

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, August 3, 2023, 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 a moment of silence, Andy Brzozowski said a prayer, followed by the council and audience reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilperson District 1 Cipriano Palacios, Councilperson District 2 Wayne Callis, Councilperson District 3 Chris Jackson, and Councilperson District 5 Johnny Vasquez were present, City Manager Gary Broz, Director of Utilities Brad Ryan, Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski and City Secretary Sonya Robinson were also present. Councilperson District 4 Mike Dodds, Chief of Police Rick Boone, Finance Director Diane Pierce, were absent. The minutes were recorded by City Secretary Robinson.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD JULY 20, 2023:

Councilperson Vasquez made the motion to approve the minutes of the city council meeting held August 3, 2023. Councilperson Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS: Shannon Parker with TDEM, John Slaton, Velma Vasquez, Kim Shook, Jonas Titus

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.

Visitor Kim Shook stated that she wants a 2014 permit for the 301 W Church address when the previous owners made changes.

PUBLIC HEARING: DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR AN OVERFLOW PARKING LOT. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED ON THE CORNER OF ALLEN AND HICKORY STREET. LEGAL DESCRIPTION: BLLCK 26, LOT 9-10-11 ACRES 0.48.

City Secretary Sonya Robinson stated there were 24 letters mailed out to residents in a 500 ft radius and there were four letters returned. Robinson stated that 2 of the letters were to approve parking and the other two were protesting parking. Robinson stated that the overflow of parking went to Planning and Zoning on July 27, 2023 and it was passed. Councilperson Palacios asked if they have plans or drawings for the parking lot. Robinson advised we have not drawings of what the next is, but before they make any changes, we will need drawing and they will have to have permits. Mayor Smiga asks if Planning and Zoning was all in favor for approval and Robinson advised him yes.

APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE THE OVERFLOW PARKING LOT APPLICATION FROM PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED ON THE CORNER OF ALLEN AND HICKORY STREET. LEGAL DESCRIPTION: BLLCK 26, LOT 9-10-11 ACRES 0.48:

Councilperson Callis made a motion to approve the overflowing parking lot application for the corner of Allen and Hickory. Councilperson Jackson seconded the motion. Councilperson Vasquez and Councilperson Palacios voted for Nay. Mayor Smiga stated since there is a tie he would have to vote. Mayor Smiga voted Aye. Motion carried 3:2.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION:

City Manager Broz stated that we have two spots that need to be filled. Broz stated that John Slaton and Chelesa Vann would like to serve on the planning and zoning committee. Councilperson Palacio made a

motion to approve John Slaton and Chelsea Vann for planning and zoning commission. Councilperson Jackson seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO SET A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FISCAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF EDNA:

City Manager Broz stated he would like to set September 7, 2023 as the public hearing. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to approve September 7, 2023 as the date for the public hearing for the fiscal budget for the City of Edna. Councilperson Palacios seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO SET A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE TAX RATE, TAX LEVY AND LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF EDNA:

City Manager Broz stated that he would like to set September 7, 2023. Councilperson Palacios made a motion to approve September 7, 2023 for public hearing on the tax rate, tax levy and levying ad valorem taxes for the City of Edna. Councilperson Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

Pass

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER PAYMENT OF CURRENT BILLS:

Councilperson Jackson made the motion to approve the payment of current bills in the amount of \$13,001.55. Councilperson Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CITY STAFF REPORTS:

"At this time, City Council will hear reports / updates on all committees or department assignments which may include, but is not limited to the following: City Manager-grants, projects, public information; Finance Director-finance & department reports; Police Department-grant updates, police reports; Director of Utilities-park reports, water & sewer updates; Street Department-repairs/projects; Code Enforcement-progress reports; Jonas Titus-Vice Economic Development; City Secretary-public information." No formal action taken on these items.

Gary Broz, City Manager stated that August 23, 2023 is the 56 annual general assembly Golden Crescent Regional planning commission in Cuero at 6pm and if you want to attend let him know. Mike Dodds is the general assembly rep. Councilperson Palacios is the alternate general rep. Software conversion is still in process. The north side project is moving pavers, digging up streets and working on curbs. The migration grant is moving along. The North Kleas project will go back to building and standards on August 15, 2023.

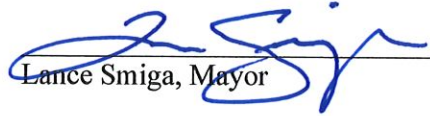
Joanas Titus, with VEDC states they will have a new member joining their team. Joanas states City of Port Lavaca and Calhoun County has joined VEDC. Joanas states that Seadrift will have a 500-million-dollar activity coming. Joanas states that it will be the only one in the United States. Jonas states that the business will be items used for technically. We will no longer have to order from China. First Ammonia will be coming to Victoria. Jonas states that they met with a big landowner here in Edna about some things. Jonas states they met last week about a commercial project here in Edna and the housing division.

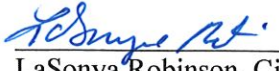
Street Superintendent Andy Brozowski stated that they had almost finished drainage on Sandra Street. Brozowski states they been scraping grass off some streets.

Director of Utilities Brad Ryan stated they have a couple guys in school. Ryan stated that they have been staying busy.

ADJOURN:

Councilperson Callis made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m. Councilperson Jackson seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.


Lance Smiga, Mayor


LaSonya Robinson, City Secretary