

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, September 17, 2026, in the council chamber 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 led by Street Supervisor Andy Brzozowski, followed by the council and audience reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT:

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

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 3, 2026:

Councilperson Palacios moved to approve the minutes of City Council meeting held September 3, 2026. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS: Pamela Hughes, Jessica Coleman, Ray Wilkinson, Reagan Skow, Kenny Pyle, Vanessa Pyle, Rick Boone, Lori Hernandez, Mindy Yendrey, Caleb Otto, Lee Jordan, Brandon Johnson, Frank T., Mike Jordan, Robert Braunholz, Venus Jordan

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 comments to two minutes.

Ray Wilkinson, Lee Jordan, and Mindy Yendrey raised concerns regarding police officer resignations. Kenny Pyle gave his speaking time to Ray Wilkinson, permitting him to address the council again.

CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2026/2027 CITY OF EDNA FISCAL YEAR BUDGET AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz reviewed the proposed 2026/2027 budget, noting that it includes a 5% utility rate increase, new vehicles and equipment for the street and water departments, and a 3% employee raise beginning in January. Mayor Smiga asked whether there were any questions before closing the public hearing.

CONSIDER FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2026-07 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS ADOPTING THE BUDGET OF THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 1, 2026; AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2027. APPROPRIATING THE VARIOUS AMOUNTS THEREOF; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT HERewith AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE:

City Manager Gary Broz stated that approval was needed for the first reading of Ordinance No. 2026-07. Councilperson Palacios moved to approve the ordinance adopting the City of Edna budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026, and ending September 30, 2027. Councilperson Friedrich seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2026/2027 TAX RATE, ESTABLISH THE TAX RATE AND TAX LEVY, AND LEVY AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF EDNA:

City Manager Gary Broz stated that adopting the proposed tax rate of 0.2263 would decrease property tax rates. He explained that changes were required due to a letter from Paxton regarding the audit not being completed within the required timeframe and that the City must use the no-new-revenue rate.

CONSIDER FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO 2026-08 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS SETTING THE TAX RATE AND TAX LEVY AND VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXS FOR THE YEAR 2026/2027 REPLEAING ALL ORDINACE OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE:

City Manager Gary Broz stated that approval was needed for the first reading of Ordinance No. 2026-08. Councilperson Palacios moved to approve the ordinance setting the tax rate and tax levy and ad valorem taxes for the City of Edna for year 2026/2027. Councilperson Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

None

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

City Manager Gary Broz reported outstanding bills totaling \$218,460.31. Councilperson Dodds moved to approve payment of the bills. Councilperson Callis 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 are 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 Gary Broz** reported that we have a new Chief on board, county covering all the calls and we are working on an interlocal with the County, CO project in continuing to move; drainage boxes and pipes are being installed on Division and Fulton, receiving bids for the Sunset generator, no word on Post Oak Branch contract phase 1, police generator is still in paperwork stage, P&Z meeting is on Tuesday the 29th for the County, made changes to the tax rate budget and want to thank the staff for painting inside City Hall and the flooring is complete.

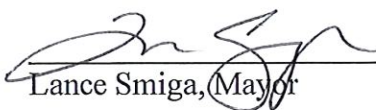
• **Finance Director Valerie Callaway** reported that she has been working on 2026-2027 budget with Gary, Melissa with Harrison, Waldrop, & Uherek, L.L.P is scheduled to be on site on September 21st and 22nd.

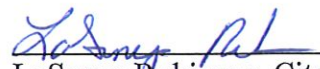
• **Street Supervisor Andy Brzozowski** reported they removed a dead tree from the Children's Park on Pumphery St, removed a tree that fell in the road on Pin Oak St., Kenny and Joel been using th Dura Patcher truck, cleaned part of the ditch on Pin Oak and replaced the culvert at Trinity st. been mowing and trimming grass as time permits, putting together a bid packet for 400 feet of 24-inch storm sewer on Guadalupe St.

• **Utility Director Brad Ryan** reported that they repaired water leaks, located and isolated valves for contractor on W. Division, started tearing down Kleas St. booster pump for contractor, scrubbed clarifier at plant, and repaired a sewer service.

ADJOURN:

Councilperson Dodds made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 p.m. Councilperson Friedrich seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.


Lance Smiga, Mayor


LaSonya Robinson, City Secretary