

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session, Thursday, December 1, 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: Velma Vasquez, Tina Lewis-GrantWorks/Senior Client Relations Consultant, Joyce Strelec, Ezequial Garcia and Steve Brandon.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 3, 2016:

City Secretary Miska noted that the minutes would be presented on the December 15th meeting. Mayor Hermes tabled this item.

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”

Tina Lewis-GrantWorks addressed the council stating that there will be a resolution for the council to consider on the next agenda.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. R-2016-11 APPROVING THE 2016 JACKSON COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF EDNA:

City Manager Doering noted this has been reviewed by FEMA for Jackson County and needs Council to approval for the City of Edna. Councilmember Price made the motion to approve the Resolution No. R-2016-11 approving the 2016 Jackson County Texas Hazard Mitigation Plan for the City of Edna. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER REQUEST TO CONSIDER STREET CLOSURE FROM TREY GANEM DESIGNS:

Trey Ganem emailed his request to have the street blocked off for a Community Christmas Party. They have invited lots of people from all over and expect quite a large turnout. He added that he would like to ensure safety for everyone that attends as they will be walking to food trucks and to see/hear live band. The event will be held Friday, December 16, 2016 from 7:00pm to midnight. Councilmember Price made the motion to approve the street closure request from Trey Ganem Designs. Councilmember Kelley seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER REQUEST TO CONSIDER AMENDING CITY OF EDNA ORDINANCE NO. 2006-12, SECTION 6.02.003 FROM EZEQUIAL GARCIA:

Ezequial Garcia addressed the council from 6:35pm to 7:15pm. After a lengthy discussion between Mr. Garcia and Council, Mayor Hermes noted that the Municipal Court Judge had already heard Mr. Garcia's case at which time Mr. Garcia pleaded guilty. Councilmember Kelley made the motion not to amend Ordinance No. 2006-12, Section 6.02.003. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER REQUEST FROM LNRA FOR COMMITMENT OF HOTEL-MOTEL FUNDS TO SECURE THE YOUTH RODEO ASSOCIATION FINALS AT THE BRACKENRIDGE MAIN EVENT CENTER:

Mayor Hermes noted the Jackson County Commissioners Court recently pledged their commitment to LNRA for this event. Councilmember Price made the motion to approve the request from Lavaca Navidad River Authority (LNRA) for commitment of hotel-motel funds to secure the Youth Rodeo Association Finals at the Brackenridge Main Event Center. Councilmember Smiga seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS THE EXPIRING TERM FOR THE CITY'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE JACKSON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Mayor Hermes noted that the city holds a spot on the board as a city representative. The representative must live in the city limits and it is a two-year term. The current representative's term expires on December 31st. Councilmember Vasquez made the motion to address this at the next agenda and to find out how often they met. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. R-2016-12, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS, OPPOSING ANY LEGISLATION THAT INCREASES THE MAXIMUM TRANSPORT HAUL WEIGHTS OVER ROADWAYS IN THE CITY OF EDNA AND STATEWIDE, FINDING COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF:

Mayor Hermes stated that this has been before council in the past and council opposed increases to the transport haul weights at the time. Councilmember Kelley made the motion to approve Resolution No. R-2016-12 a resolution of the city council of the City of Edna, Texas, opposing any legislation that increase the maximum transport haul weights over roadways in the City of Edna and Statewide, finding compliance with the open meetings law; and providing an effective date hereof. Councilmember Vasquez 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 \$211,528.64. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CITY MANAGER REPORT:

City Manager Don Doering noted that Santa has scheduled his visit for the upcoming Miracle on Main. Urban Engineering will be on the next agenda. Doering went on to say that he and the Mayor had attended a recent meeting at the Chamber regarding the upcoming event at the Brackenridge Main Event Center. They are anticipating 2000 people who will be staying in Edna/Jackson County for eight days for the event. **Mayor Hermes** added that the City of Edna may want to host a hospitality room during that time. **Director of Public Works Brad Ryan** reported that Code Enforcement Officer Sheila Miller has been in contact with Whataburger who now owns the property where the unsightly sign is across from McDonalds. Whataburger agreed to city crews taking that sign down. Lights were up put on the Chamber building today and should be on tomorrow.

Street Superintendent Steve Sample stated the street sweeper is up and going. Crews have finished drain pipe project at the end of Gayle and Jackson Streets.

ADJOURN:

Councilmember Kelley made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVED: _____
Joe Hermes, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Becky Miska, City Secretary