

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, January 7, 2021 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 4 Mike Dodds and Councilmember District 5 Johnny Vasquez were in attendance. City Manager Gary Broz, City Secretary Becky Miska, Finance Director Olga Salomon, Water Wastewater Superintendent Justin Weber, Director of Public Works Brad Ryan and Chief of Police Rick Boone were in attendance. Minutes were recorded by City Secretary Becky Miska.

VISITORS: Velma Vasquez, Jessica Coleman-Jackson County Herald Tribune, John Espinosa, Roy Ortolon, Mr. & Mrs. Odell, Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Chapman and Barbara Thomas

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 10, 2020:

Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve minutes of the city council meeting held November 10, 2020. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

HEARING OF VISTIORS:

“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.

HEAR CONCERNS FROM MR. & MRS. VERNON CHAPMEN AND/OR DAUGHTER ON GILBERT ROAD DRAINAGE ISSUES:

John Espinosa, Roy Ortolon, Mr. & Mrs. Odell and the Chapman’s, Barbara Thomas all voices their concerns and frustrations over the drainage issues on Gilbert Road. Each one stated that they had been to City Hall or called numerous times when it has rained and no one has seemed to concerned over their problems. City crews are not taking care of the culverts and ditches either.

CONSIDER AWARD OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FOR THE FEMA-FMA PROJECT AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz reported that staff recommends Traylor & Associates to be awarded the administrative services for the FEMA-FMA Project. Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve awarding Traylor & Associates the administrative services for the FEMA-FMA Project. Councilmember Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AWARD OF ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE FEMA-FMA PROJECT AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY.

City Manager Broz reported that staff recommends Civil Corp to be awarded the engineering services for the FEMA-FMA Project. Councilmember Muncrief made the motion to approve awarding Civil Corp Engineers the engineering services for the FEMA-FMA Project. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER EXPENSES TO THE SEWER JETTER MACHINE AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Broz noted that the sewer jetter machine expenses would be \$22,500. Councilmember Muncrief made the motion to approve \$22,500 for the expenses to the sewer jetter machine. Councilmember seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION FOR APPOINTMENT(S) TO THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION:

City Secretary Miska noted there is a vacancy on the board. Councilmember Muncrief made the motion to appoint Elizabeth Sommerfeld to serve on the Planning & Zoning Commission Board. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION FOR APPOINTMENTS TO THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION:

Mayor Smiga asked that this item be tabled. Councilmember Dodds made the motion to table the agenda item for appointments to the Charter Review Commission. Councilmember Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER BUDGETED AMENDMENT FOR ADDING SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER TO THE 2020-2021 GENERAL FUND BUDGET;

City Manager Broz asked the council to consider a budget amendment for adding a School Resource Officer to the 2020-2021 General Fund Budget. Broz noted the school will be reimbursing the city for that cost. Councilmember Dodds made the motion to approve a budgeted amendment for adding a school resource officer to the 2020-2021 general fund budget. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR ADDING ANGEL TREE FUND TO THE 2020-2021 GENERAL FUND BUDGET:

City Manager Broz reported that citizens make donations to the Police Department to go towards the Angel Tree Fund. Broz noted that this should be in a separate account in the amount of \$985. Councilmember Muncrief made the motion to consider budget amendment for adding the Angel Tree Fund to the 2020-2021 General Fund Budget. Councilmember Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS BROADBAND STATUS AND PARTNERSHIPS WITH JACKSON COUNTY AND CITY OF VICTORIA AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Broz noted that he had been in talks with Jackson County and the City of Victoria in regards to broadband services. Edna is fortunate to have a citizen, Lindsey Lee, representing us. Councilmember Vasquez made the motion to approve City Manager Broz to continue pursuing talks in order for Edna to receive broadband services. Councilmember Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AWARDING CONTRACT TO CONDUCT A STREET INVENTORY-CONDITION AND INVENTORY-ASSESSMENT THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF EDNA AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz stated that CivilCorp, LLC submitted a proposal for providing Engineering Services associated with providing the City of Edna with a street condition and inventory assessment with a cost not to exceed \$22,890. Broz noted there are approximately 43 miles of city streets; an existing street condition map would be created; a proposed street condition map showing type of rehab would be created; prioritization of street rehab projects and estimates would be prepared; results would be coordinated with city officials. Councilmember Dodds made the motion to award the contract to conduct a street inventory-condition and inventory-assessment throughout the City of Edna to CivilCorp, LLC. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS COVID-19 AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Mayor Smiga noted the number of positive cases is on the rise again. Mayor encouraged citizens to wear masks when out in public, social distance and wash your hands regularly.

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

Councilmember Vasquez made the motion to approve payment of current bills in the amount of \$574,326.82. Councilmember Dodds 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 reports; Public Works Department-park reports, water & sewer updates; Street Department-repairs/projects; Code Enforcement-progress reports; City Manager & City Secretary-public information.” No formal action can be taken on these items.

City Manager Gary Broz reported that some of the vehicles are ready for pick up at Enterprise and plans are being made. **Director of Public Works Brad Ryan** stated city crews had been working on drainage issues. **Water Wastewater Justin Weber** stated that he had been maintaining. **Chief of Police Rick Boone** updated the council on the changes and updates at the Edna Police Department.

ADJOURN:

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

APPROVED:

Lance Smiga, Mayor

ATTEST:

Becky Miska, City Secretary