

## **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, June 4, 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 reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmember 1 Dustin Muncrief, Councilmember District 2 Wayne Callis, Councilmember District 3 Rick Boone, Councilmember District 4 Elizabeth Sommerfeld and Councilmember District 5 Johnny Vasquez were in attendance. Also present were City Manager Gary Broz, City Secretary Becky Miska, Finance Director Olga Salomon, Director of Public Works Brad Ryan, Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge. Minutes were recorded by City Secretary Becky Miska.

**VISITORS:** Shanna Brooks – Juneteenth Committee, Velma Vasquez, Kurt Janica - ESD 3, David L. Webel, Jake Srp – Attorney at Law and John Meng – Jackson County Herald Tribune

### **APPROVE MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING MAY 21, 2020:**

Councilmember Vasquez made the motion to approve minutes of the city council meeting held May 21, 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 DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS FROM THE COUNTY FEE FOR CHILD SAFETY:**

City Manager Gary Broz reported that he had been contacted by Gary Worsham with the Hope of South Texas. Mr. Worsham asked if the City of Edna would consider the distribution of funds from county fines to go towards child safety. Last year the city collected \$1,870.85. Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve the distribution of funds from the County Fee for Child Safety. Councilmember Boone seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

### **DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED TO THE JACKSON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 3:**

Fire Marshal Kurt Janica noted it is in the best interest of the citizens of Edna for the ESD 3 to stay in the city limits of Edna. Janica went on to say that there are grants that can be obtained when the building is in their name. Plans are to include remodeling the front of the building and adding on 20 ft. towards the back. There will continue to be 10 foot between the ESD 3 building and the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce building. Councilmember Muncrief made the motion to approve the council signing the Special Warranty Deed to the Jackson County Emergency Services District No. 3. Once the Special Warranty Deed is recorded City Secretary Miska will cancel the insurance and the ESD 3 will then carry insurance coverage under their name. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

### **DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE (CCR) 2019 CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT FOR THE PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM:**

Councilmember Sommerfeld made the motion to accept the (CCR) 2019 Consumer Confidence Report for the Public Water System. Councilmember Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE CARES ACT CORNAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDING ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATION, AND TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION:**

City Manager Broz reported that the city can qualify for \$55 per citizen thru the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funding Eligibility Certification. Broz will come back to council at a later date for action.

**DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE GIFT WARRANTY DEED FOR THE 949.77 SQUARE FOOT OF TRACT OF LAND FOR THE PLACEMENT OF THE COWBOY STATUE:**

City Attorney Jake Srp updated the council on the Gift Warranty Deed for the placement of the Cowboy Statue. Councilmember Muncrief made the motion to approve accepting the Gift Warranty Deed for the 949.77 square foot of tract of land for the placement of the Cowboy Statue. The tract of land is adjacent to RBank and across from McDonalds. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE 2020 VENDOR'S AGREEMENT FOR THE COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT COVID-19 FROM THE COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE OF VICTORIA FOR UTILITY PAYMENT REIMBURSEMENTS:**

City Manager Broz reported to council that the Community Services Block Grant COVID-19 will assist citizens that are unable to pay their utility bills. Councilmember Muncrief made the motion to approve the 2020 Vendor's Agreement for the Community Services Block Grant Covid-19 from the Community Action Committee of Victoria for utility payment reimbursements. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**REVIEW AND DISCUSS ORDINANCE NO. 2020-02 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS AMENDING CHAPTER 3, "BUILDING REGULATIONS" ARTICLE 3.03, "UNSAFE AND DANGEROUS BUILDINGS" AND PROVIDING FOR THE FOLLOWING: FINDINGS OF FACT; ENACTMENT; REPEALER; SEVERABILITY; CODIFICATION; EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROPER NOTICE & HEARING:**

City Attorney Srp stated that City Manager Broz had visited with Olsen & Olsen on amending Chapter 3 "Building Regulations" Article 3.03. City Attorney Srp added that he had reviewed the amendments and everything is all covered. City Manager Broz stated that if the council did not have any changes then Ordinance No. 2020-02 will be put on the next agenda for action. There were no objections or changes recommended by council.

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

Shanna Brooks with Juneteenth Committee updated the council on the status of the Juneteenth Celebration. Brooks reported to that due to COVID-19 fundraisers were unable to be held to raise the additional funds needed for the event. It was noted that the previous \$2,000 that was given by council earlier in the year had been used towards event supplies and entertainment. Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve additional funding from the current city's hotel/motel tax to the Juneteenth Committee in the amount of \$1,500. Councilmember Boone seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE 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:**

Before the motion to adjourn, Councilmember Callis inquired about an ordinance that the city passed to enforce the length of time a vehicle or trailer can be parked on a city street. Chief of Police Wooldridge noted that his officers will take a more active look into enforcing the ordinance.

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