

## November 13, 2023 at 6:30pm

Edgewood City Council met in a regular session.

Council members present were Mayor Steve Steadham, Inez Goggans, Keith Rogers, Ruby Smith, Jack Pendleton and Louis Dunn. Petra Marley as City Administrator and Kathleen Jordan as City Secretary were also present. Prayer was led by Pastor David McGlocklin and pledge was led by Ruby Smith.

**Guests:** Pastor David McGlocklin, Judge Andy Reese and Pct 1 Constable Tommy Monk.

### **Consent Agenda:**

Upon a motion made by council members Dunn and Pendleton, the council voted to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the October 9, 2023 Regular meeting minutes and paying of the expenses.

**Motion Carried 5-0**

### **New Business:**

**Executive Session:** The City Council reserves the right to meet in closed session in accordance with Texas Government Code, Subchapter D, Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters): (1) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of public officer or employee.

1. Discuss and interview applicants for Edgewood Police Chief and take any action necessary. Council entered executive session at 6:32 pm to interview 3 candidates for the Edgewood Police Chief. The candidates were Robert Dearing, John Morrison and Cory Bean. The council reconvened into regular session at 8:58 pm. Rogers motioned to approve the hire on John Morrison as the new Edgewood Police Chief and was seconded by Jack Pendleton.

**Motion Passed: 5-0**

2. Consider and approve changing the current City Hall operating hours from 8:00-3:00 to 8:00-4:00. The employees are currently working until 4 already. Pendleton motioned to change the operating hours to 4 PM and was seconded by Smith.

**Motion Passed: 5-0**

3. Consider and approve the 2023 Tax Roll and Levy of \$528,644.69. Pendleton motioned to approve the levy as presented by the Van Zandt County Appraisal District and was seconded by Smith.

**Motion Passed: 5-0**

4. Consider and approve passing a resolution casting the City of Edgewood's 31 votes for the Van Zandt County Appraisal District's Board of Directors for the 2024-2025 term. Dunn motioned to cast all 31 votes for K Lance Simmons and was seconded by Rogers.

**Motion Passed: 5-0**

5. Consider and approve renegotiating the EEDC Money Market checking account and increasing the rate from .8% to 3.25%. Pendleton motioned to renegotiate and was seconded by Dunn.

**Motion Passed: 5-0**

6. Consider and approve the EEDC's nomination of Stormy Wilcoxson to replace Helen Howell. Dunn motioned to accept Stormy Wilcoxson's appointment in light of Helen's retirement and was seconded by Goggans.

**Motion Passed: 5-0**

7. Consider and approve Ordinance 111323 amending the Zoning Ordinance adopted June 2, 2014. Amendments are related to Part II, Chapter 125, Sections 125-5, 125-6 imposing a minimum square footage and Section 125-7 to allow only B-1 regulations and remove R-1 and R-2 from permitted use. The minimum square footage is to be set at 1,000 for any new builds or remodel/alterations. B-1 district will no longer include uses allowed by R-1 and R-2. Dunn motioned to approve these changes and was seconded by Smith.

**Motion Passed: 5-0**

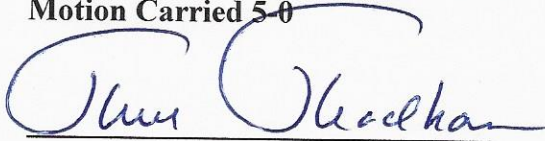
8. Consider and approve Ordinance 11132023 to abate loitering by regulating the use of all places commonly known as being distinctively public; all places privately owned but open to the public and all places distinctively private, providing for enforcement; and providing a penalty for violation. A sign must be posted at the location and a written complaint made by the owner for a loitering abatement to take place. Smith motioned to approve and was seconded by Rogers.

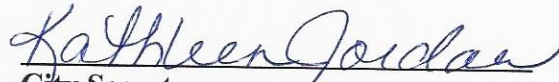
**Motion Passed: 5-0**

Departmental reports were given by Lt Dearing, Administrator Marley and Secretary Jordan.

Upon a motion made by council members Dunn and Rogers, the council voted to adjourn the Edgewood City Council meeting at 9:15 p.m.

**Motion Carried 5-0**

  
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Mayor

  
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City Secretary