

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, February 7, 2019 in council chambers at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Joe Hermes called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Pro-Tem / Councilmember District 2 Wayne Callis, Councilmember District 1 Dustin Muncrief, Councilmember District 4 Lance Smiga and Councilmember District 5 Johnny Vasquez were present. Councilmember Rick Boone was absent. City Manager Don Doering, Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge, Director of Public Works Brad Ryan. Finance Director Olga Salomon recorded minutes in the absence of City Secretary Becky Miska.

VISITORS: Velma Vasquez, Bernadette Vickery, Rose Williams, David L. Webel

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, the City Council may not discuss or take action on any item which has not been posted on the agenda.” Please limit comments to two (2) minutes.

Rose Williams asked the council to consider extending the sidewalks on Dugger Street. Mayor Hermes stated that those sidewalks were put in by residents and the City does not install sidewalks. Williams noted that she didn't realize that so that made sense as to why the sidewalks were just in front of certain houses.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD JANUARY 17, 2019:

Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve minutes of the city council meeting held January 17, 2019. Councilmember Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER AN EXTENSION TO THE CITY'S CONTRACT WITH RBank:

Councilmember Smiga made the motion to approve the extension of the City's depository contract with RBank for an additional 2 years. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried. City Manager Doering stated that administration is very happy with RBank's service.

ACCEPT REPORT FROM THE EDNA POLICE DEPARTMENT ON RACIAL PROFILING STATISTICS:

Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge reviewed the report with council.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE STORAGE OF VEHICLES ON ROADWAYS:

Discussion was held regarding the need for such an ordinance within the city. The question was presented as to how long a vehicle should be parked on the street. Councilmember Muncrief recommended no longer than two weeks. Councilmember Vasquez asked if the city tags vehicles at this time. Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge replied that yes they do. City Manager Don Doering recommends the city draw up an ordinance and request the city attorney look over it before presenting to council for approval.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER NOMINATION TO SERVE ON THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION BOARD:

This item was tabled for the next again.

CONSIDER PAYMENT OF CURRENT BILLS:

Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve payment of current bills in the amount of \$97,076.22. Councilmember Smiga 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; Public Works Department- park reports, water & sewer line updates; Street Department-street repairs / projects; City Manager & City Secretary – public information; Finance Director-financial report; Code Enforcement-progress reports on code issues.”

City Manager Don Doering stated Sales Tax are very good for February 2019. **Finance Director Olga Salomon** noted the auditors were at City Hall for two days this week. **Director of Public Works Brad Ryan** reported that Mercer Construction is working on East Street. **Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge** stated that Patrolman Brandon Callis is back on duty. Also, the new car is in the process of getting closer to delivery.

ADJOURN:

Councilmember Muncrief made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVED: _____
Joe Hermes, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Becky Miska, City Secretary