

## **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, February 21, 2019 in council chambers at 6:30 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Joe Hermes called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Pro-Tem / Councilmember District 2 Wayne Callis, Councilmember District 1 Dustin Muncrief, Councilmember District 3 Rick Boone, Councilmember District 4 Lance Smiga and Councilmember District 5 Johnny Vasquez were present. City Manager Don Doering, Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge, Director of Public Works Brad Ryan. Minutes were recorded by City Secretary Becky Miska.

**VISITORS:** Velma Vasquez, Eric Mata-Councilman/Rosenberg, Bernadette Vickery and Chris Lundstrom-Jackson County Herald Tribune

### **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 City 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.*

There were no comments

### **APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 7, 2019:**

Councilmember Boone made the motion to approve minutes of the city council meeting held February 7, 2019. Councilmember Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

### **DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. R-2019-02 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF EDNA APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE MOBILE COMPUTER 2019 PROJECT TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR:**

Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge reported that agenda item is to be rescinded and no action is to be taken.

### **DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER LEASE AGREEMENT ON UN-UTILIZED PROPERTY:**

City Secretary Miska explained to the council that the City of Edna has a couple of properties that are “FEMA” properties. In short, the City acquired them after property owners were bought out by FEMA during the flood in 1994. Because they are “FEMA” properties they cannot be sold, cannot be built on, fences obstructed (unless the bottom is a break-a-way to allow possible flow of water). The City has allowed citizens who live next door to these properties to lease these properties for five years at a time and the fee is a \$1.00 per year (as an extension of their yard.) Those citizens then maintained the property and the city crews then don’t have to maintain or mow. It is a win-win situation for the City and property owner. Councilmember Smiga made the motion to approve the lease agreement on un-utilized property between Kristopher & Jill Crenshaw and the City of Edna for properties located at 806 & 808 S. Gilbert Street. Councilmember Boone seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

### **DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER PROBLEMS AND CONCERNS WITH FERAL CATS AND STRAY ANIMALS:**

Discussion was held regarding the problems with feral cats, what the city is legally able to do with feral cats and any possibilities the city may have to help control feral cats and stray animals. Councilmember Callis made the motion to table this agenda item until costs can be calculated for the spaying of feral cats. Councilmember Smiga seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

### **DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER NOMINATION TO SERVE ON THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION BOARD:**

City Secretary Miska noted that Delia Garcia had asked to be considered to serve. Councilmember Smiga stated she would asset to the board and made the motion to nominate Delia Garcia to serve on the

Planning and Zoning Commission Board. Councilmember Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER PAYMENT OF CURRENT BILLS:**

Mayor Hermes asked if there were any questions on the bills presented for payment. There were none. Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve payment of current bills in the amount of \$170,287.15. 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.”*

**City Manager Don Doering** reported that he is working on the sewer plant renewal permit. Doering also noted that Mercer Construction hit a gas line last week while working on East Street; repairs to the gas line were made as quickly as possible. **Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge** reported that the James Barrios murder trial is underway at the county courthouse. Wooldridge also noted the following: the Edna Police Department is at full staff; mobile data terminals are being installed in patrol cars; the new patrol car should hopefully arrive in three-four weeks. **Director of Public Works Brad Ryan** noted the grant project on East Street is going well. **City Secretary Becky Miska** reported that she had been contacted earlier in the day by the County Clerk’s office. The County Clerk’s office is proposing that the City of Edna rent their election machines at a lesser cost than from the Premier or ES&S Election Systems. Miska will continue discussion with the County Clerk’s office next week on this proposal and will report back to council with the savings costs.

**ADJOURN:**

Before the meeting was called to adjourn, Councilmember Boone questioned the status of the laundry mat. Director of Public Works Brad Ryan updated the council. Mayor Hermes reported to the council that he had been in conversations with the Schiewitz Family and Preston Atkinson (Whataburger) regarding the proposed site for the Cowboy Statue. Mayor Hermes went onto say that Atkinson is in contact with TxDot on the size and setbacks for the location. Hermes noted this is a concerted effort between the Schiewitz Family, Whataburger and the City of Edna.

Councilmember Callis made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Joe Hermes, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Becky Miska, City Secretary