

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, August 1, 2024, in council chambers at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pro Tem Wayne Callis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The council stood for prayer by Andy Brzozowski followed by the council and audience reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Councilperson District 1 Cipriano Palacios, Councilperson District 2 Wayne Callis, Councilperson District 3 Chris Jackson, Councilperson District 4 Mike Dodds Councilperson District 5 Amanda Friedrich were present. City Manager Gary Broz, Police Chief Rick Boone, Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski, Finance Director Diane Peirce, Utility Director Brad Ryan and City Secretary LaSonya Robinson were also present. Mayor Lance Smiga was absent. The minutes were recorded by City Secretary Robinson.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD JULY 18, 2024:

Councilperson Jackson made a motion to approve the July 18, 2024, minutes. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS: Beth Foley- Jackson Hearld, Shannon Parker- TDEM

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-two minutes.

Shannon Parker with TDEM wanted to inform the city that there are FEMA Grants available from the April storm. She stated that Edna was not declared but can still apply. Shannon stated that Edna was declared in for hurricane Beryl, but it will be a couple of weeks before it is open to apply.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO SET A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FISCAL YEAR BUDGET:

City Manager Gary Broz stated we need to set a date for a public hearing on the Fiscal Year Budget. Broz stated that September 5th would be good, at our Regular Meeting. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to approve September 5th at the Regular Meeting. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO SET A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE TAX RATES, TAX LEVY, AND LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR CITY OF EDNA:

City Manager Gary Broz stated we need to set a date for a public hearing on the Tax Rates, Tax Levy, and Levying Ad Valorem Taxes for the City of Edna. Broz stated that September 5th would be a good, time at our Regular Meeting. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to approve September 5th at the Regular Meeting. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS RESOLUTION 2024-10 FOR BANK SIGNATURE AUTHORIZATION, CREDIT CARD HOLDERS AND OTHER TRANSACTIONS FOR THE CHANGE FROM R BANK TO PROSPERITY BANK AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz stated that we are in the middle of transferring from R Bank to Prosperity Bank and Prosperity wants in writing who will be on the account, the signers, and who will be issued a credit card. Broz stated all the information requested is in resolution 2024-10. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to pass resolution 2024-10. Councilperson Jackson seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE 2024-11 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF "COMBINATON TAX AND REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2024"; SECURING THE PAYMENT THEREOF BY AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF AN ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAX AND A PLEDGE OF CERTAIN SURPLUS REVENUES OF THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM; AND APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING ALL OTHER INSTRUMENTS AND PROCEDURES RELATED THERETO. (THIS ITEM HAS BEEN POSTPONED FOR CONSIDERATION AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD AUGUST 15, 2024, THURSDAY AT 6:00 P.M.)

City Manager Gary Broz stated that the first posting was completed today. Broz stated that we need to complete our tax information. The ordinance will be postponed until August 15th.

DISCUSS CITY FLEET AND ENTERPRISE LEASE'S AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz stated that he did not get all the information he needed to talk about for Enterprise Lease, so he would like to table.

DISCUSS PRELIMINARY CONSTRUCTION PLAN FOR THE SHELBY PARK RESTROOMS' CONCESSION STAND AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz stated he and Jaime spoke with BLS this week. Broz stated that the building will be the same shell, but the size is smaller. The building will be 36 x 52. The patio will be 12 feet instead of 24 feet, fixtures will not be stainless steel it will be porcelain. The City will complete the pad and the estimate for the pad is \$10,600. Broz stated the cost would be approximately \$319,000 and they would have it completed around the first of the year. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to approve the preliminary construction plan for Shelby Park Restroom/Concession Stand. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

No action taken.

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

The City Manager stated that we need to pay bills totaling \$171,719.82. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to approve paying bills totaling \$171,719.82. Councilperson Friedrich made a motion to second. 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 is 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-Vice Economic Development; City Secretary-public information."

City Manager Broz stated he has been working on the CO issuance we received an A+ rating, which is what we received in the last issue, the due diligence call and questionnaire with our underwriter and we will be ready to sell the bonds at the August 15th meeting, been on 2 call with the GLO MIT for the drainage work in District 2, been sifting through paperwork from TDEM on the generator project for Kleas well, Sunset lift Station and the City Hall, send letter to TDS about the contract negotiations waiting for a response, TDS had a truck in town picking up brush, working RFI's for the Reconnect Grant which is for controls at the Mexico Lift Station and the Kleas Lift Station, have not received any information on the TWDB Drainage Grant for Post Oak Branch, the GLO Comp plan/Zoning grant is moving along a preliminary report will be presented to Council in early October, had several calls about Rise Broadband and we are addressing them with upper management, the TML Regional meeting that was cancelled due to the hurricane is rescheduled for August 30th, the Friends of Edna is ready to submit the first order for the memory bricks around the sculpture, working on a permit to burn at the WWTP from TCEQ for City collected brush – Brad and Andy are working on details.

Finance Director Diane Pierce stated that Vicki is currently caught up with entering meters, working on budget preparations, software transition and bank reconciliations.

Street Superintendent Andy Brozowski stated they are actively spraying for mosquitos, welcomed the help of about 30 Jr. High students during their Youth Leadership Conference, started shredding the City's R.O. W., continuing to patch potholes, checked and cleaned all drains as necessary during rain events, mowed and trimmed the sidewalks on Allen, L.P. 521 and FM 1822, been trimming grass at various intersections, replaced 5 stop signs with new poz-loc stubs and new post.

Director of Utilities stated that they mowed Lift Stations and Sewer Plant, cleaned clarifier and orbital, made sludge boxes, took care of control issues at Guadalupe Water Well, sewer stoppage at 508 Martin Luther King, pulled pump at Division Lift Station, fixed water leak at Dollar General and in alley behind City Hall, and read meters.

Police Chief Rick Boone stated they made 85 traffic stops, 29 of those resulted in a citation, 100 warning were issued and 6 arrests have been made from the last meeting, officers were dispatched to 71 calls for service, had grand jury this week and 11 felonies was presented, responded to a mental call a week ago in reference to a mental person having suicidal/homicidal thoughts while on scene, the owner of the dog ordered his dog to charge the officer and the dog was shot, patrolling Shelby Park due to the recent mud hog donut damage caused to the property.

ADJOURN:

Councilperson Dodds made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Councilperson Jackson seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

Wayne Callis, Mayor Pro-Tem

LaSonya Robinson, City Secretary