

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, January 20, 2022 in council chambers at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Lance Smiga called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The council stood for the moment of silence, followed by the council and audience reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilperson District 1 Dustin Muncrief, Councilperson District 2 Wayne Callis, Councilperson District 3 Chris Jackson, Councilperson District 4 Mike Dodds and Councilperson District 5 Johnny Vasquez were present. City Manager Gary Broz, Investigator Derrick Bermea, Finance Director Olga Salomon, Director of Utilities Brad Ryan and Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski were in attendance. Minutes were recorded by City Manager Gary Broz in the absence of City Secretary Becky Miska.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD JANUARY 6, 2022:

Councilperson Dodds made the motion to approve minutes of the city council meeting held January 6, 2022. Councilperson Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS: Bill Crowley, Amber Stansberry, Lance Stansberry, Jessica Coleman-Jackson County Herald Tribune

HEARING OF VISITORS:

“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.

PUBLIC HEARING:

CONSIDER APPLICATION FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT TO OPERATE A PRIVATE SCHOOL BY AMBER STANSBERRY. PROPERTY LOCATED AT 501 ROSE STREET. LEGAL DESCRIPTION: 0.563 TRACT SITUATED LOT 4, BLOCK C, THE ORIGINAL TOWNSITE OF EDNA:

City Manager Broz noted that eight letters had been mailed to adjacent property owners; only one response was returned and it was approved; no protests received. Broz went onto say that the Planning & Zoning Commission met on Tuesday, January 11 at which time they voted to approve the request for the Specific Use Permit to operate a private school for special education and related services for students with disabilities. Amber Stansberry was present to answer any questions concerning the operation of the private school. Stansberry outlined the need for the private school for special needs children in Jackson County. Stansberry noted that one adult will be teaching three kids per guidelines.

APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION’S RECOMMENDATION FOR THE SPECIFIC USE PERMIT TO OPERATE A PRIVATE SCHOOL BY AMBER STANSBERRY. PROPERTY LOCATED AT 501 ROSE STREET. LEGAL DESCRIPTION: 0.563 ACRE TRACT SITUATED LOT 4, BLOCK C, THE ORIGINAL TOWNSITE OF EDNA:

Councilperson Jackson made the motion to approve the Planning & Zoning Commission’s recommendation for the Specific Use Permit to operate a private school by Amber Stansberry. Property located at 501 Rose Street. Legal description: 0.563 acres tract situated Lot 4, Block C, the Original Townsite of Edna, Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER FUEL BIDS:

City Manager Broz noted that only one bid was received: Sun Coast Resources, Inc. Councilperson Wayne made the motion to accept the fuel bid from Sun Coast Resources, Inc. Councilperson Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER MINI-EXCAVATOR BIDS:

City Manager Gary Broz reviewed the mini-excavator bids with council. Broz noted that three bids were received: One bid for a new 2022 Case CX57C from Associated Supply Company, Inc. / Houston, Texas \$70,850; two bids were received for used mini-excavators: 2017 Case CX60C (974 hours) from Associated Supply Company, Inc./ Houston, Texas \$59,625 and 2020 Cat 305.5E2cr (22 hours) from

Robert W. Boone / El Campo, Texas \$60,000. Councilperson Dodds made the motion to accept the bid from Robert W. Boone for the used mini-excavator / 2020 Cat. 305.5E2cr / 22 hours for \$60,000. Councilperson Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER GENERATOR BIDS:

City Manager Broz asked that this item be tabled. Councilperson Muncrief made the motion to table the agenda item to consider the generator bids. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACT FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Broz reviewed the Administrative Contract for the American Rescue Plan. Councilperson Dodds made the motion to approve the Administrative Contract for the American Rescue Plan. Councilperson Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE COMMUNITY SERVICE RESTITUTION AGREEMENT WITH THE 24TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COMMUNITY SUPERVISION AND CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT IN JACKSON COUNTY:

City Manager Broz noted that the Community Service Restitution Agreement that is currently on file is several years old. The proposed agreement is needed to update our agreement between the City and the Supervision and Corrections Department in order to utilize persons with community service hours. Councilperson Callis made the motion to approve the Community Service Restitution Agreement with the 24th Judicial District Community Supervision and Corrections Department in Jackson County. Councilperson Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE TO CONSIDER ENGAGEMENT LETTER FROM THE LAW OFFICES OF JAKE SRP, PLLC

City Manager Broz stated that the Engagement Letter is an annual renewal. There is one change this year. The City Attorney fees increased from \$100 to \$125 and a charge of \$85 has been added for the Paralegal in his office. Councilperson Muncrief made the motion to approve accepting the engagement letter from the Law Offices of Jake Srp, PLLC. Councilperson Jackson seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER SETTING THE DATE FOR THE 2022 ANNUAL LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE:

It was noted that after this year's parade, several entries asked that the city considered holding our parade on the second week of December. The first week of December, El Campo has their parade and the first weekend of December, Victoria and Port Lavaca hold theirs. Also, the City of Goliad holds their 2 day event the first Friday and Saturday of the December. People love the lighted parades and would love to participate in as many as they possibly can during the holiday season. Councilperson Jackson made the motion to approve setting the second week of December for the Annual Lighted Christmas Parade. Councilperson Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

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

Councilperson Callis made the motion to approve payment of current bills in the amount of \$155,004.38. Councilperson 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 Dept. – grant updates, police reports; Director of Utilities – water & wastewater updates; Street Dept. – repairs / projects, park reports; Finance Director-finance report; 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 we have two employees out with Covid; criteria is 5 days out of department; if exposed employees are to wear mask.

Sales tax was good this month.

Cowboy Pride statue is moving forward; reports from sculpture completion is March.
Finance Director Olga Salomon working on year-end projects and preparing for new software.
Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski reported to council on the on-going tree trimming project.
Director of Utilities Brad Ryan reported on sewage stoppages and line repairs due to the recent drop in temperatures.
Investigator Derrick Bermea stated the department has been very busy otherwise business as usual.

ADJOURN:

Councilperson Jackson made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVED: _____
Lance Smiga, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Becky Miska, City Secretary