

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, January 16, 2020 in council chambers at 6:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF HONORARY STUDENT MAYOR: (Ca'Sin Callis)

Mayor Lance Smiga introduced Ca'Sin Callis as the Honorary Student Mayor for tonight's meeting.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Lance Smiga called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. After the moment of silence, the council stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmember District 1 Dustin Muncrief, Councilmember District 2 Wayne Callis, Councilmember District 3 Rick Boone and Councilmember District 4 Elizabeth Sommerfeld were in attendance. Councilmember District 5 Johnny Vasquez was absent. City Manager Don Doering, Finance Director Olga Salomon, Director of Public Works Brad Ryan, Street Superintendent Steve Sample and Permit Tech Diane Pierce were also present. Minutes were recorded by City Secretary Becky Miska.

MOMENT OF SILENCE / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Ca'Sin Callis asked that the council and council bow their heads in a moment of silence and gave a prayer at the end of the moment of silence. Callis also lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS: Javier Gonzales, Velma Vasquez, Shanna Brooks, Johnell Callis, Katrina Callis, Delia Tomanek, Clay Tomanek, Mason Garcia, Ca'Sin Callis

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD DECEMBER 12, 2019:

Minutes were not available and will be present on the next council agenda.

HEARING OF VISITORS:

"At this time, comments will be heard from the audience on any subject matter that is not on the agenda. In accordance, with the Open Meeting Act, the council may not discuss or take action on any item which has not been posted on the agenda." Please limit comments to two (2) minutes.

"During the council meeting, as each item is addressed, the council shall allow the audience to speak on any subject matter that is posted on the agenda in accordance with HB 2840."

There were no comments.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER ENGAGEMENT LETTER FROM THE LAW OFFICE OF JAKE SRP, LLC:

Mayor Smiga noted that City Attorney Jake Srp had presented a renewal agreement for his services. Mayor Smiga went onto say that he had asked Mr. Doering to check with other cities on their attorney fees. Mr. Doering had found that Mr. Srp is in line with other attorneys. Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve the Engagement Letter from the Law Offices of Jake Srp, PLLC. Councilmember Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM THE JUNETEETH COMMITTEE FOR FUNDING FROM THE CURRENT CITY'S BUDGETED HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FOR THE 2020 FISCAL YEAR:

Shanna Brook and Shaniqua Roberts were present to answer any questions that council may have. Ms. Brooks stated that they are part of the new committee. Brooks and Roberts went onto say that they had contacted the previous treasurer of the committee to find out the balance if any from last year. They are not getting any cooperation from the previous committee person nor will she share information. They will be hosting a pageant; Father/Daughter Dance; Rodeo-June 1st; Gospel Explosion-June 6th and Parade-June 20th. Brooks and Roberts asked the council not to judge them on previous actions by other. Councilmember Boone made the motion to approve funding to the Juneteenth Committee from the current city's budgeted hotel/motel tax for the 2020 fiscal year in the amount of \$2,000. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM THE RED, WHITE & BULLS RODEO FOR FUNDING FROM THE CURRENT CITY'S BUDGETED HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FOR THE 2020 FISCAL YEAR:

Added events this year will be a Bar-B-Que Cookoff, beer garden and concert featuring: Kevin Fowler and Corey Morrow. Councilmember Vasquez made the motion to approve funding to the Red, White & Bulls Rodeo from the current city's budgeted hotel/motel tax for the 2020 fiscal year in the amount of \$1,500. Councilmember Sommerfeld seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER CITY COUNCIL TO ORDER A GENERAL ELECTION FOR MAY 2, 2020 AND AUTHORIZING MAYOR SMIGA TO SIGN THE ELECTION ORDER:

Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve Order for the General Election to be held May 2, 2020 and authorize Mayor Smiga to sign the Election Order. Councilmember Muncief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER CITY OF EDNA ORDINANCE NO. 2020-01 CALLING FOR A GENERAL ELECTION TO THE OFFICES OF COUNCILMEMBER DISTRICT 3, COUNCILMEMBER DISTRICT 4 AND COUNCILMEMBER DISTRICT 5 PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTION OFFICIALS AND THE TIME, PLACE AND MANNER FOR HOLDING A CITY OF EDNA ELECTION: AND PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF SAME:

Councilmember Sommerfeld made the motion to approve City of Edna Ordinance No. 2020-01 calling for a General Election to the offices of Councilmember District 3, Councilmember District 4 and Councilmember District 5 providing for the election officials and the time, place and manner for holding a City of Edna election; and providing for notice of same. Councilmember Boone seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER 2-1-1 PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE VALUE OF THE REGIONAL INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICES TO OUR COMMUNITY:

Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve 2-1-1 Proclamation recognizing the value of the Regional Information and Referral Services to our community. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

HEAR UPDATE FROM DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REGARDING BUDGETED ITEM ADJUSTMENT AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Director of Public Works Brad Ryan reported that during last year's budgeted workshops council approved a new mower to be purchased. Since then the City has received our mower back from the ESD 3. At this time the purchase of a new mower is not necessary. Funds allocated for the mower was \$7,000. Ryan stated would like to use those funds towards a "brush rake grapple" for picking up brush, debris and furniture. Councilmember Sommerfeld made the motion to approve the budgeted item adjustment to purchase the brush rake grapple. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

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

Councilmember Callis made the approve payment of \$395,980.44. Councilmember Vasquez 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 Department – grant updates, police report; Public Works Department – park reports, water & sewer line updates; Street Department – street repairs/projects; City Manager & City Secretary – public information; Finance Director –

financial report; Code Enforcement – progress reports on code issues.” No formal action can be taken on these items.

Director of Public Works Brad Ryan updated the council in regards to the city pool repairs. **Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge** reported that the Marshall’s office had apprehended the in Laredo and that he has been transported to the Jackson County jail. Chief Wooldridge introduced the newest patrolman – Aaron Holley.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE §551.074 (PERSONNEL MATTERS):

Mayor Smiga asked everyone to clear the council chambers at 6:40 p.m. in order for the council to go into executive session.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Smiga returned the council meeting to open session at 7:34 p.m. There was no action taken.

ADJOURN:

Before adjourning the meeting, Mayor Smiga noted that this was City Manager Don Doering last meeting. On behalf of himself and the city council, Mayor Smiga thanked Don for his service to the City of Edna. Mayor Smiga wished him the best on his new endeavor.

Councilmember Muncrief made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVAL: _____
Lance Smiga, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Becky Miska, City Secretary