

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session, Thursday, August 21, 2014 in council chambers at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Joe D. Hermes called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Councilmember Richard Browning, William Selders, Maxine Price, Jean Sorensen and Johnny Vasquez were present. City Secretary Becky Miska, Finance Director Olga Salomon, EMS Director Loyd Chase, Street Superintendent Steve Sample, Water Wastewater Superintendent Greg Woodring, Director of Public Works Brad Ryan and Bruce McConathy-Sergeant/Edna Police Department.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AUGUST 7, 2014:

Councilmember Sorensen made the motion to approve the minutes of the city council meeting held August 7, 2014. Councilmember Price seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS: Chris Lundstrom-Jackson County Herald Tribune, Velma Vasquez, Jeannette Stafford, Harrison Stafford II, Jim French, David L. Webel

HEARING OF VISITORS:

“At this time, 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.”

PUBLIC HEARING:

**a) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER REQUEST FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT
JOE HERMES & HARRISON STAFFORD TO OPERATE A WEDDING CHAPEL AND
RECEPTION HALL. LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOT 3, 4, 5,6 BLOCK: 9 MARVIN’S
ADDITION:**

Mayor Joe Hermes requoozed himself, stepped down from the council table and sat in the audience. Harrison Stafford II addressed the council noting their plans for the wedding chapel and reception hall.

APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE THE PLANNING & ZONING COMISSION’S RECOMMENDATION:

**a) SPECIFIC USE PERMIT: WEDDING CHAPEL AND RECEPTION HALL /
RESTORE CHURCH BUILT IN 1908**

The Planning & Zoning Commission me on August 12th at which time they voted to approve the request for a Specific Use Permit. Councilmember Browning made the motion to approve the request for a Specific Use Permit to operate a Wedding Chapel and Reception Hall / Restore Church Built in 1908 as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission. Councilmember Selders seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE FIRST READING OF CITY OF EDNA ORDINANCE NO. 2014-09 UPDATING FLOOD PLAIN ORDINANCE TO COMPLY WITH NEW FEMA MAPS:

Councilmember Price made the motion to approve the first reading of City of Edna Ordinance No. 2014-09 updating Flood Plain Ordinance to comply with new FEMA maps. Councilmember Sorensen seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE APPOINTMENT / REAPPOINTMENT OF TWO REPRESENTATIVES (ONE REPRESENTATIVE WILL ALSO BE A BOARD MEMBER) TO THE GOLDEN CRESCENT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Councilmember Browning made the motion to approve the reappointment of Johnny Vasquez and Jean Anne Sorensen as representatives to the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission General Assembly. Councilmember Price seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON REQUEST FROM THE JACKSON COUNTY YOUTH FAIR ASSOCIATION TO CLOSE CERTAIN STREETS IN ORDER TO HOLD THEIR PARADE:

Councilmember Price made the motion to approve the request from the Jackson County Youth Fair Association to close certain streets in order to hold their parade. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER PAYMENT OF CURRENT BILLS:

Councilmember Browning made the motion to approve payment of current bills in the amount of \$245,116.65. Councilmember Selders 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.”

Steve Sample–Street Superintendent reported that city crews have finished street repairs on Vanderbilt; work will now begin on Gilbert and Asbeck. **Greg Woodring–Water Wastewater Superintendent** stated there have been several water leak repairs due to the extremely dry conditions; several more houses being built in the Meadows Subdivision and around other areas in town.

ADJOURN:

Mayor Hermes reported that a letter has been received from Texas Department of Agriculture approved a Community Development Fund program award for the City of Edna in the amount of \$275,000.00 in support of sewer system improvements.

Councilmember Browning made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Selders seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVED: _____
Joe D. Hermes, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Becky Miska, City Secretary