

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session Thursday, July 18, 2013 in council chambers at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Joe D. Hermes, Councilmembers Justin Bonnot, William Selders, Ray Chavarria and Maxine Price were present. Councilmember Jean Sorensen was absent. Also present were City Manager Ken Knight, City Secretary Becky Miska, Administrative Assistant Margarette Wright, Director of Public Works Brad Ryan, Police Sergeant Bruce McConathy, Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge and EMS Director Loyd Chase.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD JUNE 27, 2013:

Councilmember Price made the motion to approve minutes of the city council meeting held June 27, 2013. Councilmember Bonnot seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

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

Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge introduced Brandon Callis as the City’s newest patrolman. City Secretary Becky Miska gave the Oath of Office and Sworn Brandon into office. Billy Bob Hale, member of First Baptist Church, addressed the council outlining the details of Mission Jackson County that will be held in the spring. First Baptist Church will be taking applications for those that are in need of assistance with repairs around the home.

VISITORS: Sean Gnekow, Daniel Bastregghi, Victor Morsch, Billy Bob Hale, Brandon Callis, Creina Rogers

PUBLIC HEARING:

- a) **DISCUSS AND CONSIDER REQUEST FOR A ZONING CHANGE FROM CLVR ACQUISITIONS TO CHANGE THE ZONING FROM R2-R1 FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT N. WELLS (A5072 SMITH, HENRY, ACRES 8.7364)**
- b) **DISCUSS AND CONSIDER REQUEST FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FROM CLVR ACQUISITIONS TO OPERATE AN RV PARK LCOATED AT N. WELLS (A5072 SMITH, HENRY, ACRES 8.7364)**

Sean Gnekow addressed the council stating that CLVR Acquisitions owns Cottonwood Apartments and they are planning to build an RV Park. Work will be beginning in September – October.

APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION’S RECOMMENDATIONS:

- a) **ZONING CHANGE – CLVR ACQUISITIONS**
- b) **SPECIFIC USE PERMIT – CLVR ACQUISITIONS**

City Manager Knight noted the Planning & Zoning Commission met on Tuesday, July 9th at which time they voted to approve both requests. Councilmember Price made the motion to

approve the zoning change and the specific use permit for CLVR Acquisitions. Councilmember Chavarria seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF THE BUDGET:

City Manager Ken Knight reported the city is waiting on figures from the Tax Assessor's Office therefore the draft budget is not ready. Councilmember Chavarria made the motion to table this agenda item. Councilmember Selders seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

SET DATES FOR THE 2013-2014 ANNUAL BUDGET WORKSHOPS:

After discussion, the first budget workshop will be held on Monday, August 12, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE 10/01/2013 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS RENEWAL RATES AND RETIREE RATES FROM TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE:

City Manager Knight stated he was pleased to report the insurance rates will remain the same. Councilmember Chavarria made the motion to approve the 10/01/2013 Employee Benefits Renewal Rates and Retiree Rates from Texas Municipal League. Councilmember Price seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF DEAD TREES:

A list of dead trees located in easements of city property was distributed for council review. City Manager Knight asked the council to consider hiring a tree removal service. If a tree removal service is hired the city could ask them to consider giving residents a discounted rate for dead trees on private property. Knight went onto say that he had done this before in a previous city.

CONSIDER PAYMENT OF CURRENT BILLS:

Councilmember Selders made the motion to approve payment of current bills in the amount of \$213,271.91. 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 repairs/projects; City Manager & City Secretary – public information; Finance Director-financial report; Code Enforcement-progress reports on code issues. No formal action can be taken on these items."

Ken Knight-City Manager reported TML Convention will be held October 8-11, 2013 in Austin, mark your calendars and let the City Secretary know if you will be attending. Knight thanked Lloyd Chase and Kurt Janice for putting together a very impressive ESD Proposal. **Olga Salomon-Finance Director** noted it is the end of the quarter; quarterly reports are ready if anyone wished to review them. **Brad Ryan-Director of Public Works** stated streets are ready to go; but the ten plus inches of rain last week has delayed topping. City crews are spraying for mosquitoes. **Clinton Wooldridge-Chief of Police** reported that with the hiring of Brandon Callis for patrolman all positions are filled in his department.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE §551.074; PERSONNEL MATTERS: TO DISCUSS SALARIES AND BENEFITS

Mayor Hermes asked the audience and department heads to clear the council chambers while the council and city manager went into executive session at 7:30 p.m.

TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No action was taken.

ADJOURN:

Councilmember Bonnot made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Selders seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVED:_____

Joe D. Hermes, Mayor

ATTEST:_____

Becky Miska, City Secretary