

## **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, May 21, 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. Mayor Smiga welcomed the City Manager Gary Broz. The council stood for the moment of silence, followed by the council and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmember 1 Dustin Muncried, Councilmember District 2 Wayne Callis, Councilmember District 3 Rick Boone, Councilmember District 4 Elizabeth Sommerfeld and Councilmember District 5 Johnny Vasquez were in attendance. City Manager Gary Broz, 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:** Velma Vasquez

### **APPROVE MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING MAY 7, 2020:**

Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve minutes of the city council meeting held May 7, 2020. Councilmember Boone 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 POSSIBLE ACTION TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF THE CITY POOL OPENING:**

City Manager Gary Broz reported that he had spoken to Zack at the YMCA. The YMCA is possibly opening on June 13<sup>th</sup> with social distancing in place. City Manager Broz will keep in contact with the YMCA to make sure that we are notified of their plans.

### **DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE DRAINAGE PLAN:**

City Manager Broz reported that he had come out during the recent heavy rainfall the city experienced. Broz noted that he and Director of Public Works Brad Ryan observed several places throughout town with drainage issues. Broz stated the city needs to move dirt and in order to do so we will need to hire additional employees during the summer. City Manager Broz proposed hiring three (3) part-time employees to work thru the summer months for mowing, weed-eating, curb painting, trash pick-up and all other duties that will need to be taken care of. The city’s full time crews will be shooting grades and cleaning ditches to improve drainage. Mayor Smiga agreed that a lot of water came down in a short period of time. Councilmember Sommerfeld noted she is in favor of hiring summer help. Councilmember Callis stated that the city needs to cross train someone else to learn to operate the city’s equipment due to we have several employees entering retirement age. Councilmember Boone questioned as to how will we inform the residents when we are working in their area. Broz noted that the city will put it on our website, Facebook and knock on doors. Councilmember Muncrief made the motion to approve the proposed plan of action for the city’s drainage issues. Also, the hiring of three (3) temporary part-time employees in the street department. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

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

Mayor Smiga noted that was confirmed today that Jackson County has its 17 Covid Case; there are two active cases and 17 pending tests at the hospital. Nursing home staffs will be tested on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Smiga added that Commissioners Court will be rescinding the Emergency Declaration at their board

meeting on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. Smiga asked that the city council take action by rescinding theirs at tonight's council meeting. Councilmember Vasquez made the motion to approve rescinding the Emergency Declaration that was passed on March 18, 2020. 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 \$153,353.45. 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** reported that the city has received word that TCEQ has resumed classes next week. **Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge** noted that he had a conversation with Mr. Karl on citizen concerns at the apartment complex on Colorado Street. Wooldridge also noted that he is checking the siren status and Reverse 911 status in order to be ready before hurricane season. Municipal court will be held on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and Code Enforcement has a stack of summons to appear. **Street Superintendent Steve Sample** stated city crews are spraying for mosquitoes from 8pm to midnight and 6am to 9am daily.

**ADJOURN:**

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

APPROVAL: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lance Smiga, Mayor

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