

## **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, April 1, 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.

### **APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD MARCH 4, 2021:**

Councilmember Jackson made the motion to approve minutes of the city council meeting held March 4, 2021. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**VISITORS:** Geary Hare, Velma Vasquez, Jeremy Crull

### **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.*

Geary Hare reported to the council that the community garden is going well. He originally had prepared 26 spots for residents to utilize and there are only eight left. Geary went on to say that a reporter from the Victoria Advocate will be at the Community Garden on Friday at 2pm and he invited the council to attend.

### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

The City of Edna, Texas will hold a public hearing on the voluntary annexation of Lots 1-2-3 & 4 in Lincoln Acres. The property is located on Lincoln Avenue (County Road 4081).

There were no public comments.

### **CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 2021-02, AN ORDINANCE VOLUNTARILY ANNEXING CERTAIN PROPERTY AND TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS AND THEREBY EXTENDING THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF EDNA TO INCLUDE AND EMBRACE SAID TERRITORY WHICH IS ADJACENT AND CONTIGUOUS WITH THE PRESENT CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF EDNA; SAID TERRITORY BEING HEREINAFTER FULLY DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS; PLACING SAID TERRITORY IN THE “R-1 ONE FAMILY, MULTIFAMILY AND MOBILE HOME (MANUFACTURED HOME) DWELLING DISTRICT”; PLACING SUCH INHABITANTS ON EQUAL STATUS WITH PRESENT INHABITANTS OF THE CITY OF EDNA; PROVIDING A SERVICE PLAN; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE PUBLIC HAS BEEN NOTIFIED AS REQUIRED BY LAW; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE:**

Councilmember Jackson made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2021-02, an ordinance voluntarily annexing certain property and territory to the City of Edna, Texas and thereby extending the corporate limits of the City of Edna to include and embrace said territory which is adjacent and contiguous with the present corporate limits of the City of Edna; said territory being hereinafter fully described by metes and bounds; placing said territory in the “R-1 One Family, Multifamily and Mobile Home (Manufactured Home) Dwelling District”; placing such inhabitants on equal status with present inhabitants of the City of Edna; providing a service plan; providing a savings clause; finding and determining that the public has

been notified as required by law; providing for publication; and providing an effective date. Councilmember Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE.

**DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF EDNA AND THE EDNA LITTLE LEAGUE ASSOCIATION:**

Councilmember Jackson made the motion to approve the Lease Agreement between the City of Edna and the Edna Little League Association. Councilmember Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER PROCLAMATION ACKNOWLEDGING APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH:**

City Manager Broz noted that the Fair Housing Proclamation is essential when applying for grants. Councilmember Jackson made the motion to acknowledge the April As Fair Housing Month Proclamation. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-01 THAT WOULD OPPOSE HOUSE BILL 749 AND SENATE BILL 10 THAT WOULD PROHIBIT A CITY OR COUNTY FROM SPENDING PUBLIC FUNDS TO INFLUENCE THE OUTCOME OF LEGISLATION:**

City Manager Broz explained to the city council that should these bills be passed cities and counties would have no input to influence the outcome of legislation. This would be totally unfair to cities and counties. Councilmember Dodds made the motion to approve Resolution No. R-2021-01 that would oppose House Bill 749 and Senate Bill 10 that would prohibit a city or county from spending public funds to influence the outcome of legislation. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**DISCUSS CITY FINANCES AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:**

City Manager Broz gave a presentation on city finances with recommendations to place money in different areas. Councilmember Muncrief made the motion to approve going forward with proposals for IT and the gradall. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**DISCUSS STREET SWEEPER, ISSUES AND OPTIONS; TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:**

City Manager Gary Broz reported on the condition of the city's gradall. Broz noted that there are three options: 1) purchase a new; 2) lease a new one; or 3) contract sweeper.

Trevor Royal with Sweeping Corporation of America gave a presentation on what his company could do for the City of Edna if contracted with. Staff was instructed to work with Sweeping Corporation of America (SCA) and returned to council with options.

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

Mayor Lance Smiga updated the council and visitors on the current status of the Covid-19 in Jackson County. Mayor Smiga noted there are currently four in the county and a total of nine tested in March.

**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 \$353,717.85. Councilmember Vasquez 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 on his conversations with AEP in regards to the recent rate increases; AEP has had nine blackouts here. Broz has been talking to the Vice President and requested that a representative come to our city and do an inventory of Edna of our electrical needs.

Work continues on the basketball court at the school; proposed date of completion is May 1<sup>st</sup>. The street assessment report will be on the April 15<sup>th</sup> agenda. RFP’s have gone out for proposals on: IT Management Services, Depository and Auditor. Texas Disposal Systems were here last Friday to take care of thirty-four piles of brush. Sales Tax is down. Municipal courts will be opening again but this next week will be virtual. Continuing to work on the pool management agreement with the YMCA. City offices will be closed on Good Friday.

A meeting was held with TxDot representative on Monday for a Safe Routes grant to schools; she felt confident that we should go out for this grant.

**Street Superintendent Andy Brzowski** noted city crews are busy patching streets and sweeping when time allows. Andy noted he hopes to bring a report to council on driveway cost next month for them to review. Crews will be installing post at the city parks so that cars won’t be driving into the park area.

**Director of Utilities Brad Ryan** reported on sewer plant repairs and several taps have been installed. Employee, Jeremy Johnson, is on military leave; two full time employees have been hired in the water department and a part-time for the parks dept.

**Chief of Police Rick Boone** noted that he has filled the last open spot in his department. The newest patrol officer has 10 years of experience and will start with the department on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Boone went onto say that they have been busy with very unique, time consuming cases. An inspection was done at the dog pound and repairs were noted that must be done.

Officer Jeremy Crull has done a good job acquiring a vest reimbursement grant. The grant would reimburse the city at least half the cost.

**ADJOURN:**

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

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lance Smiga, Mayor

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