

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular city council meeting, Thursday, July 16, 2015 in council chambers at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Joe Hermes called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Joe Hermes, Councilmembers Doug Kelley, Wayne Callis, Maxine Price, Jean Anne Sorensen and Johnny Vasquez. City Manager Don Doering, City Secretary Becky Miska, Finance Director Olga Salomon, Street Superintendent Steve Sample, Director of Public Works Brad Ryan, Water Wastewater Superintendent Greg Woodring, Senior Investigator Kent Bubela and EMS Director Loyd Chase.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD JUNE 18, 2015:

Councilmember Vasquez made the motion to approve minutes of the city council meeting held June 18, 2015. Councilmember Sorensen seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD JULY 7, 2015:

Councilmember Vasquez made the motion to approve minutes of the city council meeting held June 18, 2015. Councilmember Sorensen seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS: Chris Lundstrom-Jackson County Herald Tribune, Millie Diaz-Jackson County Herald Tribune, Shirley Kubecka, Edna LaFour, Patti Lewis, Joyce Campbell, Ronnie Childs, Donna Stewart, Rita Cheney, Abel Cruz, Aydelia (*could not make out writing for last name*), Leean Shugart, Adan Shugart, Velma Vasquez, Georgia Nickel, Jason Hayden, Sandy Nickel, Susan Pahmiyer, Teresa Clifton, Edwin Clifton, Christina Mulenex, Karen Chase, Laura Urbina, DJ Bell, Margarette Wright, Pattie Villarreal, Debra Matocha, Johnathan Matocha, Destiny Jordan, Willard Ulbricht, Shannon Goebel, Kenny Plant, Frank Flores, Jimmy Doelitsch, Tommy Fikes, Terry Jordan, Nick Strauss, Aaron Janssen, Tiffany Janssen, Marisa Gonzalez, Jake Srp, Dave Garza, Vicki Hessong, Randa Jordan, Janet Ferguson, Darrell Ferguson, Kenneth Tones, Robert Braunholz, Lane Larson, Wendell Hamilton, Jr. and James Whitley.

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 any item which has not been posted on the agenda.”

Mayor Joe Hermes stated we are all here to get a common situation solved and hopefully something positive will come out of it. President of the ESD#3 Jake Srp noted that he agreed and hoping for something positive to come out of this meeting as well.

Councilmember Doug Kelley stepped down from the council table and up to the microphone. Kelley noted he had been with the EMS/Fire Department for 20-22 years and this situation had kind of been dumped into his (our) laps.

Numerous visitors voiced their concerns and opinions on how the city could amend their budget to cut costs.

HOLD DISCUSSION WITH ESD #3 BOARD MEMBERS IN REGARDS TO THE EMERGENCY SERVICES WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE ESD #3 AND TAKE ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Jake Srp and DJ Bell both commented on the need for emergency services and the need to work with the City of Edna. Srp stated they too are awaiting figures from the county offices on tax rates. Bell reminded the City of the importance of the EMS/Fire Department.

CONSIDER PAYMENT OF CURRENT BILLS:

Councilmember Kelley made the motion to approve payment of current bills in the amount of \$118,581.81. 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 Department-street repairs/project; City Secretary & City Manager-public information; Finance Director-financial report; Code Enforcement-progress reports on code issues. No formal action can be taken on these items.”

City Manager Don Doering reported on the numerous water leakage through the city. **Water Wastewater Superintendent Greg Woodring** reported that he still has two (2) positions open and are taking applications. Water department crews have been continually fixing water leaks. **Director of Public Works Brad Ryan** noted the street repairs are going well; about ten (10) streets have been ready for the next stage of completion. **EMS Director Loyd Chase** stated the new ambulance is in and the old ambulance chassis will be turned over to the water department

ADJOURN:

Councilmember Kelley made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVED: _____
Joe Hermes, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Becky Miska, City Secretary