

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, March 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 2 Wayne Callis, Councilmember District 3 Chris Jackson, Councilmember District 4 Mike Dodds and Councilmember District 5 Johnny Vasquez were in attendance. Councilmember District 1 Dustin Muncrief was absent. City Manager Gary Broz, Finance Director Olga Salomon, Director of Utilities Brad Ryan, Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski and Chief of Police Rick Boone were in attendance. Minutes were recorded by City Secretary Becky Miska.

VISITORS: William Alex, Becky Alex, Jessica Coleman – Herald Tribune, Sandra Ray, Karen Garcia

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.

At this time, City Manager Gary Broz introduced the new Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski.

There were no other comments.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- a) **DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT TO BUILD A NEW RESIDENTIAL HOME IN AN AREA ZONED PLANNED DEVELOPMENT BY KAREN GARCIA. PROPERTY LOCATED AT 111 APOLLO. LEGAL DESCRIPTION: DUGGER EDNA, LOT PT 23, ACRES .071:**

Karen Garcia was present to answer any questions. City Manager Broz noted the Planning & Zoning Commission had met on this request and gave their recommendation for approval.

- b) **DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT TO OPERATE A GAME ROOM BY AMID ABID. PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1401 NORTH WELLS. LEGAL DESCRIPTION: A5702 SMITH, HENRY, ACRES 1.08:**

Amid Abid was not present. City Manager Broz noted the Planning & Zoning Commission had met on this request and gave the recommendation to deny the application for a Game Room.

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

- a) **SPECIFIC USE PERMIT – NEW HOME/PLANNED DEVELOPMENT: KAREN GARCIA**

Councilmember Jackson made the motion to approve the request for a Specific Use Permit to build a new residential home in an area zoned planned development by Karen Garcia. Property located at 111 Apollo. Legal description: Dugger Edna, Lot PR 23, Acres 0.71. Councilmember Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

- b) **SPECIFIC USE PERMIT – GAME ROOM: AMID ABID**

Councilmember Jackson made the motion to deny the request for a Specific Use Permit to operate a game room by Amid Abid. Councilmember Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

ACCEPT REPORT 2020 EDNA POLICE DEPARTMENT RACIAL PROFILING REPORT:

Chief of Police Rick Boone reported on the 2020 Edna Police Department Racial Profiling Report. Chief Boone reported that 826 stops have been made thus far. Councilmember Dodds made the motion to accept the 2020 Edna Police Department Racial Profiling Report. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

RECEIVE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION FROM CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION:

City Manager Broz reported that the committee has met and noted some changes necessary for updates. Broz presented council the proposed updates and changes. Councilmember Jackson made the motion to approve the recommendations as presented for the Charter. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN JACKSON COUNTY & CITY OF EDNA:

City Secretary Miska addressed the council noting the benefits to the citizens for holding a joint election and reported on the cost savings to the city. Councilmember Vasquez made the motion to approve the Joint Election Agreement between Jackson County & City of Edna. Councilmember Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER REQUEST FROM THE EDNA LITTLE LEAGUE ASSOCIATION TO HOLD COOK-OFF ON APRIL 17, 2021 AT SHELBY PARK CONSIDER REQUEST TO ALCOHOL VARIANCE:

William Alex, President of the Edna Little League Association, addressed the council. Alex reported on the fund raiser to be held on April 17, 2021 at Shelby Park. The fund raiser is to be a cook-off and the board is requesting an Alcohol Variance for the event. Alex noted that they are anticipating 40 teams. Councilmember Vasquez made the motion to approve the request for an Alcohol Variance and contingent to security being provided for the cook-off. Councilmember Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried. City Manager Broz asked for a lay-out of the event. President Alex agreed to provide one to the City Manager.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WATER / WASTEWATER LINES OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS:

City Manager Broz asked council to be thinking about voluntary annexation for outside city services. At present, there is an additional \$30 for out of city limits services. Mr. Broz noted that the new annexation law states that anything can be annexed and it doesn't have to touch a city limits property.

DISCUSS COVID-19 AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Mayor Smiga updated the council and visitors on the recent COVID-19 information. Mayor Smiga reported that hospital numbers continue to improve. The governor has stated in his recent conference that masks can come down next Wednesday or you may voluntarily continue to wear them.

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 \$133,903.54. 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 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 after each weekly staff meeting 30-45 minutes have been set aside to work on updating the personnel manual; the community garden is underway; a workshop is being coordinated with the Planning & Zoning Commission and City Council; the cement base has been poured for the Cowboy Statue. AEP has reported that there will be a scheduled black out from 11:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. to make necessary repairs to their substation. There will be city vehicles with flashing lights

stationed at the intersections in town during the scheduled black out. **Finance Director Olga Salomon** noted she has been busy working on February financials. **Director of Utilities Brad Ryan** stated that employee, Jeremy Johnson, has passed his C License test; sewer plant is running good. **Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski** reported that over the last four days he has driven all the roads within the city and there are problems. There will be future cost to be considered for seal coating. City crews have been patching streets and taking care of work orders as they come in. **Chief of Police Rick Boone** noted the department has had a busy week. Officer Besler was successful in the recovery of over 50 stolen checks from the postal service. Earlier today on East Street a raid was conducted and \$1,200 worth of meth was seized.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Hold an executive session in accordance with Government Code §551.072; Deliberation regarding real property: a government body can conduct an executive session to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the government body in negotiations with a third person. (*Gary Broz*)

At this time, council room was cleared of staff and visitors. (6:45 p.m.)

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY ON EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The council went back into open session at 7:05 p.m.
There was no action taken.

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