

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session, Thursday, October 19, 2017 in council chambers at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Joe Hermes presided over the meeting. Councilmember Dustin Muncrief, Wayne Callis, Johnny Vasquez, Lance Smiga and Maxine Price were present. City Manager Don Doering, City Secretary Becky Miska, Finance Director Olga Salomon, Director of Public Works Brad Ryan, Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge and Street Superintendent Steve Sample were present were also present.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 21, 2017:

Councilmember Vasquez made the motion to approve the minutes of the city council meeting held September 21, 2017. Councilmember Smiga seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS: Ryan Ballin, Chris Lundstrom-Jackson County Herald Tribune

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.

Ryan Ballin addressed the council noting that he and his family will be constructed a Haunted Trail for trick or treaters to venture through 6pm to 10pm on Halloween Night. Mr. Ryan asked if he would be allowed to temporarily block off the road for those hours. Council instructed Mr. Ryan to coordinate with Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2017-05 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS AMENDING CHAPTER 8.04, “ABANDONED OR JUNKED VEHICLES”, SECTION 8.04.82, “DECLARATION OF NUISANCES; ALLOWABLE STORAGE”: AND PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SUPERSESSION CLAUSE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE:

Mayor Hermes spoke out against junk vehicles. Councilmember Price made the motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2017-05 an ordinance of the City of Edna, Texas amending Chapter 8.04, “Abandoned or Junked Vehicles”, Section 8.04.82, “Declaration of Nuisances; Allowable Storage”: and providing a severability clause; providing a supersession clause; and establishing an effective date. Councilmember Smiga seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM RODNEY FOWLER TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF RELINQUISHING THE CITY’S PORTION OF THE STAIRWELL LOCATED BETWEEN 128 W. MAIN AND 130 W. MAIN:

Councilmember Smiga made the motion to approve the request from Rodney Fowler to explore the possibility of relinquishing the city’s portion of the stairwell located between 128 W. Main and 130 W. Main with instruction to contact the City Attorney to draft legal document to protect the city and for the city to be able to obtain access to their portion until upstairs passage could be constructed. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM THE FLAG CITY OPRY FOR FUNDING FROM THE CURRENT CITY’S HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FOR THE 2017 FISCAL YEAR:

Councilmember Muncrief made the motion to request from the Flag City Opry for funding from the current city’s hotel/motel tax for the 2017 fiscal year. Councilmember Price seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS / REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE BUILDING & STANDARDS COMMISSION:

City Manager Doering stated that city staff recommends the reappointment of Desmond Earls and Patrick Brzozowski. Doering noted that with the passing of Larry Horton there is a vacancy of the board. Councilmember Price made the motion to approve the reappointment of Desmond Earls, Patrick Brzozowski and appointment of Joe Foster. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE CREATION OF AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING PROPERTY OWNERS TO MAINTAIN DITCHES ADJACENT TO THEIR PROPERTY:

Councilmember Smiga made the motion to approve the creation of an ordinance requiring property owners to maintain ditches adjacent to their property. 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 \$137,431.58. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CITY STAFF REPORTS:

City Manager Don Doering reported on the following: **1)** FEMA has assigned a Program Delivery Manager to the City of Edna; he and Director of Public Works Brad Ryan are working on the numbers. **2)** Director of Public Works Brad Ryan and City Secretary Becky Miska have been working with TML on Hurricane Harvey claims; estimating \$129,000 recovery. **3)** \$275,000 Texas Community Development Block Grant is looking positive for sewer line replacement East Street between Division Street and the railroad. The City of Edna will have to put in \$55,000. The city is eligible for a grant every two years. **4)** This morning at the Safety Awards Breakfast thirty-four employees were issued Safety Certificates. **Finance Director Olga Salomon** noted the auditor is ready to start on year end. **Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge** stated his department is at full staff; the gas plant is preparing to kickoff project construction and has requested security. **Street Superintendent Steve Sample** reported that city crews have mowed every city entrance using the new 12ft mower and are going back to touch up. The patch truck crew is patching pot holes throughout the city. **Director of Public Works Brad Ryan** stated the EISD School and Little League are going to be covering the difference awning/covering at the Shelby Park. Roof repairs are scheduled to begin in two weeks.

ADJOURN:

Mayor Hermes stated the entire city staff did wonderful job on cleanup. Hermes commented that he doesn't believe people realize how much they go above and beyond on their jobs. Councilmember Price made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVED: _____
Joe Hermes, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Becky Miska, City Secretary