

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, March 5, 2020 in council chambers at 6:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF HONORARY STUDENT MAYOR: (Amelia Smiga)

Mayor Lance Smiga introduced Amelia Smiga 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. The council stood for the moment of silence, after the moment of silence Honorary Student Andrew Schroer recited a prayer for the council, law enforcement, our government and President. The council and audience then 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 and Councilmember District 5 Johnny Vasquez were in attendance. City Secretary Becky Miska, Finance Director Olga Salomon, Director of Public Works Brad Ryan, Street Superintendent Steve Sample were also present. Minutes were recorded by City Secretary Becky Miska.

MOMENT OF SILENCE / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Amelia Smiga asked that the council and council bow their heads in a moment of silence. Amelia also lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS: Sara Smiga, Bertha Dell McDowell, Zachariah Reynolds-YMCA Victoria, Rosalinda Ramirez-YMCA Victoria and Chris Lundstrom-Jackson County Herald Tribune

APPROVE MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 20, 2020:

Councilmember Sommerfeld made the motion to approve minutes of the city council meeting held February 20, 2020. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

HEARING OF VISITORS:

“At this time, comments may 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.”

During the council meeting, as each item is addressed, the council shall also allow the audience to speak on any subject matter that is posted on the agenda in accordance with HB 2840.” Please limit comments – two minutes.

There were no comments.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER YMCA OF THE GOLDEN CRESCENT POOL MANAGEMENT CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF EDNA:

Director of Public Works Brad Ryan reported that a security camera will be installed in the pool office and new backboard will be purchased before the pool opens. Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve the YMCA of the Golden Crescent Pool Management Contract with the City of Edna. Councilmember Boone seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER RENEWING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF EDNA AND THE EDNA YOUTH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION:

Mayor Smiga noted that Timiron Jones was not present. Director of Public Works Brad Ryan noted that Timiron stated he wasn't aware that the council meeting date had changed. Mr. Ryan went onto say that Timiron did report that the electricity for the concession stand had been switched over in the last few days. Councilmember Muncrief made the motion to table this agenda item until it is confirmed the electricity (for the concession stand) has been changed over to the Edna Youth Football Association. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM THE JACKSON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & AGRICULTURE FOR FUNDING FROM THE CURRENT CITY'S BUDGETED HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FOR THE 2020 FISCAL YEAR:

Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve the request from the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture for funding from the current city's budgeted hotel/motel tax for the 2020 fiscal year in the amount of \$2,500.00. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

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

Councilmember Sommerfield made the motion to approve payment of current bills in the amount of \$248,843.25. Councilmember Muncrief 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 reported on leak under the railroad tracks on a 1" service line that feeds two houses. Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge noted the department has been very busy; patrol car is being outfitted; new applicant will be interviewed on Monday. Finance Director Olga Salomon reported mid-way on with the city audit. City Secretary Becky Miska stated the City of Edna will be holding an election on May 2, 2020.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE §551.074; PERSONNEL MATTERS: TO DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE OR DISMISSAL OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE: CHIEF OF POLICE

At this time, Mayor Smiga asked that the visitors leave the council chambers while the council went into executive session. Council went into executive session at 7:00 p.m.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no action taken.

ADJOURN:

Before adjourning, Councilmember Callis asked what the status of getting the demolition cleaned up at the old Caver school. Director of Public Works Brad Ryan stated that he had been in contact with the property owner and was told that trucks are being lined up to haul it off. Councilmember Muncrief made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVAL: _____
Lance Smiga, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Becky Miska, City Secretary

