

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, February 6, 2025, 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 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, Councilperson District 5 Amanda Friedrich 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. City Secretary Robinson recorded the minutes.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD JANUARY 16, 2025:

Councilperson Palacios made a motion to approve January 16, 2025, minutes. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS: Beth Foley- Jackson Hearld, Pamela Hughes, Kimberly Mercer, Donald Brinkman- CSRS

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.

Police Chief Pyle introduced two of his new employees.

RECEIVE REQUEST FROM PAMELA HUGHES FOR MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION WITH TAPS & 21-GUN SALUTE IN THE PARKING LOT BEHIND THE MUSEUM OF ART AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Pamela Hughes requested assistance with her Memorial and Veterans' Day event. Pamela stated that she will not have the 21-Gun Salute but will try to have the taps. Hughes stated she needs the parking area blocked behind the museum. Police Chief Kenneth Pyle stated he will assist her with what she is requesting.

RECEIVE UPDATE FROM DONALD BRINKMAN WITH THE CSRS ON THE COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND ZONING GRANT:

Donald Brinkman gave a presentation of the Comprehensive Planning and Zoning Draft. Brinkman gave a rundown of Tuesday meeting of the Comprehensive Planning and Zoning Draft from the public. Brinkman stated the final Comprehensive Planning and Zoning should be completed by June.

DISCUSS WITH LITTLE LEAGUE THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz stated he met with City Attorney Jake Srp about adding a place in the Little League Agreement about the ordinance for Shelby Park. Broz stated roman numeral 12 is where the new verbiage was added to cover the ordinance. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to accept the Little League Agreement with the City of Edna. Councilperson Friedrich seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE #2025-01 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 "ANIMAL CONTROL" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCE, CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS; PROVIDING A DEFINITION FOR "STERILIZATION", PROVIDING A REQUEST FOR ANIMALS TO BE STERILIZED AND/OR

VACCINATED PRIOR TO ADOPTION FROM THE ANIMAL CONTROL AUTHORITY; AND PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT, ENACTMENT, REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AFFECTIVE DATE AND PROPER NOTICE AND HEARING.:

City Manager Gary Broz stated Susan has been working with City Attorney Jake Srp for a while to update the animal control ordinance. Broz stated that before the animal is released it will need to have all the vaccinations and sterilized. Police Chief Kenneth Pyle stated that there will be a 72-hour waiting period. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to pass the second reading for ordinance 2025-01 amending chapter 2 "Animal Control" of the Code Ordinance, City of Edna, Texas. Councilperson Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE #2025-02 AN ORDINANCE CALLING FOR A GENERAL ELECTION AND ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR SAID ELECTION TO BE HELD SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025; THE GENERAL ELECTION SHALL BE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR AND COUNCILPERSON TO REPRESENT DISTRICT 1, AND DISTRICT 2; PROVIDING FOR THE TIME, PLACE AND MANNER FOR HOLDING A CITY OF EDNA ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF SAME AS REQUIRED BY LAW:

City Manager Gary Broz stated Ordinance 2025-02 is a calling for a general election for May 3rd for the purpose of electing a Mayor and for a Councilperson to represent District 1 and District 2. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to approve the first reading of ordinance 2025-02. Councilperson Palacios seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION #2025-03 AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO PLACE AN APPLICATION FOR THE STATE AND LOCAL CYBERSECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (SLCGP) FUNDING AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

No action taken.

