

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, April 3, 2025, in the council chambers at 6:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Pro Tem Mike Dodds called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The council stood for prayer by Andy Brzozowski followed by the council and audience reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENT:** Councilperson District 1 Cipriano Palacios, Councilperson District 2 Katrina Callis, Councilperson District 3 Chris Jackson, Councilperson District 4 Mike Dodds, were present. City Manager Gary Broz, Finance Director Valerie Callaway, Police Chief Kenneth Pyle, Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski, Utility Director Brad Ryan, and City Secretary LaSonya Robinson were also present. Mayor Lance Smiga and Councilperson District 5 Amanda Friedrich were absent. City Secretary Robinson recorded the minutes.

### **APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD MARCH 13, 2025:**

Councilperson Jackson made a motion to approve March 13, 2025, minutes. Councilperson Palacios seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**VISITORS:** Beth Foley- Jackson Hearld, Ben Galvan – CivilCorp, Randy Janak – CivilCorp, Cathy Moritz, Jill Hawkins -DFPS, Aaron -HSTX, Kadie Johnson – Belong, Cynthia Ramariz – Belong, Diana Sneed CASA, Karla Ortiz Belong, Nicole Nguyen – Belong, Amanda Wendel – Pain to Purpose

### **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.

### **DECLARE APRIL AS FAIR HOUSIG MONTH IN EDNA, TEXAS AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:**

City Manager Broz stated it is time to declare April Fair Housing month. Broz stated that we have been declaring April as Fair Housing Month since 1968. Councilperson Jacksons made a motion to declare April Fair Housing Month. Councilperson Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

### **THE MAYOR DECLARES THAT THE MONTH OF APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION & AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF EDNA WITH A PROCLAMATION:**

Mayor Pro-Tem Mike Dodd issued the proclamation for the child abuse prevention & awareness month in the City of Edna. Nicole Nguyen with Belong stated they have 38 pin wheels in the courthouse square that represent the reports of child abuse in Jackson County they are working on.

### **CONSIDER SECOND READING AN ORDINANCE # 2025-03 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 3, BUILDING REGULATIONS, OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE, RELATED TO THE ADDITION OF A MURAL AMENDMENT; PROVIDING A SIGN CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING A SEVERITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN OPEN MEETING CLAUSE:**

City Manager Gary Broz stated this is the second reading for Ordinance 2025-03. Broz stated it is to amend chapter 3, building regulations, of the zoning and ordinance, related to the addition of a mural amendment. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to accept the second reading of the ordinance # 2025-03 of the city council of the city of Edna, Texas, amending chapter 3, building regulation, of the zoning ordinance, related

to the addition of a mural amendment. Councilperson Palacios seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE AGREEMENT WITH YMCA TO OPERATE THE CITY SWIMMING POOL THIS SUMMER AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEDED NECESSARY:**

City Manager Gary Broz stated he would like to decline this agreement with YMCA and go back to the drawing board. Broz states the cost went from \$29,000 in 2024 to \$36,000 in 2025. Broz stated he would like to see if he can find a lower rate. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to decline agreement. Councilperson Callis seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER ORDINANCE 2025-04 APPROVING THE AGREEMENT DATED MARCH 13, 2025, BETWEEN THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE CITY OF EDNA FOR THE MAINTENANCE CONTROL, SUPERVISION AND REGULATION OF CERTAIN STATE HIGHWAYS AND/OR PORTIONS OF STATE HIGHWAYS I THE CITY OF EDNA AND PROVIDING FOR THE EXECUTION OF SAID AGREEMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY:**

City Manager Gary Broz stated we have a Municipal Maintenance agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation, and it was approved at the last meeting. Boz stated we did not include the Ordinance with the agreement. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-04 approving the agreement dated March 13, 2025, between the State of Texas and City of Edna for the maintenance control, supervision and regulation of certain state highways and/or portions of the State highways in the City of Edna and providing for the execution of said agreement and declaring an emergency. Palacios second the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**RECEIVE PRESENTATION FROM CILVILCORP ENGINEERING ON THE PLANS FOR THE 2024 CO PROJECT AND TAKE ANY ACITON DEEMED NECESSARY:**

Randy with CivilCorp gave a presentation of the plans for the 2024 O Project for Miracle, W. Division and W. Brackenridge.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER BUDGET AMENDMENTS:**

No action taken.

