

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session Thursday, March 3, 2016 in council chambers at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Joe Hermes called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Joe Hermes presided over the meeting. Councilmembers Wayne Callis, Johnny Vasquez, Jean Sorensen and Maxine Price were present. Councilmember Doug Kelley was absent. City Manager Don Doering, City Secretary Becky Miska, Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge, Street Superintendent Steve Sample, Director of Public Works Brad Ryan and Water Wastewater Superintendent Greg Woodring were also present.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 18, 2016:

Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve the minutes of the city council meeting held February 18, 2016. Councilmember Price seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

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.” Please limit comments to two (2) minutes.

Kevin Williams, resident of the City, addressed the council with his concerns and frustration as to when the ditch next to his home will be fixed. Williams stated an old water line runs through the ditch next to his home and has broken numerous times over the past year. Williams stated he has spent over \$2,000 in landscaping his yard only for it to get torn up again and again by city crews when the line breaks. Mr. Williams said his yard is destroyed every time this happens and he has to smooth the ditch out along with planting new grass. Mayor Hermes assured Mr. Williams that the council would check into what it would take to fix it. Mayor Hermes stated that is old cast iron pipe and it is all over Edna.

Bucklin Atkinson, former employee of the City, addressed the council stating that each of them were presented a packet of information and documentation which he feels shows employees stealing from the City of Edna. Bucklin stated even though he was no longer an employee he felt the Mayor and Council should be aware of things that were happening and that actions needed to be taken.

VISITORS: Lance Smiga, Velma Vasquez, Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Williams, Mr. & Mrs. Bucklin Atkinson, William Selders, Jimmy Lee Barnes and Chris Lundstrom-Jackson County Herald Tribune.

HEAR FROM NICK STRAUSS WITH ESD #3 ON THE 2ND ANNUAL FIRE CAMP AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Nick Strauss with the ESD #3 reported that the 2nd Annual Fire Camp will be held this summer. Last year the camp was received very well and they are anticipating a large number of kids to enroll this year. Strauss asked the council if the City would still allow the ESD #3 to use the Shelby Hall for a week and maybe an additional week if the enrollment too large to have all the kids in one group. Strauss mentioned that on the last day of the summer camp the YMCA allowed them to use the pool. Councilmember Price made the motion to approve the ESD #3 to use Shelby Hall for one week to hold the 2nd Annual Fire Camp. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EDNA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF EDNA:

City Secretary Miska stated that in past years the joint agreement did not have to be annually approved. But, the rules have changed. So in order for the city to cancel our joint election this year with the Edna Independent School District for 2016 this agreement needs to be passed. The agreement will then be cancelled with the next agenda item when the council passed the Order of Cancellation. Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve the Joint Election Agreement between the Edna Independent School District and the City of Edna. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE ORDER OF CANCELLATION FOR THE MAY 7, 2016:

City Secretary Miska reported that the May 7, 2016 has passed the time to sign up and as a write-in also. The following candidates have been certified as unopposed and are hereby elected as follows. Candidates will take office in May.

**Maxine H. Price
Lance Smiga
Johnny Vasquez**

**Councilmember District 3
Councilmember District 4
Councilmember District 5**

Councilmember Vasquez made the motion to approve the Order of Cancellation for the May 7, 2016. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER CITY OF EDNA ORDINANCE NO. 2016-02 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS DECLARING UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICES OF CITY COUNCILMEMBER DISTRICT 3, CITY COUNCILMEMBER DISTRICT 4 AND CITY COUNCILMEMBER DISTRICT 5 AS ELECTED; PROVIDING THAT THE MAY 7, 2016 GENERAL ELECTION SHALL NOT BE HELD; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THE ORDINANCE WAS PASSED WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE:

Councilmember Price made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2016-02 an ordinance of the City of Edna, Texas declaring unopposed candidates for the offices of City Councilmember District 3, City Councilmember District 4 and City Councilmember District 5 as elected; providing that the May 7, 2016 General Election shall not be held; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith; providing a savings clause; providing a severability clause; finding and determining that the meeting at which the ordinance was passed was open to the public as required by law; declaring an emergency; and providing an effective date. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. R-2016-02 UPDATING THE INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TEXAS COLORADO RIVER FLOODPLAIN COALITION AND THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS:

City Manager Doering noted that Resolution No. R-2016-02 was needed to updated by taking off the Fire Marshal and adding himself. Councilmember Vasquez made the motion to approve Resolution No. R-2016-02 updating the Interlocal Agreement between the Texas Colorado River Floodplain Coalition and the City of Edna, Texas. Councilmember Price seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER YMCA OF THE GOLDEN CRESCENT POOL MANAGEMENT CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF EDNA:

City Secretary Miska reported that this is an annual contract with the YMCA to manage the city pool. Mayor Hermes stated this was one of the best things the City did when they contracted with the YMCA to manage the pool. It has saved the City money and headaches. Councilmember Sorensen made the motion to approve the YMCA of the Golden Crescent Pool Management Contract with the City of Edna. 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 and bond payments in the amount of \$175,305.48. 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 working with the City of Edna is an every day. Street repair and drainage lists for next year are being prepared. **Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge** stated an arrest had been made for the individual throwing nails in numerous parking lots in town. **Director of Public Works Brad Ryan** noted that he has been working with a Fire Marshal Davis Farquhar who is out of the Houston area. **Water Wastewater Superintendent Greg Woodring** reported city crews have been making progress at the Tractor Supply Company project; manholes have been installed. **Director of Public Works Brad Ryan** noted the Tractor Supply Company maps showed a 6" line and actually it is an 8" which will serve them better.

ADJOURN:

Before adjourning Councilmember Callis asked Mayor Hermes if he had contacted anyone with Jackson County County-Wide Drainage and asked to attend a council meeting. Mayor Hermes stated not at this time. Councilmember Callis made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Price seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVED: _____
Joe Hermes, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Becky Miska, City Secretary