

## **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, July 16, 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 4 Elizabeth Sommerfeld were in attendance. Councilmember District 3 Rick Boone and Councilmember District 5 Johnny Vasquez were not present. City Manager Gary Broz, Finance Director Olga Salomon, Director of Public Works Brad Ryan, and Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge were in attendance. In the absence of City Secretary Becky Miska minutes were recorded by Olga Salomon.

**VISITORS:** John Meng – Jackson County Herald Tribune

### **APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING JULY 2, 2020:**

Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve minutes of the City Council meeting held July 2, 2020. Councilmember Sommerfeld seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

### **HEARING OF VISTIORS:**

*“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 SET DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FISCAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF EDNA:**

City Manager Broz presented the council with August 20, 2020 and September 3, 2020 dates for a Public Hearing on the Fiscal Budget for the City of Edna.

### **DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO SET DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE TAX RATE, TAX LEVY AND LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF EDNA:**

City Manager Broz presented the council with August 20, 2020 and September 3, 2020 dates to set date for a Public Hearing on the Tax Rate, Tax Levy and Levying Ad Valorem taxes for the City of Edna.

### **DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE SECOND 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 second 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 Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

### **DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER AWARDED THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FOR THE CDBJ-MIT GRANT APPLICATION:**

Councilmember Muncrief made the motion to award the Administrative services to Taylor Associates for the CDBJ-MIT Grant Application. Councilmember Sommerfeld seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

### **DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE JACKSON COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR:**

Councilmember Callis made the motion to consider contractual agreement with the Jackson County Tax Assessor-Collector. Councilmember Sommerfeld seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER 10/1/2020 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS RENEWAL RATES FROM TML MULTISTATE IEBP:**

City Manager Broz presented council with the contract on July 2, 2020 with options for the insurance benefits for the city employees. City employees would continue to be responsible for their spouse and/or family coverage. Councilmember Callis made the motion to consider and accept the 10/1/2020 Employee Benefits Renewal rates from TML MultiState IEBP. Councilmember Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER NOMINATION TO TML BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGION 11:**

City Manager Broz discussed the action to consider nomination to TML Board of Trustees Region 11. There were no nominations and no action taken.

**DISCUSS COVID-19 AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:**

City Manager Broz reported we are continuing to follow the Governor's request which changes sometimes daily due to the Corona circumstances. Mayor Smiga reported there could be an estimated 79 active cases in Jackson County. Testing for positive and negative cases varies one to fourteen days.

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

Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve payment of current bills in the amount of \$266,413.27. 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 update, 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 he is working on several grants for the City of Edna. The Cares Act Grant; city crews are cleaning ditches and he is continuing to work on the budget. We continue to wait for the tax rates from Jackson County Tax Assessor-Collector. City Manager Broz submitted a code enforcement report for council and also a copy of the June Financials. **Finance Director Olga Salomon** is also continuing to work on the budget along with City Manager Broz. **Director of Public Works Brad Ryan** stated city crews are steadily working on water leaks. Mr. Ryan has ordered materials for the Pumphrey Children's Park walking trail and repairs are to begin next week. **Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge** notes he is looking into grants and he is trying to get the warning siren working soon.

**ADJOURN:**

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

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

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