

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, November 2, 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, Councilperson District 4 Mike Dodds, and Councilperson District 5 Johnny Vasquez were present, City Manager Gary Broz, Director of Utilities Brad Ryan, Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski, Chief of Police Rick Boone, Finance Director Diane Pierce, and City Secretary Sonya Robinson were also present. The minutes were recorded by City Secretary Robinson.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD OCTOBER 5, 2023:

Councilperson Callis made the motion to approve the minutes of the city council meeting held October 5, 2023. Councilperson Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS: Alex Hernandez, Amanda Brand, Sara Smiga, Shannon Parker-TDEM, David Webel, Gloria Millsap/Senator Hoffman, Sara Howard

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.

No action taken.

CONSIDER THE REQUEST FROM JACKSON COUNTY MERCHANTS REGARDING THE CHRISTMAS PARADE AND TRE LIGHTING AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Amanda Brand the President of the Jackson County Merchants stated she would like to have a Magical Christmas held on Main Street. Brand would like to close the street from Hwy 111 and Main to Allen and Main. Brand is also asking that Mr. and Miss Christmas light up the Christmas tree and lead the Christmas Parade. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to approve the closing of the street for 4 hours and Mr. Miss Christmas to light the Christmas tree. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER CHANGING THE NOVEMBER 16TH CITY COUNCIL MEETING AS IT CONFLICTS WITH THE ANNUAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BANQUET AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Broz advised the council that the November 16th meeting would conflict with the Jackson County Annual Chamber Banquet. Broz asked if they could change the date to November 30TH. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to change the City Council meeting from November 16th to November 30th. Councilperson Palacios seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

RECEIVE UPDATE ON THE SEPTEMBER 25TH STORM:

City Manager Broz stated there was 20,2070 cubic of brush burned. Broz thanked everyone that helped. Broz stated that TCEQ was in town and all the brush must be burned by December 25, 2023. Broz informed the Council that there was damage to Shelby, flagpole, awning, and PD roof.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

Pass

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

Councilperson Callis made the motion to approve the payment of current bills in the amount of \$148,235.66. 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 on December 4 the Utility Billing software should go live. Broz stated there are potholes and high grass to work on. The North side project is complete. Sat is the Veteran Day Parade. Broz stated there is twelve flags around the Cowboy statue. Broz stated the concession stand at the little league field and the football was damaged during the storm and he would like to consolidate them.

Finance Director Diane Pierce stated that there were 24 final outs and 19 new accounts. Pierce stated that there were 60 disconnects.

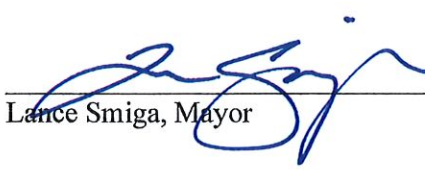
Street Superintendent Andy Brozowski stated they have been busy patching potholes. Brozowski stated that they are cutting grass and have hired a contractor to help with the mowing. Brozowski has been doing interviews. The street department need a full time and part time help.

Director of Utilities Brad Ryan stated that they have been staying busy with water and sewer taps.

Chief of Police Rick Boone stated they there has been a burglary on Fulton and Progress. Boone stated they have their computer and printers working in each vehicle to print tickets.

ADJOURN:

Councilperson Dodds made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 p.m. Councilperson Jackson seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.


Lance Smiga, Mayor


LaSonya Robinson, City Secretary