

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session Thursday, January 16, 2014 in council chambers at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Joe D. Hermes, Councilmember Justin Bonnot, William Selders, Ray Chavarria, Jean Sorensen and Maxine Price were present. City Manager Ken Knight, City Secretary Becky Miska, Finance Director Olga Salomon, Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge, Director of Public Works Brad Ryan and EMS Director/Fire Marshal Loyd Chase were also present.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD DECEMBER 19, 2013:

Councilmember Price made the motion to approve minutes of the city council meeting held December 19, 2013. Councilmember Chavarria seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS: David L. Webel, Gene Kruppa-BEFCO Engineers and Millie Diaz-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, City Council may not discuss or take action on any item which has not been posted on the agenda.”

There were no comments.

HEAR REPORT FROM BEFCO ENGINEERS REGARDING THE PROPOSED QUIET ZONE:

Gene Kruppa with BEFCO Engineering, Inc. presented council with the study and report recently done on East Street, SH O111, Allen Street, Pumphrey Street, Colorado and FM 1822 crossings. Preliminary reports were also distributed and each one reflected where the traversable medians would be installed. Kruppa answered questions as presented by council. Councilmember Bonnot made the motion to proceed with the Notice of Intent. Councilmember Price seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION FOR THE CITY’S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE JACKSON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND AGRICULTURE BOARD:

Councilmember Price made the motion to accept Justin Bonnot’s resignation as the City’s representative on the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture Board. Councilmember Sorensen seconded the motion. Councilmembers Chavarria and Selders voted AYE. Councilmember Bonnot abstained. Vote carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO THE JACKSON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & AGRICULTURE BOARD TO SERVE AS THE CITY OF EDNA’S REPRESENTATIVE:

This item was tabled.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO CONSIDER CITY COUNCIL TO ORDER A GENERAL ELECTION FOR MAY 10, 2014 AND AUTHORIZING MAYOR HERMES TO SIGN THE ELECTION ORDER:

Councilmember Bonnot made the motion to approve the council to order a general election for May 10, 2014 and authorize Mayor Hermes to sign the election order. Councilmember Chavarria seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER CITY OF EDNA ORDINANCE NO. 2014-01 CALLING FOR A GENERAL ELECTION TO THE OFFICES OF COUNCILMEMBER DISTRICT 3, DISTRICT 4 AND DISTRICT 5 AND PROVIDING FOR ELECTION OFFICIALS AND THE TIME, PLACE AND MANNER FOR HOLDING A CITY OF EDNA ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF SAME:

Councilmember Price made the motion to approve City of Edna Ordinance No. 2014-01 calling for a General Election to the offices of Councilmember District 3, District 4 and District 5 and providing for election officials and the time, place and manner for holding a City of Edna election; and providing notice of same. Councilmember Sorensen seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO APPROVE REQUEST FROM THE JACKSON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & AGRICULTURE FOR THE CURRENT CITY'S BUDGETED HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FUNDING FOR THE FIRST HALF OF THE 2014 FISCAL YEAR:

Councilmember Price made the motion to approve request for funding from the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture for the current city's budgeted hotel/motel tax for the first half of the 2014 fiscal year in the amount of \$7,500.00. Councilmember Bonnot seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER PAYMENT OF CURRENT BILLS:

Councilmember Sorensen made the motion to approve payment of current bills in the amount of \$149,058.68. Councilmember Chavarria seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION FROM COUNCILMEMBER:

District 5 Councilmember Ray Chavarria submitted his resignation effective January 17, 2014. Councilmember Chavarria thanked the citizens who elected him to serve as their representative and the city council for the ability to work with them towards the betterment of the City of Edna. Councilmember Chavarria went onto say he has accepted a job opportunity and will be moving to California within the next three weeks. Councilmember Price made the motion to accept Ray Chavarria's resignation. Councilmember Selders seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT CODE §551.073 (formly Exception 2 f) sets out the following:

CONDUCT CLOSED MEETING TO DISCUSS AND APPROVE GIFT FOR A SPECIAL PROJECT

At this time, visitors left the council chambers. City council along with city manager met in council chambers.

TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilmember Bonnot made the motion to accept gift for a special project, spend accepted gift for special project and move forward on the disposition of the house located at 823 N. Wells Street. Councilmember Price 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; Fire Department-grant updates, fire reports; Public Works Department-park reports, water & sewer line updates, street repairs/projects; City Manager & City Secretary-public information; Finance Director-financial report; Code Enforcement-progress reports on code issues. No formal action can be taken on these items.”

City Manager Ken Knight reported the City of Edna’s annual “Spring Cleanup” will be held April 11th-12th.

ADJOURN:

Councilmember Bonnot made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Price seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVED: _____
Mayor Joe D. Hermes

ATTEST: _____
Becky Miska, City Secretary