

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, April 2, 2020 in council chambers at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Lance Smiga called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The council stood for the moment of silence, followed by the council and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmember District 1 Dustin Muncrief, Councilmember District 2 Wayne Callis, Councilmember District 3 Rick Boone and Councilmember District 5 Johnny Vasquez were in attendance. Councilmember Elizabeth Sommerfeld was absent. City Secretary Becky Miska, Finance Director Olga Salomon, Director of Public Works Brad Ryan, Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge were also present. Minutes were recorded by City Secretary Becky Miska.

VISITORS: John Meng – Jackson County Herald Tribune

APPROVE MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 5, 2020:

Councilmember Boone made the motion to approve minutes of the city council meeting held March 5, 2020. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE EMERGENCY MEETING / PHONE CONFERENCE, SPECIAL MEETING AND EMERGENCY MEETING HELD ON MARCH 12, 2020:

Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve the minutes of the emergency meeting / phone conference, special meeting and emergency meeting held on March 12, 2020. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE EMERGENCY MEETING HELD MARCH 19, 2020:

Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve minutes of the emergency meeting held March 19, 2020. Councilmember Muncrief 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 REPORT ON THE 2018-2019 FISCAL YEAR AUDIT FROM THE FIRM OF HARRISON, WALDROP & UHEREK, L.L.P. CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS:

Mayor Smiga reported due to the COVID-19, he and Finance Director Olga Salmon had a conference call with Auditor Melissa Terry. Mrs. Terry noted that the City of Edna presented a fair, clear audit and at the end the city was \$16,000 in the black. Councilmember Muncrief made the motion to accept the report on the 2018-2019 fiscal year audit from the Firm of Harrison, Waldrop & Uherek, L.L.P. Certified Public Accountants. Councilmember Boone seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER A PROCLAMATION IN SUPPORT OF CANCELLING AND MOVING THE MAY ELECTION TO NOVEMBER:

City Secretary Miska reported that due to COVID-19 the May 2, 2020 General Election will be cancelled and moved to November 2020. Councilmember Muncrief made the motion to approve the proclamation in support of cancelling and moving the May Election to November. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER POSTPONING AND RESCHEDULING THE CITY OF EDNA’S CLEAN UP:

Due to COVID-19 in order to protect city staff working the clean-up and citizens of the community, council made the decision to postpone the City of Edna’s Clean up that was scheduled to be held April 17th and April 18th. Councilmember Muncrief made the motion to approve postponing and rescheduling the City of Edna’s Clean Up for a later date. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS COVID-19 AND TAKE ANY / ALL ACTIONS DEEMED NECESSARY:

Mayor Smiga reported that the Jackson County Hospital District has performed 77 tests; 15 results are pending and 3 have tested positive that contracted the virus elsewhere. Director of Public Works Brad Ryan noted the ladies working in the office are comfortable at this time. Preventive measures have been taken throughout the offices at City Hall and Municipal Court. Counters, floors and door handles are being cleaned with Lysol throughout the day.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. R-2020-07 AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER GARY BROZ, CITY SECRETARY BECKY MISKA AND MAYOR LANCE SMIGA TO COUNTERSIGN CHECKS AND EXECUTE DOCUMENTS FOR THE CITY OF EDNA:

Councilmember Vasquez made the motion to approve Resolution No. R-2020-07 authorizing City Manager Gary Broz, City Secretary Becky Miska and Mayor Lance Smiga to countersign checks and execute documents for the City of Edna. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

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

Councilmember Boone made the motion to approve payment of current bills in the amount of \$266,342.34. 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 it had been a busy week. Street crews have been mowing Shelby Park and lift stations. **Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge** noted the department has been very busy; patrol car is being outfitted; advertising for patrolman continues. **Finance Director Olga Salomon** reported mid-way on with the city audit. **City Secretary Becky Miska** stated the City of Edna will not be holding an election on May 2, 2020 due to COVID-19.

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: CITY MANAGER

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 6:40 p.m.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No action was 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 Callis 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