CONSIDER CHANGING THE DATE FOR THE MARCH CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS, AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz stated March is a busy month. Broz asks how everyone would feel if we had one meeting in March. Broz stated instead of March 6th and 20th if we could meet March 13th. Councilperson Dodds made a motion to approve one meeting in March and for it to be held March 13th. Councilperson Friedrich 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 \$187,185.79. Councilperson Jackson made a motion to approve paying bills totaling \$187,185.79. Councilperson Palacios 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 stated GOLIVE is going well, the first billing cycle went well, half dozen account data got scrambled in switchover. They have been fixed, the sign-up is still open for Mayor, District 1 and District 2, only the incumbents have signed up, and have until Friday the 14th at 5:00 pm, Shelby Park project is nearing completion, electricity today or tomorrow, City staff are starting to prime the pipe getting it ready to install along with drainage. Hopefully late next week it will be ready open, brush pickup is continuing to go well. The number of pickups is going down but will increase as spring trimming starts, had 3 zoom calls in the week on the GCRPC/GLO MIT Project District 2 Drainage. Hopefully we will get an announcement in the March announcement from GLO. We have 10 days to get the last questions answered. GLO announced several projects in our Region on February 1st, the process of setting up another meeting with Cottonwood owners for the progress report and timeline on their work, the GLO generator Grant for Kleas Well, Sunset Lift Station and City Hall are in the design stage, the GLO DRRP Project did not get a project funded. Waiting for the announcement from the GLO-4791 Project Jackson/Gayle Drainage and GLO-4798 Project, a generator for the Police Station, we received paperwork from TxDOT that they want to renew our maintenance Agreement with them, Valerie and I had a one-on-one meeting with the Department Heads this week. Where are we, and where are we going in the next 3 months. Sign changeout replacement program that we budgeted and water line replacement project, we are still waiting for the last 55 water meters so we can complete that project, brick sales are coming in as we have about 20 so we can make another order soon, Valerie and her team are making progress on our finances ending the old system with the new system. The auditor was here today to assist, mark your calendars for Friday February 28th as Edna hosts the Region 11 TML Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at Breckenridge Park.

Finance Director Valerie Callaway stated, there were 15 new accounts and 3 closed account, annual HB 3693 Bill Compliance Report completed, hotel tax received for 4th quarter, Jackson County Tax -- Advalorem Tax Revenue received, and franchise tax received.

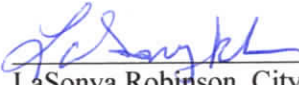
Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski stated that they serviced and performed preventive maintenance on both dump trucks, fork-lift had two leaking hydraulic cylinders, so we took them off and had Magic Industries re-build them, when the repairs were complete we reassembled the fork-lift, patched potholes all over the city, trimmed some trees on Asbeck Lane and Hoover Street, cleaned accumulated dirt and leave from some gutter in various locations, commenced preparation to clean the ditches on Asbeck and Dewberry Lane.

Director of Utilities Brad Ryan stated they repaired waters leaks at W. Division & Allen, Moody & East, 604 Davis, 210 Erie, Hanover, Jackson, Vanderbilt, St. replaced cutoff valve at 802 E. Cedar, sewer backup 1611 Green, owed Lift Stations & Sewer Plant, made sludge boxes disconnects & reconnects, dead end flushing, cleaned clarifier, working shorthanded.

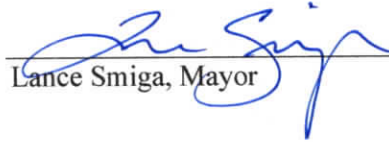
Police Chief Kenneth Pyle stated that from January 16th to February 6th Edna PD completed 83 traffic stops, 28 resulted in citations, 90 warnings were issued, 6 arrests were made due to a variety of offenses. EPD had 336 calls for service. Currently working on a suspicious death investigation, which resulted in some extra over time, Tuesday 01/8/25 had a k-9 go through the EHS which was successful, not one item of contraband was located. Looking forward to utilizing the JCSO k-9 in the future, attended an Operation Lone Star zoom meeting held by Sheriff Roy Boyd who sent mean invite to the State address by Governor Greg Abbott. Sunday 02-02-25 Gov. Abbott noted during his address Operation Lone Star has been so successful across the State of Texas, President Trump is looking at OLS as a platform for the entire countries border security, on February 5th, 2025, from 8:00 am -- 10:00 am we had Coffee with a Cop at McDonald's was successful.

ADJOURN:

Councilperson Jackson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 p.m. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

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LaSonya Robinson, City Secretary

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Lance Smiga, Mayor