

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, February 4, 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 3 Chris Jackson, Councilmember District 4 Mike Dodds and Councilmember District 5 Johnny Vasquez were in attendance. City Manager Gary Broz, Finance Director Olga Salomon, Utility Director Brad Ryan and Chief of Police Rick Boone were in attendance. In the absence of City Secretary Becky Miska minutes were recorded by City Manager Gary Broz.

VISITORS: Geary Hare, Jessica Coleman-Jackson County Herald Tribune, Doug Sample, Lindsey Lee

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD JANUARY 7, 2021:

Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve minutes of the city council meeting held January 7, 2021. Councilmember Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

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:

- a) **DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM DONNY SPARKS FOR A ZONING CHANGE FROM R-2 TO COMMERCIAL. LOCATION: 200 BLOCK OF ST. CHARLES. LEGAL DESCRIPTION: SOUTHSIDE, LOT 1-4, BLOCK 2, JACKSON COUNTY, TEXAS**

Donny Sparks as that this item be placed on hold at this time.

- b) **DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT TO OPERATE A COMMUNITY GARDEN BY GEARY HARE. PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF LIVE OAKS & COLORADO. LEGAL DESCRIPTION: EDNA, BLOCK 92, ACRES 2.07:**

Geary Hare was present to answer any and all questions regarding the proposed Community Garden.

APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION’S RECOMMENDATION:

- a) **ZONING CHANGE APPLICATION – DONNY SPARKS**

This item was tabled.

- b) **SPECIFIC USE PERMIT – GEARY HARE**

Councilmember Muncrief made the motion to approve the request for the Specific Use Permit to operate a community garden as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

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

Councilmember Vasquez made the motion to accept the Engagement Letter from the Law Office of Jake Srp, PLLC. Councilmember Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER CITY COUNCIL TO ORDER A GENERAL ELECTION FOR MAY 1, 2021 AND AUTHORIZING MAYOR SMIGA TO SIGN THE ELECTION ORDER:

Councilmember Dodds made the motion to approve the General Election Order for May 1, 2021 and authorizing Mayor Smiga to sign the Election Order. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER CITY OF EDNA ORDINANCE NO. 2021-01 CALLING FOR A GENERAL ELECTION TO THE OFFICES OF MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBER DISTRICT 1 AND COUNCILMEMBER DISTRICT 2 PROVIDING FOR ELECTION OFFICIALS AND THE TIME, PLACE AND MANNER FOR HOLDING A CITY OF EDNA ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF SAME:

Councilmember Vasquez made the motion to approve City of Edna Ordinance No. 2021-01 calling for a General Election to the offices of Mayor, Councilmember District 1 and Councilmember District 2 providing for election officials and the time, place and manner for holding a City of Edna election; and providing for notice of same. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER 2-1-1 PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE VALUE OF THE REGIONAL INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICES TO OUR COMMUNITY:

Councilmember Jackson made the motion to approve 2-1-1- Proclamation recognizing the value of the regional information and referral services to our community. Councilmember Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER SWIMMING POOL BIDS:

City Manager Broz reported there were two bids received: Custom Fit Pools Service & Design \$32,500 with 14 days to complete and Victoria Pool Service & Supply \$54,800 with 21 days to complete. Councilmember Callis made the motion to accept the swimming pool bid from Custom Fit Pools Service & Design for \$32,500 to complete in 14 days.. Councilmember Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS PROPOSAL FOR CONDUCTING A RISK AND RESILIENCE ASSESSMENT TO COMPLY WITH AMERICA’S WASTE INFRASTRUCTURE ACT OF 2018 REQUIREMENTS AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Councilmember Dodds made the motion to accept the proposal of \$33,915 from LSPS Solutions, LLC to conduct a Risk and Resilience Assessment to comply with America’s Waste Infrastructure Act of 2018 requirements. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

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

Councilmember Vasquez made the motion to table this agenda to give the council more time to submit names for consideration. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS COVID-19 AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Mayor Smiga updated the council on the recent COVID-19 status.

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 \$234,219.98. 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 updated the council on city projects and grants.

ADJOURN:

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

APPROVED:

Lance Smiga, Mayor

ATTEST:

Becky Miska, City Secretary