

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, July 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 reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmember District 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, Captain Bruce McConathy. Minutes were recorded by City Secretary Becky Miska.

VISITORS: Wendy Miller, John Meng – Jackson County Herald Tribune

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 18, 2020:

Councilmember Muncrief made the motion to approve minutes of the city council meeting held June 18, 2020. Councilmember Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE BUDGET WORKSHOP HELD JUNE 23, 2020:

Councilmember Boone made the motion to approve minutes of the budget workshop held June 23, 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 THE SECOND 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 second 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 Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER TO CONSIDER THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2020-03 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS UPDATING THE CITY’S ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE NO. 2013-02:

Councilmember Sommerfeld made the motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2020-03 an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Edna, Texas updating the City’s Animal Control Ordinance No. 2013-02. Councilmember Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 2020-04 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT SEVEN (7), BLOCK FOUR (4), HARLEM, CITY OF EDNA, JACKSON COUNTY, TEXAS. REF: BOOK 149, PAGE 58; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP; PROVIDING A REPEALER, SEVERABILITY AND SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE:

City Manager Broz reported that the only one (1) bid had been received for \$1,000. Councilmember Boone made the motion to accept the bid for \$1,000 and approve Ordinance 2020-04 of the City Council of the City of Edna, Texas authorizing the sale of real property legally described as Lot Seven (7), Block Four (4), Harlem, City of Edna, Jackson County, Texas. Ref: Book 149, Page 58; authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to transfer ownership; providing a repealer, severability and savings clause; and providing an effective date. Councilmember Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER TML HEALTH BENEFITS POOL MEDICAL COST OPTIONS: (Gary Broz)

City Manager Broz presented the council with options for the insurance benefits for the city employees. City employees would still be responsible for their spouse and/or family coverage. Insurance coverage will be on the next agenda for council action.

DISCUSS AND HEAR UPDATES ON TEXAS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM: (Gary Broz)

City Manager Broz reported that TMRS rates went down from 10.64% to 10.23%. The City's employee match with TMRS is 2 to 1.

DISCUSS COVID-19 AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Broz reported that there are 17-19 cases in Jackson County with more expected. We are continuing to follow the Governor's requests which change sometimes daily due to the Corona circumstances.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER EDNA CLEAN UP AND DATE:

City Manager Broz reported he had spoken to Morris and Derrick about the Edna Clean Up. They too agree to postpone for the now out of concern for the health of our citizens.

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 \$44,376.01. 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.

City Manager Gary Broz stated that City Hall and other offices began the new hours of 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Each staff member has partnered up on weekly scheduling. City pool has had ups and downs but continues to carry on. A meeting was held with the Edna Independent School Superintendent

Robert O'Connor and good things to come. Also met with the engineer/architect of the Cowboy Statute for an update. Meeting is set with Texas Disposal Services. City crews are continuing to work on ditches. A meeting has been set regarding the CARES Act and Broadband. **Finance Director Olga Salomon** reported she continues to work on the budget. **Director of Public Works Brad Ryan** stated city crews continue to work on drainage. Also, received an inquiry on the old Friedrich's Food Mart building. **Water Wastewater Superintendent Justin Weber** noted his crews are maintaining day to day operations. The jetter is ready and will camera everything. City crews are masked up. **Captain Bruce McConathy** reported the new hire has finished field training.

ADJOURN:

Councilmember Sommerfeld 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