

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session, Thursday, November 2, 2017 in council chamber 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 and Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge were also present.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 2, 2017:

Councilmember Price made the motion to approve minutes of the city council meeting held November 2, 2017. Councilmember Smiga 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, 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.

VISITORS: Chris Lundstrom-Jackson County Herald Tribune, Velma Vasquez, Joe Yaws, Laura Urbina, Destiny Jordan

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2017-05 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS AMENDING CHAPTER 8, “OFFENSE AND NUISANCES”, ARTICLE 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 Price made the motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2017-05 an ordinance of the City of Edna, Texas amending Chapter 8, “Offenses and Nuisances” Article 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 APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION:

There were no recommendations for the appointment at this time. Councilmember Smiga made the motion to table this agenda item. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM YKC COMMUNICATION FOR THE CITY OF EDNA TO CONSIDER LEAVING THE EQUIPMENT IN PLACE AS A REDUNDANT/ALTERNATE MEANS OF COMMUNICATIONS FOR CRITICAL CUSTOMERS SUCH AS THE COUNTY AND THE CITY:

City Manager Doering noted that YKC Communication had been instrumental in keeping first responders in operation during the storm. Councilmember Price made the motion to approve the request from YKC Communication for the City of Edna to consider leaving the equipment in place as a redundant/alternate means of communication for critical customers such as the county and the city. Councilmember Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

HEAR REQUEST FROM LAURA URBINA (GARZA) FOR THE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER PLACEMENT OF A MANUFACTURED HOME THAT IS MORE THAN EIGHT (8) YEARS OLD IN THE CITY LIMITS ON HER LOT AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Laura Urbina addressed the council asking if they would reconsider her request to replace her 1981 manufactured home that is 924 sq. feet with a 1993 double-wide manufactured home that is 1640 sq. feet. Ms. Urbina said she knows that the 1993 home needs repairs and they are willing to bring everything up

to code. Mayor Hermes noted that when all this began he didn't understand that the ordinance in place would prohibit them for moving one in basically across the fence line. Councilmember Price made note that the city has denied several other requests for placement of manufactured homes that have been older than eight years. Price went on to say that it would be not be in the best interest to allow one citizen to go against the ordinance while others were turned away. Councilmember Callis, Councilmember Muncrief, Councilmember Smiga and Councilmember Vasquez all made comments that the City has an ordinance and guidelines in place and that the City should abide by them. While each councilmember understood her wish to have a bigger home it could not be allowed to be installed in another location in the city limits. Councilmember Callis made the motion to deny the request from Laura Urbina (Garza) for the council to consider placement of a manufactured home that is more than eight (8) years old in the city limits on her lot and take any action deemed necessary. Councilmember Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER PAYMENT OF CURRENT BILLS:

Councilmember Vasquez made the motion to approve payment of current bills in the amount of \$215,966.24. 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 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; Code Enforcement-progress reports on code issues." No formal action can be taken on these items.

City Manager Don Doering reported that things are going better than good within the city. **1)** A letter was received from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs regarding Notification of Allocation of Housing Tax Credits for The Post Oak housing complex to begin construction in the near future. **2)** The City received approximately \$100,000 from Texas Municipal League Insurance to be used towards the needed repairs due to Hurricane Harvey. Staff has been working with FEMA and the City may possibly receive another \$100,000. **Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge** noted things are normal in his department. **Finance Director Olga Salomon** stated she is working on TML audit. **Director of Public Works Brad Ryan** reported that the roof on the Municipal Court is 90% done and work begins on City Hall starts tomorrow.

ADJOURN:

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