

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session, Thursday, August 16, 2018 in council chambers at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Joe Hermes presided over the meeting. Mayor Pro-Tem/Councilmember District 2 Wayne Callis, Councilmember District 1 Dustin Muncrief, Councilmember District 3 Rick Boone, Councilmember District 4 Lance Smiga and Councilmember District 5 Johnny Vasquez were present. City Manager Don Doering, City Secretary Becky Miska, Finance Director Olga Salomon, Street Superintendent Steve Sample and Code Enforcement Officer Sheila Miller were also in attendance. Minutes were recorded by City Secretary Becky Miska.

VISITORS: John Gannon, Donny Sparks, Velma Vasquez and 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, 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.

There were no comments made from the visitors at this time.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AUGUST 2, 2018:

Councilmember Boone made the motion to approve minutes of the regular city council meeting held August 2, 2018. Councilmember Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE BUDGET WORKSHOP / SPECIAL MEETING HELD AUGUST 8, 2018:

Councilmember Smiga made the motion to approve minutes of the budget workshop / special meeting held August 8, 2018. Councilmember Boone seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING:

a) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER REQUEST FOR PLACEMENT OF A BILLBOARD BY JOHN GANNON, INC. PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT US HWY 59 SOUTH EDNA. LEGAL DESCRIPTION: A5026 GUTHRIE, ROBERTS, ACRES 10.29, JACKSON COUNTY, TEXAS:

John Gannon was present and answered all questions regarding the billboard. Gannon noted that TxDot has already reviewed and approved placement of the billboard pending the City of Edna's approve. Gannon added the TxDot reviews the billboard placement annually to make sure it is still compliance with regulations.

b) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER REQUEST FOR A ZONING CHANGE APPLICATION BY DONNY SPARKS. PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 1205 N. WELLS STREET, EDNA. LEGAL DESCRIPTION: A5085 WILLIAMS, JOB, ACRES 0.76, JACKSON COUNTY, TEXAS:

Donny Sparks was present and answered all questions presented by the council. Sparks noted is the property was zoned commercial his intentions were to place more manufactured homes or possibly climate controlled storage units.

APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

a) JOHN GANNON, INC. – PLACEMENT OF BILLBOARD

Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve the request by John Gannon, Inc. for placement of a billboard at US HWY 59 South, Edna. Councilmember Smiga seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

b) DONNY SPARKS – ZONING CHANGE APPLICATION

Councilmember Smiga made the motion to approve the request by Donny Sparks for a zoning change application at 1205 N. Wells Street, Edna. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. R-2018-8 OF THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR THE TEXAS HAZARD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE PROJECT FUNDED THROUGH THE TEXAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (TDEM) AND/OR TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD (TWDB):

City Manager Don Doering reported that the City of Edna received three responses: Urban Engineering, G&W Engineering and Arceneaux, Wilson & Cole. City Manager Doering noted that after speaking to staff he recommends Urban Engineering. Councilmember Muncrief made the motion to approve the recommendation of City Manager Don Doering to award Urban Engineering as the service provider for the Texas Hazard Mitigation Assistance Project funded through the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) and/or Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER REQUEST BY THE EDNA POLICE DEPARTMENT TO CLOSE CYPRESS & CEDAR FROM WELLS TO ED LINN AND ED LINN FROM CEDAR & CYPRESS ON OCTOBER 2, 2018 FOR NATIONAL NIGHT OUT:

Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge noted this request is coming from The Rotary Club. The Rotary Club sponsors National Night Out and it is held at the Jackson County Services Building. By closing the requested streets this will help to ensure the safety of those attending. Also, allow safe landing for the emergency helicopter. Councilmember Vasquez made the motion to approve closing Cypress & Cedar from Wells to Ed Linn and Ed Linn from Cedar & Cypress on October 2, 2018 for National Night Out. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM THE JACKSON COUNTY YOUTH FAIR ASSOCIATION TO CLOSE CERTAIN STREETS IN ORDER TO HOLD THE FAIR PARADE:

Mayor Hermes noted that certain streets are closed annually to hold the Jackson County Youth Fair Parade. Chief of Police Wooldridge added that this is the same route as always. Councilmember Vasquez made the motion to approve the request from the Jackson County Youth Fair Association to close certain streets in order to hold the fair parade. Councilmember Boone seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON PROMOTING THE CITY OF EDNA:

Mayor Hermes spoke on this agenda item. Hermes told the council that a gentleman with ties to Edna has expressed his desire to make a contribution to Edna for the installation of flag poles to be installed at the entrance and exit of the City of Edna. This particular gentleman no longer lives in Edna but still considers it home. Mayor Hermes said that the poles would need to have lighting. Councilmember Smiga made the motion to approve the City Manager and staff to go forward to secure locations for the new proposed flag poles. Councilmember Muncrief 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 \$175,414.16. Councilmember Vasquez 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 City Hall and Municipal Court had been experiencing computer updates the last few days. **Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge** reported he has survived the first and second day of the new school year directing traffic at the elementary school. Chief Wooldridge noted that approximately 600 children are drop offs by parents at the elementary school.

ADJOURN:

Councilmember Vasquez made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Smiga seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVED: _____
Joe Hermes, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Becky Miska, City Secretary