

**MINUTES OF THE EDNA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
EDNA CITY HALL  
THURSDAY, September 11th, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Sam Vail Called Thursday, September 11<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, Missy Simmons, Jessie Foister and Kolby Lay were present. Sharon Hoyt was absent.

Also, present were Lea Hilderbrand Treasurer, Clerk Terrie Wiley, Jason Myers Maintenance Department Superintendent. As well as citizens Richard Erickson, Jacob Horton, and Ted Lear.

**MINUTES** Cindy Barnes made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025, regular meeting. Jessie Foister seconded. Motion carried 4/0.

Cindy Barnes then moved to accept the minutes of the August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Budget hearing. Jessie Foister seconded, motion carried 4/0.

**INVOICES** Kolby Lay moved to pay invoices in the amount of \$45,399.03. Missy Simmons second. Motion carried 4/0.

**GUESTS and CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

- Citizen Jacob Horton approached the council, asking them to forgive mowing fees on property at 209 Labette Ave. the property has sat vacant since 2021 and has accrued \$2,500 in mowing fees. He has recently purchased the property and has already made efforts to bring it up to code and intends to continue working in hopes of making it his primary residence.

Cindy Barnes moved to forgive the fees totaling \$2,500.

Missy Simmons seconded, Jessie Foister Abstained and the motion passed 3 yea, 0 nea and 1 abstained.

- Jacob Horton also asked that his water be turned on without being charged for sewer. The water would only be used at the hydrant for cleaning purposes because the house as major plumbing issues and he is not living there.

Kolby Lay moved to allow him to turn on and only charge him for water until the house is occupied.

Cindy Barnes seconded, Jessie Foister abstained, motion passed 3 yea, 0 nea, and 1 abstained.

## **ORDINANCES**

- Lea Hilderbrand presented Special Assessment Ord #529 which will be sent on to the county to assess the mowing fees towards property taxes.  
Kolby Lay moved to pass the ordinance.  
Cindy Barnes seconded, motion passed unanimously.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

- Terrie reported that she has been working with the lawyer to write up two resolutions concerning property in violation of Ord. #379.

## **CITY CLERK**

- Terrie Wiley reported we received notice that the Walmart Community Credit Card program as on November 1<sup>st</sup> is terminating.
- Robert and Annaka Vanatta have turned in their application for the Cities Residential Development Incentive. After much discussion Cindy Barnes moved to approve their application upon the fulfillment of the Craig Lane requirements.  
Missy Simmons seconded, motion passed unanimously.
- Terrie presented the Edna Recreation Commission's statement for their half of utilities used during the summer seasons sports. The bill totaled \$511.17.  
Kolby Lay moved to cover the Recs half of the expenses. Missy Simmons seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- During the budget hearing in August, City Attorney Brian Johnson recommended we contact the county to see if it would be possible for the City to recertify that they intended to leave above the RNR. After the budget hearing Terrie contacted Deputy Clerk Lorrie Boulware at the county about this matter, Lorrie's answer was no, the City cannot change their answer after the July 20<sup>th</sup> deadline. After much discussion Kolby Lay moved to adopt the 2026 Budget that was discussed at the August 14<sup>th</sup> Budget Hearing.  
Missy Simmons seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

## **CITY TREASURER**

- Lea Hilderbrand reported that the heirs to the abandoned properties at 324 E. Main and 110 E. County Road have approached the city about possibly deeding the property over to the City. She had contacted the City Attorney and he recommended the City create a Land Bank before starting the process to transfer the property.  
Kolby Lay moved to ask Brian Johnson to create the City a Land Bank.  
Missy Simmons seconded, motion passed unanimously.
- Lea presented an invoice from KPERS for \$1,342.00. When the City hired Terrie full-time it was with the understanding that you didn't start paying into KPERS until after a probationary

period. When that probationary period was over and Lea enrolled Terrie, KPERS informed us that an employee enrolled in KPERS 3 should pay in starting at date of hire and Terrie owed \$484.80 and the City \$857.81. This invoice is due the 27th of September. After much discussion Cindy Barnes moved to pay the entire \$1,342.00 and seek legal advice on whether to have Terrie pay her portion back in payments or not.

Kolby Lay seconded, motion passed unanimously.

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

- The Fire representatives were absent so Terrie Wiley reported that Edna Elementary reached out asking about Fire Safety Day which is set for Monday October 13<sup>th</sup>. The Department normally orders goodie bags for this and for Halloween. Terrie found some from Positive Promotions, a company the City has used in the past. The order would be \$804.32 without shipping. Kolby Lay moved to approve the expenditure of up to \$860.00 on goodie bags for Fire Safety Day as well as Halloween.

Cindy Barnes seconded, motion passed unanimously.

#### **UTILITY DEPARTMENT**

- Jason Myers reported that the new house on Craig Lane is waiting on brick siding to be put up in order to mount the grinder pump control panel.
- Chip and seal is set to start Friday the 19<sup>th</sup>, so they have been filling holes with cold patch in preparation.
- At the Whole Sale Water meeting at the Water Treatment Plant they discussed with Jason trying to get the City of Edna a special valve for our water tower in the next 2-3 years. This water pump would give them the ability to raise and lower our water levels virtually in office, which would in turn lower water loss and improve water quality. The rough estimate they gave was around \$60,000 but because they would also benefit from this they would be willing to help with the cost.
- Battagler Concrete is set to start on the west side of Delaware sidewalk. There has been some question as to where to put the bricks from the old sidewalk. And after some discussion they decided to have Battagler take them to the lake by the dam as normal.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- The special 1% tax will be expiring in December 2026, Terrie reported she had contacted the county and was informed that we would be able to include the 1% tax on the August 2026 Primary Ballot.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Sam Vail at 8:27 moved to go into Executive Session for 15 minutes. With elected personnel to discuss unelected personnel.  
Missy Simmons seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.  
Meeting resumed 8:42
- Missy Simmons representing the Library reported that the Library Board is looking into getting security cameras. There have been several occasions where librarian Cindy Meek has come in on Sunday or Monday to find that someone has used and made a mess in the bathroom. They are concerned that this is not only a sanitary concern but a safety one as well.

## TABLED AND PENDING BUSINESS:

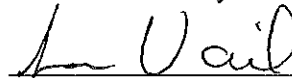
- We received a quote from Kingdom Builders Construction out of Coffeyville to remodel the Community Building bathroom for \$14,500.00.

## ADJOURNMENT

Jessie Foister moved to adjourn.

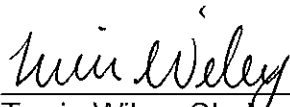
Cindy Barnes seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned  
8:57 pm.

The next regular council meeting will be Thursday October 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm.



Sam Vail, Mayor

Attest:



Terrie Wiley, Clerk