

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday December 5, 2024, 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 to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 7, 2024:

Councilperson Jackson made a motion to approve the November 7, 2024, minutes. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS: Beth Foley- Jackson Hearld, Jonas Titus – VEDC, Diane Drussell-VEDC

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.

AWARD ENGINEERING SERVICES AND GRANT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR THE TWDB FIF, FEMA FMA AND TDEM BRIC PROGRAM FOR 2023-2028 AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz stated this grant is for cleaning out Post Oak Branch. Broz stated we have received a favorable review and questions are being ask. Broz stated he thinks it is time to get an engineer and grant specialist to assist. Broz stated the steps have been taken for RFQ's and we received one back from Schibe Engineering out of Austin. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to approve Schibe Engineering for the TWDB FIF, FEMA FMA and TDEM BRIC for 2023-2028. Councilperson Friedrich second the motion. All voted AYE motion carried.

CONSIDER ADOPTING COVERED APPLICATIONS AND PROHIBITED TECHNOLOGY POLICY AS PRESCRIBED BY SENATE BILL 1893 AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz stated there has been a policy prescribed by Senate Bill 1893 stating no Tik Tok on any devices that is issued by the government. Broz stated that GIS put a policy in place to put everyone in compliance. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to approve the policy for the 1893 Senate Bill. Councilperson Palacios seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Mayor Lance Smiga stated it is time to appoint a member of the Appraisal District Board of Directors. Mayor Smiga stated he would like to remain on the board. Councilperson Friedrich made a motion for Mayor Smiga to remain on the Appraisal Board of Directors. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION # 2024-16 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DISASTER RECOVERY (CDBG-DR) APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACT AS THE CITY'S EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE CDBG-DR PROGRAM AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz stated this is for money that was remaining from a previous grant, and they are splitting. Broz stated that we will receive \$100,000.00 from the grant and that is enough to work on Mexico and East Main Lift Station. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to approve resolution #2024-16 authorizing submission of a Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery. Councilperson Friedrich seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER REQUEST FROM CHARLIE'S SPORT BAR AND GRILL LOCATED AT 119 E. MAIN ST. REQUESTING EXTENDED HOURS AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz stated the owners were not able to make it. Broz requested to table. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to table Charlie's Bar and Grill extended hours request. Councilperson Friedrich seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AWARDING GRANT ADMINISTRATION SERVICE FOR THE 2025-2026 TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (TXCDBG) PROGRAM OF THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz this is an old grant program that is given every two years. Broz stated that we have been using it to do water repairs. Broz stated with this grant it would be to replace water lines in District 2. Broz stated that's where the income level fits for the grant. Broz stated went received RFQ's and he would like to recommend Traylor and Associates. Councilperson Palacios made a motion to approve Traylor and Associates. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON EXTENDING THE AGREEMENT WITH VICTORIA REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz stated that it is time to extend the agreement with Victoria Regional Economic Development Corporation. Jonas Titus with VEDC gave a presentation about VEDC. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to approve extending the Victoria Regional Economic Development Corporation agreement. Councilperson Palacios seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

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 \$111,484.02. Councilperson Palacios made a motion to approve paying bills totaling \$111,484.02. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to second. 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 the new Finance Director, Valerie Callaway starts on Monday the 9th, the two projects submitted for the GLO DRRP Grant, have the 2 generators installed a the Guadalupe Water Plant and the Kleas Lift Station, this is the 2018/2019 Disaster Grant, continuing to work with staff on software conversion, go-live will be January 6th, have not received any information on the GLO/GCRTPC MIT Drainage Project, continuing to put together RFQ's for two Disaster Grants, received two complaints from citizens on Rise Broadband line placement, will have a update presentation from CSRS on Zoning and Comp. plan in early February, WTS did the first brush pickup yesterday and concluded it today, Jamie, John, Joe and the crew did a great job putting up Christmas Decorations, working with VEDC and Developers Housing Projects in the City, City Christmas dinner is Thursday December 12th at 6:00 p.m. with spouses, Shelby Restroom's/Concession Stand they are installing the metal skin moving along on schedule.

Utility Director Brad Ryan stated they fixed water leaks on Kleas, Davis, Bois D'Arc & N. Wells, and third St., installed water tap at 1015 S. East, repaired fencing at sewer plant, mowed lift stations, cleaned out rags and grease at lift station.

Chief Rick Boone stated they have made traffic stops, 87 of those resulted in a citation, 90 warning were issued, rests have been made, assisted with our annual Christmas Parade, partnered with Sonic to do the annual Christmas Tip a Cop fund raiser. Raised approx. \$5,000 dollars, the money will be spent on 20 needy kids (selected by the elementary teachers), assisted with 2 major vehicle crashes last week, Officer Baker spoke to Student Council last Sunday at the County Services building about the difference between the City and the County Government and what it takes to become a cop, patrolling Shelby Park more with the new construction happening, continuing to work traffic at main and wells and the elementary crosswalk, deployed a squirrel trap a the courthouse today.

ADJOURN: Councilperson Dodds made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 p.m. Councilperson Jackson seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

Lance Smiga, Mayor

LaSonya Robinson, City Secretary