

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session, Thursday, November 19, 2015 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, Mayor Pro/Tem/Councilmember Maxine Price, Councilmembers Wayne Callis, Johnny Vasquez and Jean Anne Sorensen. Councilmember Doug Kelley was absent. City Manager Don Doering, Street Superintendent Steve Sample, Director of Public Works Brad Ryan, Water Wastewater Superintendent Greg Woodring, Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge and Assistant Fire Chief Kurt Janica. In the absence of City Secretary Becky Miska minutes were recorded by Finance Director Olga Salomon.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 5, 2015:

Councilmember Vasquez made the motion to approve minutes of the city council meeting held November 5, 2015. 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 discuss or take action on any item which has not been posted on the agenda.” Please limit comments to two (2) minutes.

Eric Martin – Texana Ford GMC introduced himself to the council and reported on his plans for the future.

VISITORS: Velma Vasquez, Kurt Janica, Gary & Barbara Boening, Lonnie Lindberg, Jr., Vicente Silva, Eric Martin-Texana Ford GMC and William Selders.

PUBLIC HEARING:

a) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER REQUEST FOR A ZONING CHANGE APPLICATION FROM R-2 TO COMMERCIAL FROM MYRVLE L. LINDBERG, JR. FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 505 S. WELLS STREET (BRACKENRIDGE, BLOCK C, LOT E75 FT 5, ACRES 0.27)

Gary and Barbara Boening addressed the council noting their concerns regarding the request for a zoning change. The Boening's noted that several of their neighbors are also opposed to the change. Mr. Lindberg addressed the council to consider a manufactured home if they vote to decline the request to change to commercial.

b) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER REQUEST FOR A LOT VARIANCE FROM VICENTE SILVA OLVERA FOR A LOT ON E. CEDAR (BTW, BLOCK 9, LOT 18) LOT SIZE IS 44 X 145.5

Code Enforcement Officer Sheila Miller spoke on behalf of Mr. Silva. The request is for a lot variance to place a manufactured.

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

a) ZONING CHANGE APPLICATION-MYRVLE L. LINDBERG, JR.
Mayor Hermes noted his concern was it is a major street for the school buses and parents. Hermes stated he remembered when Lindberg, Sr. purchased the property. Councilmember Price noted she lives in that area feels that it should remain residential. Councilmember Callis made the motion to deny the request for a zoning change. Councilmember Price seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

b) LOT VARIANCE – VICENTE SILVA OLVERA

Councilmember Price made the motion to approve the lot variance. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

HEAR CONCERNS FROM WILLIAM SELDERS REGARDING MEXICO STREET DRAINAGE:

The council heard once again from Mr. Selders regarding the status of Mexico Street drainage ditch. Mayor Hermes stated he wanted this taken care as soon as possible.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO APPROVE THE 2015 LEVY ROLL PROPERTIES TAX COLLECTION FROM THE JACKSON COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR:

Councilmember Price made the motion to approve the 2015 Levy Roll Properties Tax Collection from the Jackson County Tax Assessor-Collector. Councilmember Sorensen seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER PAYMENT OF CURRENT BILLS:

Councilmember Vasquez made a motion to approve payment of current bills in the amount of \$132,940.04. Councilmember Callis 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 departments 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 Department-street repairs/project; City Secretary & City Manager-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 stated with the fiscal year 8% over we have received 8% of our budgeted revenue and spent 8%. Thanks to city staff that were called out in the early morning hours to repair a major water break next to the water tower. The repairs took most of the day and several citizens lost water for a few hours. **Street Superintendent Steve Sample** reported that city crews have completed putting up the Christmas banners and are working on Christmas lights. **Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge** reported to council of a child that had made a threat at the junior high school. **Assistant Fire Chief Kurt Janica** reported that restroom renovations are continuing at the station.

Director of Public Works Brad Ryan reported city crews are working to complete holiday decorations and hope to be complete soon. **Code Enforcement Officer Sheila Miller** reported that 18 entrees have been received for the Miracle on Main Christmas parade. Shop at Home has 30 vendors that will be set-up on courthouse lawn on December 5th 9am-5pm. Amber Ellis White will be singing in front the movie theater 5-6pm. Edna’s first lighted Christmas parade will begin at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURN:

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

