

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council in regular session on Thursday, April 21, 2022 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 the moment of silence, followed by the council and audience reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag & the Texas Flag. Councilperson District 1 Dustin Muncrief, Councilperson District 2 Wayne Callis, Councilperson District 3 Chris Jackson, Councilperson District 4 Mike Dodds, Councilperson District 5 Johnny Vasquez were present. City Manager Gary Broz, Chief of Police Rick Boone and Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski were also present. Director of Utilities Brad Ryan and Finance Director Olga Salomon were absent from the meeting. Minutes were recorded by City Secretary Becky Miska.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD APRIL 7, 2022:

Councilperson Dodds made the motion to approve the minutes of the city council meeting held April 7, 2022. Councilperson Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS: No visitors were present

HEARING OF VISITORS:

“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.” Please limit comments – two minutes.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-11 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS FINDING THAT AEP TEXAS, INC.’S APPLICATION TO AMEND ITS DISTRIBUTION COST RECOVERY FACTORS TO INCREASE DISTRIBUTION RATES WITHIN THE CITY SHOULD BE DENIED:

City Manager Broz reported that AEP will be increasing their rates and Resolution No. R-2022-11 of the City of Edna, Texas acknowledges that AEP Texas, Inc.’s application to amend its distribution cost to increase distribution rates within the city; the city should also deny those increases. Councilperson Jackson made the motion to approve Resolution No. R-2022-11. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

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

City Manager Broz reviewed the bills with council. Councilperson Callis made the motion to approve payment of current bills in the amount of \$195,787.52. Councilperson 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 Dept. – grant updates, police reports; Director of Utilities – water & wastewater updates; Street Dept. – repairs / projects, park reports; Finance Director-finance report; Code Enforcement – progress reports; City Manager & City Secretary – public information.” No formal action can be taken on these items.

City Manager Gary Broz reported that after 31 years with the City of Edna, Finance Director Olga Salomon will be retiring on May 31, 2022.

If any of the council would be interested in going to the TML meeting, please let Becky know.

March financials brings the city 50% into the budget. General fund is down approximately \$51,000

but staff has been watching their spending and expenditures are good.

Utility funds are ahead \$285,000.

Wastewater treatment plant repairs are in the works.

Water averaging will be reflected soon on the utility bills.

IT repairs continue.

Director of Utilities Brad Ryan is on vacation today, Friday and Monday also.

The city crews are averaging 2-3 water leak repairs a day until we get some much-needed rain.

There will be a special workshop next week held at noon with the City's Financial Advisor.

Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski noted a couple of trees have gone down due to the recent

high winds and city crews have taken care of removing those.

City crews have put in culvert pipes in various locations.

Patching poles.

The drainage on Buttercup was blocked due to leaves and it has been taken care of.

Chief of Police Rick Boone stated it has been a busy week.

Chief Boone and Gary met with the school regarding the abusive traffic conditions. Boone noted that he personally counted 300 cars during the morning drop off at the elementary school on Apollo

Drive. The school is taking the lead by hiring an architect to redesign the flow of traffic and school parking. School officials recognize it is the school's problem to resolve.

The police department was awarded a grant from the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission of \$15,000 which may be used for overtime or equipment purposes.

Patrolman Walters made a traffic stop and arrested one of the number one Coyotes; a Hummer and a Tahoe were seized also.

Crime is down but traffic accidents are up.

The department assisted with a structure fire yesterday; everyone pulled together; there was no one injured in the fire.

Interview was held for a possible new hire, and it appears to be promising.

Captain Bermea recently had back surgery and is back on light duty.

ADJOURN:

Before adjourning the meeting, Councilperson Callis inquired about the wooden fence that has been constructed in front of the building by Helping Hands. Callis wanted to know if the fence being there followed city guidelines and ordinances.

Councilperson Jackson noted that at the corner of Davis & Gayle there is an extremely large wash out / pothole. Councilperson Vasquez also noted a large pothole / drop off at a very busy corner on Old Victoria Road. Street Superintendent Brzozowski stated that they will be taken care of.

Councilperson Muncrief made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVED: _____

Lance Smiga, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Becky Miska, City Secretary