City Manager Broz stated we are still in configuration with software. Broz stated that he met with Griffin from TDS today. Broz stated that he told Griffin that they have not been using the transfer

station and a contract was renewed for three years to use the transfer station for dumping. Broz stated we had 12 people call about missing trash cans they threw in the trash truck. Broz states he has been working on budget. Clean up will be Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday. Thursday morning the city will go around and pick up. We are working on back of building. The day of the rain there was water entering the building. The generators for Kleas, Sunset is on the final funding. The AARP Gilbert Road is moving. Still working on Brown and Sandra area.

Finance Director Diane Pierce stated we had 39 new accounts. Pierce stated we have new employee for Utilities. Pierce stated that Kim Rozner is now the Accounts Payable.

Street Superintendent Andy Brozowski stated that they have been working on drainage North of 59. Shredder is put together so will start shredding. Brzowski stated the Gilbert Road project is looking good.

Director of Utilities Brad Ryan stated they have been working on water leaks and just staying busy and hydrated.

Chief of Police Rick Boone stated he has hired two new guys and they are fitting in good. Boone stated they have started the HRO project out at the hospital. Boone stated they had a walk through at hospital and think it will be great. Boone stated that they have been interviewing for Secretary at PD. Boone stated that once Bridget is back from maternity leave, she will roll back as Patrol officer. Boone stated that once Bridgett returns, they will be fully staffed. Boone states they have been busy a lot of people going to jail.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE 551.074;
CONSULTATION WITH AN ATTORNEY ON A MATTER IN WHICH THE DUTY OF THE
ATTORNEY IN THE TEXAS DISCIPLINARY RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT
CONFLICTS WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT

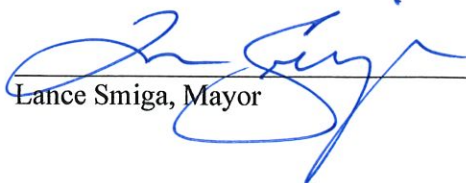
Mayor Lance Smiga asked everyone to clear the chamber at 6:58pm except for the council, Code Enforcement Samantha Idlett, Director of Public works Brad Ryan, and City Manager.

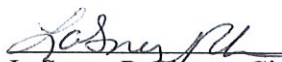
TAKE ANY ACTION AS RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The council returned to open session at 7:08 p.m. No action was taken.

ADJOURN:

Councilperson Dodds made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10p.m. Councilperson Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.


Lance Smiga, Mayor


LaSonya Robinson, City Secretary