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

The City Manager stated that we need to pay bills totaling \$49,228.08. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to approve paying bills totaling \$49,228.08. Councilperson Palacios 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-Victoria Economic Development; City Secretary-public information."*

City Manager Broz stated the city did not have any damage from the rain last week. Working to clean more ditches, receiving calls that the mosquitoes are as big as dinosaurs, but we can't spray as the wind is blowing above speed, continuing to GOLIVE with the software upgrade. City Hall will be closed in the morning from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm so we can transfer over to the new credit card machines. Inspections, permits and code will start the week of April 14<sup>th</sup>, continuing to work on completion of the water meter project. Down to under 100 installations. We have a team meeting

every week until we get completed, have not received anything on the GCRPC/GLO Mit Grant. The monthly GLO Newsletter listed the cities that were awarded last month, continuing to respond to the TWDB/FEMA Post Oak Branch Project RFI's. No formal announcement as of today, closed out the 2018/2019 GLO DR Generator Project, the 2022 TDEM Generator Project is in the design stage, working with the county on disaster contract's if we have a hurricane, the Mayor and I met with County Judge on Animal Shelter we are looking for additional grants, the month of March was a big brush month, WTS worked for two weeks straight to get all the brush picked up, Shelby Park project is on home stretch, working on signage and need to paint the pipe fence.

Finance Director Valerie Callaway stated that we have 26 new accounts and 19 closed accounts, we received the advalorem tax revenue.

Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski stated that they cleared drains during the rain event, clean and trimmed some of the fence line at the yard, cleaned part of the north ditch on E. Church St., replace three driveway culverts on E. Church St., installed a new driveway culvert on E Church St., installed new pipe on Trinity St. at the intersection of Live oak, fixed a front slope on Live Oak St., added material to a couple of driveway on Williams and Sample St, received a purchase order for new stop signs, street signs and hardware.

Director of Utilities Brad Ryan stated they repaired water leak at 204 Dugger, Dewberry Lane, Sample and William, Division & S. East St., installed water tap at 204 Church St, installed water & sewer tap at W. Cedar, repaired water line at Shelby Park, made sludge boxes, mowed shop plant and lift stations, working on the final water meter installs, cleaned grease out of W. Main Lift Station.

Parks Supervisor Jaime Liepe stated they been busy mowing and weed eating, helped clean drains during the rain, had Pool Sure out for a leak test at City pool, Kotlar repaired leaking line at pool and still need to repair a faucet that was cut and another pipe in the chase, been getting quotes for new flag city banners, received quotes and ordered a new electric motor for pump 1 at the pool, will be pressure washing at the pool inside bathrooms and outside on pool deck before pool opens.

Police Chief Kenneth Pyle stated that from the last council meeting, Edna PD completed 70 traffic stops, resulting in 30 citations, 73 warnings were issued, 16 arrests were made due to a variety of offenses. EPD had 262 calls for service. Had a conversation with the pastor at Redeemer Lutheran Church about parking ideas on Dugger St. and utilizing the sidewalk. Met with EISD Superintendent Rober O'Connor asked him if it was okay for me to have the school send flyers to parents that pickup/drop off children from Dugger St., on 3-24-25 EPD had a "Happy hour with a Cop" at Sonic, on 3-26-25 JCSO and EPD had a meeting with JP2 Cindy Poulton regarding EPO's and Inquest. We met with Victoria Chief JPO Pama Hencerling, Assistant Chief Kelly Arnecke, and JPO Supervisor Floyd Jaster. They discussed Juvenile Procedures/Detention, on 3-24-25 at 1000 hours I had a meeting with Kathy Miska with Building Bridge Foundation. The foundation is wanting to assist with contributions to training, and today I attended the Hurricane Conference in Victoria.

#### **ADJOURN:**

Councilperson Palacios made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m. Councilperson Jackson seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

  
LaSonya Robinson, City Secretary

  
Lance Smiga, Mayor