

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, October 5, 2023, 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 a moment of silence, Andy Brzozowski said a prayer, followed by the council and audience reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilperson District 1 Cipriano Palacios, Councilperson District 2 Wayne Callis, Councilperson District 3 Chris Jackson, Councilperson District 4 Mike Dodds, and Councilperson District 5 Johnny Vasquez were present, City Manager Gary Broz, Director of Utilities Brad Ryan, Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski, Chief of Police Rick Boone, Finance Director Diane Pierce, and City Secretary Sonya Robinson were also present. The minutes were recorded by City Secretary Robinson.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 21, 2023:

Councilperson Jackson made the motion to approve the minutes of the city council meeting held September 21, 2023. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS: Pamela Hughs, John Salton, Arline Redline

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.

No action taken.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2023-05 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS, CHAPTER 13, UTILITIES, BY ADDING ARTICLE 13.08 REGARDING CUSTOMER DAMAGE TO UTILITY METERS, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE:

City Manager Broz stated this is the second reading for ordinance of new meter charge. If the new meter is damaged the customer will be held responsible for it. Councilperson Dodd made motion to approve the second reading of ordinance 2023-05 an ordinance amending the code of ordinance of the City of Edna, Texas chapter 13, utilities, by adding article 13.08 regarding customer damage to utility meters and establishing an effective date. Councilperson Vasquez seconded the motion.

RECEIVE REQUEST FROM PAMELA HUGHES TO CLOSE DOWNTOWN PARKING SPACES DURNING VETERAN PARADE, NOVEMBER 4, 2023, AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Pamela Hughes asks if she can have the streets of W. Cedar to Ed Linn blocked for the Veterans Day Parade. They will be having lunch at the Jackson County Service Building after the parade, and she wants to make sure the veterans can get there without a problem. Police Chief Boone stated there will be two offices there to block and assist.

APPOINT A MEMBER TO THE BUILDING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Broz stated we can add another member to the Building and Standard Committee for a total of five members. No action taken.

DISCUSS THE MONDAY EVENING STOREM OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2023, AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Mayor Smiga stated he was very pleased with the City of Edna employees, LNRA, Jackson County, County Wide Drainage and everyone that has assisted in the cleaning of September 25, 2023, storm. City Manager Broz stated everyone has been doing a great job. VOAD, Texas Baptist has also been helping with the cleanup. Broz states that as of Wednesday there were 11,610 cubic yards of brush that has been burned.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

Pass

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

Councilperson Callis made the motion to approve the payment of current bills in the amount of \$49,215.74. Councilperson Vasquez 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-Vice Economic Development; City Secretary-public information." No formal action taken on these items.

Gary Broz, City Manager, stated the new sidewalks on Main are TXDOT project. Gilbert Road project is working the water is draining. Broz informed everyone will meet at 9:30 am October 7, 2023, at the Fire Station if they want to ride in the parade. November 16, 2023, is the Chamber Banquet. If they want to attend, please let Sonya know. Broz stated that himself, Brad, Rick, Sam, and Derrick met with the owner of Cottonwood apartments. They informed him that the city needs to know what their plan is for repairing the building. We are still moving with software.

Finance Director Diane Pierce did not have a report.

Street Superintendent Andy Brozowski stated they have been busy picking up brush and making sure water is moving from the rain we have had.

Director of Utilities Brad Ryan stated that on Monday they had generator problems, but everything is working now. Two of the water guys have been helping with the brush pick up and they have had nine water leaks this week.

Chief of Police Rick Boone stated they have been making traffic stops and have some angry people. The speed trailer has been on Dugger St the last three days. They must bring it in to charge for a day or two then will place it out again. Boone stated that he has someone to donate a solar panel for the speed trailer and hopefully they will not have to keep hauling it back to charge it. There have been some cars broken in too. Boon states they have a few pictures they will post to hopefully find the kids that are going into cars.

ADJOURN:

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



Lance Smiga, Mayor

LaSonya Robinson, City Secretary