

## **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, August 20, 2026, in the council chamber 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 led by Street Supervisor Andy Brzozowski, followed by the council and audience reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **PRESENT:**

Mayor Lance Smiga, Councilperson District 1 Cipriano Palacios, Councilperson District 2 Katrina Callis, Councilperson District 3 Chris Jackson, Councilperson District 4 Mike Dodds, and Councilperson District 5 Amanda Friedrich were present. City Manager Gary Broz, Finance Director Valerie Callaway, Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski, Lieutenant Mark Matlock, Utility Director Brad Ryan, Staff Writer Beth Foley, and City Secretary LaSonya Robinson were also present. City Secretary Robinson recorded the minutes.

### **APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AUGUST 6, 2026:**

Councilperson Jackson moved to approve the minutes of City Council meeting held August 6, 2026. Councilperson Palacios seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

### **VISITORS:**

Kim Mercer

### **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 comments to two minutes.

### **MAYOR TO PROCLAIM AUGUST 22, 2026, JOE HERMES DAY IN EDNA, TX JACKSON COUNTY**

Mayor Lance Smiga stated that he wished to proclaim August 22, 2026, as Joe Hermes Day in Edna, Texas, Jackson County. Councilperson Dodds moved to approve the proclamation. Councilperson Jackson seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

### **DISCUSS REQUEST FROM EDNA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION AND TEXANA ARTS COUNCIL TO SPONSOR TEXANA FEST ON OCTOBER 17, 2026. ALSO, A REQUEST FOR ALCOHOL PERMIT ALONG WITH HOTEL/MOTEL FUNDS AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:**

Kim Mercer with Edna Business Association and Texana Art Council stated they would like to close Main St. from 3:00p.m.-9:00p.m. on October 17, 2026. Mercer also stated they would like to sell alcohol on Ed Linn st from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00p.m. and request funding from Hotel/Motel

funds to sponsor their event. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to approve the \$3000 Hotel/Motel sponsorship, close Main St. from 3:00p.m.-:9:00p.m. and to have an alcohol permit. Councilperson Palacios seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**DISCUSS AND APPROVE EDNA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION CONCERNING THE CLOSURE OF MAIN STEET ON DECEMBER 5, 2026, FROM 2:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M. OR 3:00 P.M TO 9:00 P.M, THIS WILL INCLUDE MARKET DAYS ON MAIN STREET AND CONCLUDE WITH THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE. ALSO, A REQUEST FOR HOTEL/MOTEL FUNDS AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:**

Kim Mercer with the Edna Business Association stated on December 5, 2026, they would like to have the Annual Christmas Market and conclude with the Christmas Parade. Mercer stated time from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. or 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Mercer also made a request for sponsorship from Hotel/Motel funds. Councilperson Friedrich made a motion to close Main Street from Allen to Wells from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and a sponsorship of \$5000. Councilperson Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**DISCUSS AND APPROVE THE INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH EDNA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:**

City Manager Gary Broz we have a new Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with Edna Independent School District. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to approve the new Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with Edna Independent School District. Councilperson Jackson seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**DISCUSS THE NEW RATE FOR THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:**

City Manager Gary Broz discussed the Texas Municipal Retirement System rate for fiscal year 2026/2027. Councilperson Dodds moved to approve the 2026/2027 fiscal year rates for the Texas Municipal Retirement System. Councilperson Jackson seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**DISCUSS PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR 2026/2027 AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:**

City Manager Gary Broz discussed the proposed 2026/2027 tax rate. Councilperson Jackson moved to accept the proposed tax rate for 2026/2027. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2026/2027 TAX RATE AND 2026/2027 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:**

City Manager Gary Broz stated September 3, 2026, and September 17, 2026, will be the dates for the public hearing for proposed 2026/2027 tax rate and 2026/2027 fiscal year budget. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to approve September 3, 2026, and September 17, 2026, as the dates for public hearing for the proposed 2026/2027 tax rate and 2026/2027 fiscal year budget. Councilperson Palacios seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

## **DISCUSS AND CONSIDER BUDGET AMENDMENTS:**

None

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

City Manager Gary Broz reported outstanding bills totaling \$266,132.49. Councilperson Friedrich moved to approve payment of the bills. Councilperson Palacios seconded the motion. 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 are 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 Gary Broz** reported that a miracle will get another coat Saturday, installing drainage boxes on Progress and Division, GLO Reallocation Grant contract is signed on the two panel hopefully installed in the next 30 day, GLO MIT-environmental and designs stage, TDA CDBG-water line district 2 should get contracted by December 31<sup>st</sup>, TDEM Kleas Generator-completing install, TDEM Sunset Generator-in bid stage, TDEM Police Generator-working on start-up paperwork, TWDB WSIG-water line replacement will know if we will have money by October 31<sup>st</sup>, received 8 resumes for Police Chief, working on this year budget, continuing to work on next year's budget, had a meeting on Animal shelter ideas, receiving proposal for next year's CDBG Grant.

- **Finance Director Valerie Callaway** reported she has been working on 2026-2027 budget with Gary, Melissa with Harrison, Waldrop, & Uherek, L.L.P is scheduled to be on site on September 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, received City Sales and Use Tax Allocation Summary.

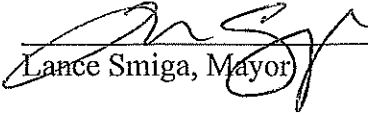
- **Street Supervisor Andy Brzozowski** reported they have cleaned the southeast facing ditch on Elm St. from Colorado to Guadalupe and replaced three driveway pipes for elevation correction, John has been shredding again, cleaning ditches, cleaned up the sidewalk on Allen St., added gravel to N. Trinity St. and the ally between Cypress and Elm.

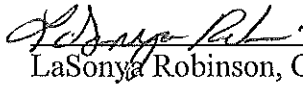
**Utility Director Brad Ryan** reported they repaired water leaks, made sludge boxes, repaired lift station pump at sewer plant, installed new meter, jetted mainline on Ward St., changed out cutoff on Gilbert St. helped contractor find shut-off valves for new line tie-ins.

- **Police Chief Kenneth Pylle** reported that the Edna Police Department conducted 79 traffic stops, issued 52 citations and 6 warnings, made 1 arrest, responded to 218 calls for service.

**ADJOURN:**

Councilperson Dodds made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 p.m. Councilperson Palacios seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

  
Lance Smiga, Mayor

  
LaSonya Robinson, City Secretary