

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, September 5, 2024, in council chambers at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Lance Smiga 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: Mayor Lance Smiga, 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, Investigator Derrick Bermea, Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski, Finance Director Diane Peirce, Utility Director Brad Ryan, Park Supervisor Jaime Liepe and City Secretary LaSonya Robinson were also present. The minutes were recorded by City Secretary Robinson.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AUGUST 15, 2024, AND BUDGET MEETING HELD AUGUST 28, 2024:

Councilperson Callis made a motion to approve the August 15, 2024, and budget meeting held August 28, 2024, minutes. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

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

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 issued paperwork for generators. Shannon stated that the grant is a 75%-25% match. Shannon stated application closes in March.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM THE JACKSON COUNTY YOUTH FAIR BOARD FOR FUNDING FROM THE CURRENT CITY’S BUDGETED HOTEL/MOTEL FOR THE 2024 FISCAL YEAR:

Brad Ryan stated Jackson County Youth Fair is asking for donations from hotel/motel funds for the October fair. The city has been donating \$5000 each year from hotel/motel fund. Ryan also stated they will need the road closed for the Jackson County Parade on October 5, 2024. Councilperson Palacios made a motion to close the highway for October 5, 2024, and to donate \$5000 to the Jackson County Youth Fair. Councilperson Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 2024-11 UPDATING THE CITY OF EDNA’S INVESTMENT POLICY AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz stated that the investment policy has not been updated since April 2022. Broz stated that it should be updated yearly. Councilperson Callis made a motion to approve resolution 2024-11 updating the city of Edna’s investment policy. Councilperson Palacios seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER ENGINEER SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH LYNN ENGINEERING TO CONDUCT A PROJECT OF EMERGENCY GENERATORS THROUGH TDEM GRANT AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz stated this is a TDEM grant for Kleas water well, Sunset lift station and possibly City Hall. Broz stated we hired Lynn Engineering to complete the application and now we need an agreement to finish. Broz stated there is a \$37,000 cap. Councilperson Palacios made a motion to approve

to work in RFI's for the GLO-MIT Grant in District 2 for drainage, waiting on 55 water meters to be shipped to complete the meter project, continuing to move with software project-staff training and implementation, working on closing out SECO Grant, working on paperwork for the September 15th delivery of the CO money, working with Jamie on putting together a list of our surplus equipment to sell along with the old meters, working with Traylor on new GLO Disaster Grants for generator at PD, City Hall and drainage on Jackso and Gayle, the Concession Stand/Restroom project has started BLS is working and the Street Department did a good job on the pad construction, working on a Mural Ordinance for the City to be in the loop when a mural is going to be painted in Edna, everyone has a copy of the fee schedule, please look over it and make comments by next Friday, the staff is also working on this project and will discuss at the meeting on the 19th, received response from TDS this morning, there were 2 proposals one is giving us .90 to get of the business for picking up brush or add \$31.42 a month the \$25.97 which would be \$57.39 per month and they would pick up everything, will discuss again at the 19th meeting.

Finance Director Diane Pierce stated that Vicki has 139 meter left and project will be completed, there were 81 cut offs, 23 final outs, 38 new accounts, 66 reconnects, Kim R attended an online purchase order training for new software, working on budget and training.

Street Superintendent Andy Brozowski stated they are patching potholes, mowed and trimmed sidewalks on Apollo, main, Allen, and Mircle Drive, shredding the City R.O.W, installing a driveway on Glendale St., made site preparation for the proposed concession stand/restrooms at Shelby Park, trimming and mowing behind shredding operations, removed a large hackberry tree of Roosevelt St, finished installing some pipe on Dewberry Lane, and had picked up advertisement sign throughout the City.

Director of Utilities stated that they are working on lead and copper line survey, reading meters, mowed Lift Stations and Sewer Plant, clarifier is back online and working well, Washington and Carver 6" water leak repaired, 815 Buttercup 6" water leak repaired, Washington and Harris 6" water leak repaired, Flournoy water leak repaired, took water samples, 508 Frank Whit Sewer Line repaired.

Parks Supervisor Jamie Liepe stated they have been mowing, broke ground on new concession/restroom at Shelby Park, working on estimates for pool repairs.

Police Chief Rick Boone stated they made 100 traffic stops, 48 of those resulted in a citation, 85 warning were issued and 11 arrests have been made from the last meeting, officers have been monitoring crosswalk in front of the elementary school, assisted DPS in a single role over crash Hwy 59 Lavaca Rive Bridge, travelled to Arizona with Judge Sklar and 4 other individuals selected as member of our new Jackso County One team, animal control has adopted out 4 dogs this week and euthanized 2 number are down, but close to full capacity, partnering with DPS and the County in working some local narcotic investigations, officers are continuing to work traffic at Main and Wells and other know problem areas.

ADJOURN:

Councilperson Dodds made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 p.m. Councilperson Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

Lance Smiga, Mayor

LaSonya Robinson, City Secretary