

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session Thursday, November 21, 2013 in council chambers at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pro-Tem Maxine Price presided over the meeting in the absence of Mayor Joe Hermes. Councilmembers Jean Sorensen and William Selders were present. Councilmembers Justin Bonnot and Ray Chavarria were absent. City Manager Ken Knight, Management Assistant Margarette Wright, Finance Director Olga Salomon, Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge, EMS Director Loyd Chase and Director of Public Works Brad Ryan. City Secretary Becky Miska was not present.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 7, 2013:

Councilmember Selders made the motion to approve minutes of the city council meeting held November 7, 2013. Councilmember Sorensen 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, City Council may not discuss or take action on any item which has not been posted on the agenda.”

Philip, Kent Wu, Alan Draper, Janis Young, Chris Claunch, Duane Barrett, John Peterson, Jose Maldonado, Marty Paris, Connie Curtis, David Webel, Thomas Turk, Bradley C. Loehr-BEFCO Engineering, Joseph Willrich-BEFCO Engineering and Chris Lundstrom-Jackson County Herald Tribune.

David Webel addressed the council in regards to the status of the proposed Quiet Zone. City Manager Ken Knight stated that Director of Public Works Brad Ryan will be meeting with BEFCO Engineering on November 19th to walk each crossing to gather information as part of the report. Councilmember Ray Chavarria stated he has the most people living near the railroad tracks in his district. Chavarria noted the largest portion of the safety poles would at crossings in his district also.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER WAIVING VENDOR PERMIT FEE DURING KCS 13TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY EXPRESS PROJECT:

City Manager Ken Knight reported that Monday, December 2, 2013 the Holiday Express Train will be stopping in Edna. City Manager Knight noted that the merchants have organized a community event and have asked the city to consider waiving the vendor fees. Councilmember Sorensen made the motion to approve waiving the vendor permit fee during KCS 13th Annual Holiday Express Project. Councilmember Selders seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER PROPOSALS FOR CITY ENGINEERING SERVICES:

John Patterson-HDR Engineering stated he has been in the business for twenty-nine (29) years and he would travel to Edna as needed within a four (4) hour window. Mr. Patterson also noted when contacted he would respond within the hour.

Thomas Turk, Senior Project Manager-M&S Engineering, addressed the council outlining what services his firm could provide for the City. Turk added that they usually work for cities with the population of Edna instead larger ones.

Philip Huseman-KSA Engineering stated that the KSA has provided services for the City of Edna on other projects and they are familiar with what the city needs. Alan Draper was also present.

Connie Curtis and Marty Paris with Kimley Horn noted their company is located in the Houston area. If selected Connie and Marty would be working directly for the city.

Joseph Woolrich and Bradley Loeher both representing BEFCO Engineering stated they had thirty (30) years experienced and are also familiar with the city and their needs. They too would be available as needed by phone, email or in person.

After hearing presentations, City Manager Ken Knight asked that this item be tabled until the December 7, 2013 meeting. Knight stated he and Director of Public Works Brad Ryan would make a recommendation at the next council meeting.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO THE JACKSON CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT FOR A FULL TWO YEAR TERM BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2014:

Councilmember Sorensen made the motion to approve appointing Tommy Srp to the Jackson Central Appraisal District Board for a full two year term beginning January 1, 2014. Councilmember Selders 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 \$147,682.23. 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.”

City Manager Ken Knight stated he received a letter the cable provider, New Wave; Monday, December 2nd Christmas train will be stopping in Edna; Thursday, December 5th will be the employee Christmas luncheon and annual service awards will be presented. **Director of Public Works Brad Ryan** reported there was a sewer stomp with extensive problems at Dry Creek at Cedar Street with cost around \$10,000.00. Mercer Construction will complete the project.

ADJOURN:

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

APPROVED: _____
Maxine Price, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST: _____
Margarette Wright, Management Assistant

