

**MINUTES OF THE EDNA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
EDNA CITY HALL  
THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Sam Vail Called Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup> 2025, regular council meeting to order at 7:00 pm at Edna City Hall

**OPENING PRAYER:** Sam Vail

**ROLL CALL**

Council members Cindy Barnes, Kolby Lay, Jessie Foister, Sharon Hoyt and Missy Simmons, was present.

Also, present were Lea Hilderbrand Interim City Clerk, Jason Myers Maintenance Department Superintendent, Terrie Wiley Interim Treasurer, and Joe Kashka representing the fire department.

**MINUTES** Lay made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 13th, 2025 regular meeting. Simmons seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

**INVOICES** Foister made a motion to pay invoices in the amount of \$51,497.65. Hoyt second. Motion carried 5/0.

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

- Loren Eck was present to continue the discussion on the chicken section of Ordinance #400. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to think on the issue some more and to wait and see the results of the petition at the next scheduled council meeting.
- Cody Lear with the Edna B.E.A.R.S. was present to discuss progress on the handicap bathroom at the community building. It was decided to get bids for the whole project and discuss at the next scheduled council meeting. Also the annual easter egg hunt is scheduled for April 19<sup>th</sup> 1:00 @ the Grade School. Lastly Lear asked for the city to add them to their liability insurance for the B.E.A.R.S. annual fishing derby set for May 10<sup>th</sup> @the City Lake.

Lay moved to accept the request for insurance. Barnes seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

## **CITY CLERK**

- Lea reported that Evergy is set to renew our franchise tax agreement. Our current rate is 5% and after asking several other towns in the areas it was decided that that is the going rate. Lay Moved to renew our agreement at the current rate. Barns seconded. Motion carried 5/0.
- We have three council seats up for re-election in 2025. Candidates must file paperwork at the County Clerks office in Oswego. The deadline for filing or withdrawing is June 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Debra Castorena sent a letter asking for an adjustment to her water bill. Last month they experienced a massive water leak that has now been repaired. Barns moved to approve the adjustment. Lay seconded. Motion passed 5/0.
- We received an invoice from Higher Calling for their work on the office laptop and the office visit. Lay moved to pay the invoice of \$402.50. Hoyt seconded. Motion passed 5/0
- The office needs to order more stamps. 7 rolls of the postcard stamps @ \$56.00/each. And 5 rolls forever stamps @ \$73.00/each. Totaling \$757.00 Barns moved to approve the purchase of stamps. Lay seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

- Joe from the Fire Department reported that their annual Pancake Supper is coming together nicely. They are having regular Monday meetings in preparation, and they are planning on having some CPR trainings soon.
- With wild fire season approaching the Big Brush truck needs new batteries to get it ready. Prices from NAPPA auto parts and the US Forestry put the estimate around \$906 per battery. Barns moved to approve the purchase of new batteries. Foister seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

## **UTILITY DEPARTMENT**

- Jason Myers reported that the storm siren at the school is missing a driver. Ideally it would run with 4 but only has 3. Emergency – Fire Equipment came out and gave us a quote for the labor and cost of the part, totaling \$595.00. Lay Moved to approve the repair of the storm siren. Barns seconded. Motion passed 5/0.
- Rexwinkle Lumber has asked for us to provide a culvert and rock on the south side entrance on west Mill Rd. to allow them to unload semi trucks. Foister moved to provide the culvert and rock. Hoyt seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

- Jason reported that Brian from Evergy has been a huge asset to the city in providing help on several projects around town, including the lights at the ball fields and the storm siren repairs. He suggested we thank him in some way for his help. Brian Johnson the city attorney advised that we would only be able to with non tax payer funds.
- Jason reported Maridian labs, the company we use for our waste water testing is closing and that he is looking into a courier that carry our samples. The cost would be around \$72.00 four times a year.
- Jason reported that we have around 350-400 tons of large lateral rock that was purchased in 2020 for work on Marks and 5,000. He suggested we surplus a portion of this rock and see if the county would be interested in buying it. Lay moved to surplus 95% of the rock. Barns seconded. Motion passed 5/0.
- Jason reported the Library hot water tank has gone out and that they are looking at a possible on demand tank to replace it in the \$150-80 range. The county is working on 5,000 Rd to smooth out high spots. New lights were installed at the ball field batting cages, but they may not be bright enough. Jason also asked the council about the chain link fence that runs along Miami St at the park. He suggested it be replaced with a new decorative fence.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Sam proposed the council look into finishing the side walk by the Community Building. There was discussion as to whether it should be redone in concrete or gravel, seeing as there is considerable infrastructure underneath it in the form of pipes and water lines.
- Missy Simmons reported that there is an available seat on the Library Board, applicants must be in the Edna Fire District.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- Sam called to move to an executive session for 10 minutes, with the regular meeting set to resume at 8:16.
- No Action Taken

## **TABLED AND PENDING BUISNESS:**

3-Mile Buffer – Brian Johnson the city attorney explained that in order to do the three mile buffer you have to have some form of basic

zoning. He will wright up a draft to hopefully present at the next meeting.

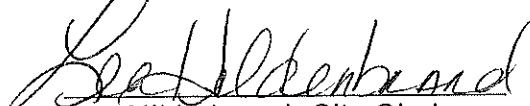
**ADJOURNMENT**

Foister moved to adjourn at 8:45 pm, Simmons seconded, and motion was carried 5/0.

The next regular council meeting will be Thursday April 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm.

  
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Sam Vail, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Lea Hilderbrand, City Clerk