

**MINUTES OF THE EDNA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
EDNA CITY HALL
THURSDAY, MAY 8TH, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sam Vail Called Thursday, May 8th 2025, regular council meeting to order at 7:01 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, Joe Kashka representing the fire department, Cody Lear representing the B.E.A.R.S., Cindy Meek, Alice Schurr, Myra Freeman representing the Library. As well as Guests: Loren and Jana Eck.

MINUTES Barnes made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 10th, 2025 regular meeting. Simmons seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

INVOICES Lay made a motion to pay invoices in the amount of \$111,836.51. Hoyt second. Motion carried 5/0.

LIBRARY

- Cindy Meek presented pictures and typed list of their accomplishments since becoming librarian. Including having served 264 people, Checked out 256 books in the moth of April. They are also expanding their summer reading program this year to include grades 1st-8th.
- Cindy also reported on their projected expenses, income and budget for 2026. With the addition of new staff and programs plus the loss of state funding due to federal budget cuts, Cindy estimates the library will be over on their budget by \$7,344.
- Sam suggested we do some research on possible solutions. One idea was to look into adding the library to the cities contract with DCI that covers our copiers and printers, or adding them to our CrawKan account to help alleviate some of the expenses they are struggling with.

B.E.A.R.S.

- Cody Lear reported the Annual Fishing Derby is set for this Saturday the 10th out at the lake.
- Also the B.E.A.R.S. would like to help organize the 4th of July fireworks at the City Lake this year if Jason Myers would be willing to help shoot them off. And if the City would be able to cover them under our Liability Insurance.
- Barnes moved to allow the B.E.A.R.S. to utilize the firework funds of approximately \$1,700 & to allow them Liability coverage under our insurance. Lay seconded, motion passed 5/0

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

- Foister made a motion that before Guest Loren Eck speaks we table the subject to allow the council to discuss this matter further. Sam clarified and asked if she would like to go into an Executive session. To which Foister replied no, she would just like to have more discussion about the animal ordinance concerning the legality and cost of changing an ordinance before deciding. Sam then welcomed her to have the discussion now, reiterating that there is no rush to change said ordinance but that we should not bar Eck from speaking unless we move to an executive session. He then asked for a seconded to Foisters motion. There was none. The floor was then given to the next guest on the agenda, Loren Eck.
- Guest Loren Eck presented his petition to allow chickens in Edna. He then suggested we look into the possibility of if passed, money earned from the Chicken license fees be allocated to the Library.
- Sam advised that the clerk review the petition to verify if the signatures are actually from citizens of Edna. And suggested the council members prepare a list for next meeting of items they would require in the new ordinance in an effort to reach a compromise.

ORDINANCES

- #526 – Mobil Food Vendors – Lay moved to approve the new food truck ordinance pending the lawyers approval. Barnes seconded. Motion passed 5/0
- #523 – Uniform Public Offence Code – Barnes moved to approve the new ordinance adopting the updated 40th edition of the Uniform Public Offense for Kansas Cities. Lay seconded, motion passed 5/0
- #517 – Water User Rates – Section 3 states the Reconnect charge for voluntary, temporary, or seasonal disconnects is \$10.00. After some discussion, Barnes moved to raise the initial fee to \$20 and every additional time afterwards be raised to \$40. Simmons seconded, motion passed 5/0.

CITY CLERK

- Lea Reported that we are running solely on our new Microsoft Business account.
- We received a thank you letter from the Labette County High School Project Prom for our support.
- Terrie reported that the annual ARPA report has been successfully submitted.
- Lea reported that UniFirst has sent us a new 5 year Customer Service Agreement. After discussion it was suggested we look into cheaper options before a decision is made.
- We received a quote from Shelton Construction for the total remodeling of the community building bathroom. Barnes moved to Table further discussion or decision until we were able to receive other quotes. Lay seconded, motion passed 5/0.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Joe reported that the Fire department has received a \$500 donation from the New Life Clothing store in Altamont, a \$790 donation from the Barbra Taylor memorial and that they will be sending out thank you letters next week.
- Joe also reported at the last regular meeting the election of officers was held, resulting in Travis Kimrey as Chief, Joe Kashka – Assistant Chief, Jason Myers – Fire Captain, Paige Shomper – Medical Captain, Brandon Lee and Casey Rexwinkle – Lieutenants, Lea Hilderbrand – Treasurer, Terrie Wiley – Secretary.
- He also reported that the Brush truck needs new shocks, they cost approx. \$625. Barnes moved to approve the expense. Lay seconded, motion passed 5/0.

UTILITY DEPARTMENT

- Lightning hit the concession stand at the ball field, causing the water heater to go out and a pipe to bust causing a water leak with a water loss of 20,000 gal. A new tankless water heater has been ordered and installed.
- The new sewer grinder pump for the Vanatta house being built on Craig Lane has been ordered at the price of \$6,232. Lay moved to approve that expenditure. Hoyt seconded, motion passed 5/0.

DOG CATCHER

- It was reported that there have been two citizen complaints concerning a dog incident. Official complaints have been filed and formal notices of Violation have been sent.

NEW BUSINESS

- Battagler Concrete has given us 3 new quotes for new sidewalk projects. After much discussion it was decided to seek other quotes and weigh our options.
- Lay then motioned to move into an executive session for 20 minutes. Barnes seconded, motion passed 5/0.
- Regular session set to resume at 9:21
- Resumed regular session.
- Barnes made a motion to officially appoint Terrie Wiley to Clerk with a \$1.00 raise and Lea Hilderbrand back to original position as treasurer.
- Hoyt seconded, motion passed 5/0.
- Mayor Appointments
With Cindy Barnes – Head of Council, Terrie Wiley – Clerk, Lea Hilderbrand Treasurer, Jason Myers – Maintenance Superintendent, Travis Kimrey – Fire Chief, Jason Myers & Corey Hunt – Animal Control, Brian Johnson- City Attorney, Shane Adamson – Judge, Labette Avenue – Newspaper, CNB&T – Bank, and Labette Co. Sheriff – Code Enforcement Officer.
Lay moved to approve appointments and to give City Employees a cost of living raise of 2.5% starting June 1st. Barnes seconded, motion passed 5/0.

TABLED AND PENDING BUSINESS:

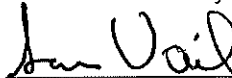
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ADJOURNMENT

Hoyt moved to adjourn.

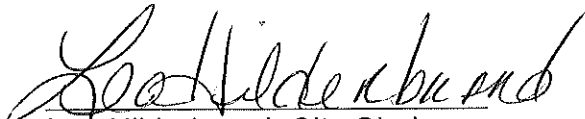
Lay seconded, motion passed 5/0. Meeting adjourned 9:33 pm.

The next regular council meeting will be Thursday 12th, at 7:00 pm.



Sam Vail, Mayor

Attest:



Lea Hilderbrand, City Clerk