

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, June 18, 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 District 2 Wayne Callis, Councilmember District 3 Rick Boone, Councilmember District 4 Elizabeth Sommerfeld and Councilmember District 5 Johnny Vasquez were in attendance. Councilmember District 1 Dustin Muncrief was absent. 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: Diane Pierce, Velma Vasquez, Morris Hopes, Derrick Boston, Wendy J. Miller, John Meng – Jackson County Herald Tribune and James Griffin-Texas Disposal Systems

APPROVE MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 4, 2020:

Councilmember Callies made the motion to approve minutes of the city council meeting held June 4, 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 APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE FIRST READING OF 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:

Councilmember Sommerfeld made the motion to approve the first reading of 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. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER REQUEST FOR CLOSE CERTAIN CITY STREETS ON JUNE 19 FOR THE MARCH: (Tristan North)

Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve closing N. Kleas Street /Martin Luther King Drive down to the Martin Luther King Park from 6pm – 9pm. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND REVIEW THE UPDATED PROPOSED ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE:
(Clinton Wooldridge)

Chief of Police Wooldridge and City Manager Broz addressed the council highlighting the proposed animal control ordinances updates. City Manager Broz noted that if council didn't have any suggestions or additions then the first reading of the proposed animal control ordinance will be on the next agenda for council approval.

HEAR FROM TEXAS DISPOSAL SYSTEMS REPRESENTATIVES TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE CONTRACT EXTENSION:

Representatives James Griffin and Jay Lewellen with Texas Disposal Systems addressed the council with the plans and intentions if the City would enter into a ten (10) year contract extension. There was no actions on this agenda item.

DISCUSS CITY CLEANUP AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Morris Hopes, Derrick Boston, Wendy Miller addressed the council about the newly formed Neighborhood Cleanup Committee. Derrick, Morris and Wendy each stated why they became involved with the newly formed group. Morris Hopes stated that Their Mission: is a group of awesome volunteers who are dedicated to beautifying our neighborhoods in order to bring all citizens of Edna, Texas, together as one. Their Vision: to provide ongoing community support to the neighborhoods that need cleaning up the most and clear up debris from ditches to ensure water flows properly from flood zone areas. Their Goals: *to keep our mission going for years to come *to recruit volunteers of all economic statuses and ethnicities *to make each neighborhood an awesome part of Flag City. Their Objectives: *to work together with city officials to assist in properly disposing of debris *to always set goals and achieve the desired results of cleaning the neighborhood *to build the *Neighborhood Cleanup Committee* with caring volunteers.

It was noted that there would be a monthly scheduled date and their goal is to divide the City up into cleanup zones. Each month a zone would be worked on by volunteers and hopefully city employees.

City Manager Broz will be meeting again with Morris and Derrick to discuss a game plan.

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

Councilmember Sommerfeld made the motion to approve payment of current bills in the amount of \$184,095.64. Councilmember Callies 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.

City Manager Gary Broz reported the good news of sales tax revenue has gone up; restaurants have opened to 75% capacity with 6 foot distancing; this weekend is the Martin Luther King festivities; the city is back to normal with cut-offs since the Coronavirus; the excavator that was down is back up and running again. Gary noted he has been meeting with the Drainage District and they will be working with the city on drainage and mowing projects. Siren testing is still being working. Broz presented the council with a copy of the proposed budget to review before Tuesday night's budget workshop. **Director of Public Works Brad Ryan** noted that city crews are mowing full time; the two part-time employees are helping out a lot; water leaks are up and being repaired as they occur; the Martin Luther King Celebration

Parade will be held Saturday and if any of the council would like to ride on the antique fire truck please meet at the fire station before 10:00am. **Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge** stated the city pays \$3,100 a year towards the Reverse 911 System. He has been set up with a new password and operating skills. Wooldridge reported that the new officer has completed her training. Wooldridge also noted that the siren has a timer but it has set still for so long that it is stuck. The police station has a gas line that is in need of repairs so at this time the line has been disconnected.

ADJOURN:

Before the meeting adjourned, Mayor Smiga stated that he wanted to publicly thank the Jackson County County-Wide Drainage District for working with the city. Mayor Smiga also inquired about the ditch cleaning program and its status.

Councilmember Sommerfeld made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Boone seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVAL: _____
Lance Smiga, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Becky Miska, City Secretary