

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session, Monday, October 6, 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. Councilmembers Richard Browning, Maxine Price, Jean Sorensen and Johnny Vasquez were present. Councilmember Williams Selders was absent. City Secretary Becky Miska, Finance Director Olga Salomon, EMS Director Loyd Chase, Street Superintendent Steve Sample, Water Wastewater Superintendent Greg Woodring, Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge and Director of Public Works Brad Ryan.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 18, 2014:

Councilmember Browning made the motion to approve the minutes of the city council meeting held September 18, 2014 with amendment. 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.”

There were no comments.

VISITORS: Phillip Huseman-KSA Engineers, David L. Webel, Velma Vasquez and Chris Lundstrom – Jackson County Herald Tribune

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER HALLOWEEN ON MAIN ON OCTOBER 31, 2014 AND THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF MAIN STREET FROM 5:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Joe Hermes reported that The Rotary Club is no longer coordinating *Halloween On Main* and several citizens have inquired as to the city coordinating the event. City Secretary Becky Miska stated First Baptist Church will not be having Trunk or Treat this year because it is too close to Judgement House. Spooktacular will be held at Brackenridge Park on October 25th and Baptist Temple will hold their Trunk or Treat on October 26th. Miska went onto say that if council voted to approve the city would like to hold *Halloween On Main* on October 31st. David L. Webel addressed council noting this is small town USA and it would be nice to have this opportunity for the children. Councilmember Price made the motion to approve *Halloween On Main* on October 31, 2014 and the temporary closure of Main Street from 5:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m. providing safe environment for the children on Halloween night. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER FINANCING FOR UPGRADES AT THE PUMPHREY CHILDREN’S PARK:

City Secretary Miska reported to council that the park was originally opened in 1999-2000. Pumphrey Children’s Park is utilized by a large number of people every day. The large unit in the center of the park is in desperate need of replacement. Due to the total amount of money needed to upgrade the park and keep the city in compliance with safety regulations the city would have to acquire financing. When the park was originally built pea gravel was installed

with different colored plastic bordering. (At that time, pea gravel was the recommendation to be used) Through the years the city has continually replaced the bordering due to the heaviness of the pea gravel. The sun causes deterioration of the colored borders causing them to break under the weight and weakness. City crews will take care of the demolition, remove old/broken borders and remove the pea gravel. This will be a cost savings of approximately \$5,000.00 to the city. Black borders would be installed which do not deteriorate as fast and a light weight, kid friendly material will be put in replace of the pea gravel. The handi-cap swing will be replaced as well because it is no longer in compliance. Miska concluded saying staff would coordinate with the newspaper to notify citizens that the park would be closed for approximately a month (maybe less) and ask citizens to utilize the Martin Luther King Park during that time. Mayor Hermes stated the note would be for five (5) years with an annual payment and interest due after October of each fiscal year. Councilmember Browning voiced his concerns of not getting bids for the needed park equipment. Councilmember Price made the motion to approve the City of Edna to acquire financing with Citizens State Bank in the amount of \$58,607.53 with annual payments and interest due after October of each fiscal year. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. Councilmember Sorensen voted AYE. Councilmember Browning voted NAYE. Vote carried 3 to 1.

HEAR KSA ENGINEERS RECOMMENDATION ON THE FLAG CITY PLAZA PROJECT AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Phillip Huseman gave a progress report on the status of Flag City Plaza. Councilmember Vasquez made the motion for KSA Engineers to continue moving forward with proposed project. Councilmember Sorensen seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER INVOICE FROM KSA ENGINEERS FOR HYDRAULIC MODELING:

Mayor Hermes stated that Councilmember Selders had requested KSA Engineers to perform hydraulic modeling and prepare a report in the amount of \$3,250.00. Hermes went onto say that the council did not approve nor instruct Councilmember Selders to do so. After discussion with Phillip Huseman/KSA Engineers not to take direct instructions from any one councilmember but from the entire council Councilmember Browning made the motion to approve payment of the invoice from KSA Engineers for hydraulic modeling. Councilmember Price seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION:

Councilmember Price made the motion to approve the proclamation promoting breast cancer awareness for the month of October. 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 \$101,103.63. 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 \$196,364.15. 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.”

Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge reported that he had been contacted by First Baptist Church to close city streets around the church during Judgement House. **EMS Director Loyd Chase** noted he has received another grant in the amount of \$28,800.00. **Director of Public Works Brad Ryan** noted the Jackson County Fair begins Wednesday thru Saturday. **Water Wastewater Superintendent Greg Woodring** updated council on the status of the meter repairs.

ADJOURN:

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

APPROVED: _____
Joe D. Hermes, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Becky Miska, City Secretary