

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, April 4, 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 in attendance. Councilmember District Rick Boone was absent. City Manager Don Doering, Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge, Director of Public Works Brad Ryan and Finance Director Olga Salomon were also present. City Secretary Becky Miska recorded minutes of the meeting.

VISITORS: William Selders and Chris Lundstrom - Jackson County Herald

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.

William Selders addressed the council. Mr. Selders was questioning a sign that he said was taken down to be corrected at the Martin Luther King Children’s Park. Selders stated it was not put back up. Mayor Hermes noted that he would have it looked into.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD MARCH 21, 2019:

Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve minutes of the city council meeting held March 21, 2019. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR PAYMENT OF 25% MATCH IF CDBG-DR FUNDS DO NOT BECOME AVAILABLE AND WHERE THE FUNDS WILL BE ALLOCATED FROM:

City Manager Doering reported that the funds for the 25% match would be coming from budget amendment if needed. Doering noted that he had met with the Grant Coordinator and the City is most likely to be awarded funds. Councilmember Muncrief made the motion to approve making budget amendment changes if needed. Councilmember Smiga seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER PAYMENT OF CURRENT BILLS:

Councilmember Smiga made the motion to approve payment of current bills in the amount of \$114,626.96. Councilmember Muncrief 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.” No formal action can be taken on these items.

City Manager Don Doering reported that several letters have been sent out for property clean-up and will be on a future agenda. The City has received a few applications for the two open positions. Mr. Doering also reported that Family Dollar is hoping to open the new store in October. **Olga Salomon-Finance Director** stated the auditors have asked to be on the next agenda. **Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge** noted his department has received two applicants but the position is still open at this item. The new car has finally arrived and the computers are being installed tomorrow. **Director of Public Works Brad Ryan** stated the City of Edna Clean Up was successful. On Friday over 200 people and Saturday over 300 people took advantage of the opportunity to have off debris for free.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE §551.074:

PERSONNEL MATTERS: CITY MANAGER EVALUATION:

At this time, Mayor Hermes asked the visitors to clear the room so that the council could go into executive session. Council went into closed door executive session at 7:00pm

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION(S) ON EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council came back into open session at 8:15pm

ADJOURN:

Before adjourning the meeting, Mayor Hermes asked about the status of the tree limbs getting picked up all over town. Mayor asked that a representative from Texas Disposal Systems be at the next council meeting. Councilmember Callis asked Chief of Police Wooldridge about the complaints on gun fire in his district between 9pm-10pm. Chief Wooldridge noted he would check into it.

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