

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session, Thursday, July 17, 2014 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. Councilmember Richard Browning, William Selders, Maxine Price, Jean Sorensen and Johnny Vasquez were present. City Manager Ken Knight, City Secretary Becky Miska, Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge, Finance Director Olga Salomon, Director of Public Works Brad Ryan, Water Wastewater Superintendent Greg Woodring, Street Superintendent Steve Sample, EMS Director Loyd Chase and Code Enforcement Officer Sheila Miller were also in attendance.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD JULY 7, 2014:

Councilmember Browning made the motion to approve minutes of the city council meeting held July 7, 2014. Councilmember Price seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS: Chris Lundstrom-Jackson County Herald Tribune, Shelley Srp, Phillip Huseman-KSA Engineers

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.”

PUBLIC HEARING:

a) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER REQUEST FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FROM T. SANDLIN TO OPERATE A PHOTO STUDIO AT 805 HANOVER. LEGAL DESCRIPTION: SOUTHSIDE, BLOCK 11, LOT 102 X 164.25 FT. ACRES 0.38:

City Manager Ken Knight noted that Mr. Sandlin has applied for a Specific Use Permit to operate a Photo Studio at his 805 Hanover residence. Photos would be taken by appointment only.

APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION’S RECOMMENDATION:

a) SPECIFIC USE PERMIT / T. SANDLIN – PHOTO STUDIO

Code Enforcement Officer Miller reported that the Planning & Zoning Commission voted to deny the application because the property is zoned R-2. It was noted that fifty-four (54) letters were mailed to adjacent property owners. Responses received were: 6 – protests and 4 – approvals. Planning & Zoning Commission met on July 8th at which time they denied the request for a Specific Use Permit due to the property is zoned R-2. Councilmember Browning made the motion to approve the Planning & Zoning Commission’s request to deny the Specific Use Permit to operate the Photo Studio because the property is zoned R-2 and the number of adjacent property owners that protested. Councilmember Selders seconded the request. All voted AYE. Motion carried. Shelley Srp, who serves on the Planning & Zoning Commission and is a local realtor, expressed her opinions on requests that have been presented to council for approval or denial. Srp stated she wished there was more consistency in enforcing its zoning ordinances when considering the approvals or denials of requests. Mrs. Srp stated that in 2007 a Specific Use Permit request to open a dog grooming business was presented before council that was also in R-2. Council had stated just don’t put a sign out front and you can conduct business. Srp stated this was a concern of hers regarding the consistency. Srp continued to say there were numerous businesses in the city that were operating out of their residences, but also didn’t have a sign at their property. Her concern is if the city were going to have zoning ordinances, they need to be enforced.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO APPOINT NOMINATION FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTION FOR TML IEBP FOR REGION 11:

Mayor Hermes stated that he is currently the incumbent Board Member for Region 11 and he would like to continue to serve. Councilmember Browning made the motion to nominate Joe Hermes to serve on the Board of Trustee TML IEBP Region 11. Councilmember Price seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

SET DATE FOR SECOND BUDGET WORKSHOP:

After discussion, Monday, August 4, 2014 was sent for the second budget workshop.

CONSIDER PAYMENT OF CURRENT BILLS:

Councilmember Sorensen made the motion to approve the payment of current bills in the amount of \$55,854.62. 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; 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 commented on a letter received from Kansas City Southern which listed four (4) objectives to the proposed Quiet Zone. EMS Director Loyd Chase noted a \$2,000 grant was received from the Miller Foundation. Street Superintendent Steve Sample reported that city crews are finishing up drainage work on Pear Street; total of pipes to be installed is 20; there were several broken and silted pipes; pipes ranged from 18’ to 24’ to smaller and cement pipes; street construction will begin on August 1st with weather permitting. Director of Public Works Brad Ryan reported the trees at Shelby Park are going to be trimmed this next week. Water Wastewater Superintendent Greg Woodring reported that Mercer Construction is working on sewer line on Hwy 111 and work is about half way through.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT CODE §551.074: PERSONNEL MATTERS: CITY MANAGER EVALUATION

At 7:10 p.m. Mayor Hermes asked everyone to clear the council chambers with the exception of the City Manager.

TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council returned to open session at 8:34 p.m. Mayor Hermes asked what is the action of council. Councilmember Browning made the motion to dismiss the City Manager. Councilmember Price seconded the motion. Mayor Hermes asked for a show of hands for those voting for dismissal. Councilmember Browning, Councilmember Price and Councilmember Sorensen raised their hands. Councilmember Selders and Councilmember Vasquez did not. Vote carried 3-2 for dismissal. Mayor Hermes asked Mr. Knight to turn in his keys before leaving City Hall tonight.

ADJOURN:

Councilmember Sorensen made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Price seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVED:_____

Joe D. Hermes, Mayor

ATTEST:_____

Becky Miska, City Secretary

