

## **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, April 15, 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, 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 APRIL 1, 2021:**

Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve minutes of the city council meeting held April 1, 2021. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**VISITORS:** Officer Jeremy Crull, Officer Bridget Bustamante, Officer Cheney Beaver, Officer Edi Martinez, Ashley Harris, Lillian Prince, Shanna Brooks

### **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.*

Mayor Lance Smiga acknowledged and thanked City Manager Gary Broz for his first year of employment with the City of Edna.

Councilmember District 2 Wayne Callis acknowledged Ashley Harris and Lillian Prince for being first time visitors to a council meeting.

Chief of Police Rick Boone introduced the two newest officers to his department: Officer Cheyenne Beaver and Officer Edi Martinez.

Mayor Lance Smiga administered Oath of Offices to Officer Cheyenne Beaver and Officer Edi Martinez.

There were no other comments.

### **RECEIVE AND CONSIDER STREET ASSESSMENT FROM CIVILCORP AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:**

Ben Galvan with CivilCorp presented his report on the city’s streets. Galvan noted the evaluation process along the photos of the fair, good and poor streets within the city.

### **DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM THE JUNETEENTH COMMITTEE FOR FUNDING FROM THE CURRENT CITY’S BUDGETED HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FOR THE 2021 FISCAL YEAR:**

Shanna Brooks was present to answer any questions the council may have for the request for funding. Mayor Smiga asked what time the event would end this year. His concern was due to the situation that occurred at the end of the night last year. Ms. Brooks noted that the event would end at 10pm and the individuals that caused the incident last year have been banned from attending. Mayor Smiga asked that there been security on site for the event. Councilmember Dodds made the motion to approve the request from the Juneteenth Committee for funding in the amount of \$2,000 from the current city’s budgeted hotel/motel tax for the 2021 fiscal year with approval to include security to be on site for the event. . Councilmember Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM THE JUNETEENTH TO CLOSE CERTAIN STREETS IN ORDER TO HOLD THE JUNETEENTH PARADE:**

Shanna Brooks noted the Juneteenth Parade will be held June 19<sup>th</sup>. The route would be the same as the fair parade route. Parade line up would be at 9am and the parade would start at 10am. Councilmember Muncrief made the motion to approve closure of certain streets in order to hold the Juneteenth Parade. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM THE JACKSON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & AGRICULTURE FOR FUNDING FROM THE CURRENT CITY'S BUDGETED HOTEL/MOTEL FOR THE 2021 FISCAL YEAR:**

Chamber of Commerce Treasurer Glenna Fossati, addressed and requested that the city council consider \$10,000 in funding due to the changes the city is making in regards to the chamber building. The city is requesting the chamber move to another location that will cost them lost funds due to not be able to utilize rental funds from the chamber annex. Mayor Smiga noted that the funds requested and budgeted for was \$5,000. Councilmember Jackson asked if the County and the City of Ganado made any contribution to the Chamber and if so how much. Ms. Fossati stated she knew the City of Ganado did not but she wasn't sure about the County. Mayor Smiga stated it is not the City's goal to hurt the Chamber this is a business decision. Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve the request from the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture for funding for the current city's budgeted hotel-motel tax for the 2021 fiscal year. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE AGREEMENT WITH THE YMCA OF THE GOLDEN CRESCENT OF VICTORIA FOR MANAGEMENT OF THE CITY POOL:**

City Manager Broz reviewed the agreement with city council. Councilmember Muncrief made the motion to approve the agreement with YMCA of the Golden Crescent of Victoria for management of the city pool. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF EDNA AND THE EDNA YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE, INC:**

City Manager Broz reported to the council that he had met with the league's president, Timiron Williams and there are no changes to the agreement other than the name change to Edna Youth Football League, Inc. City Manager Broz noted the Youth Football League pays for the concession stand electricity just as the Edna Little League pays for their concession electricity. Councilmember Dodds made the motion to approve the agreement between the City of Edna and the Edna Youth Football League, Inc. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-02 AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS FINDING THAT AEP TEXAS INC'S APPLICATION TO AMEND ITS DISTRIBUTION COST RECOVERY FACTORS TO INCREASE DISTRIBUTION RATES WITHIN THE CITY SHOULD BE DENIED; AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION WITH THE CITIES SERVED BY AEP TEXAS; AUTHORIZING HIRING OF LEGAL COUNSEL; FINDING THAT THE CITY'S REASONABLE RATE CASE EXPENSES SHALL BE REIMBURSED BY THE COMPANY; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; REQUIRING NOTICE OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY AND LEGAL COUNSEL:**

City Manager Broz explained the importance of Resolution No. R-2021-02. Councilmember Jackson made the motion to approve Resolution No. R-2021-02 a resolution of the City of Edna finding that AEP Texas Inc's application to amend its distribution cost recovery factors to increase distribution rates within the city should be denied. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER RATIFYING EXPENSES FOR REPAIRS TO THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT:**

City Manager Broz reported on the repair expenses that had been done at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Councilmember Jackson made the motion to approve ratifying expenses for the repairs to the wastewater treatment plant. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE CITY OF EDNA'S INVESTMENT POLICY RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-03:**

City Manager Broz reported and presented the City of Edna's Investment Policy. Broz noted that the City needed to form a review committee. Mayor Lance Smiga stated he appoints himself and Councilmember District 3 Chris Jackson to work with City Manager Gary Broz and Finance Director Olga Salomon as the City's Investment Committee. Councilmember Vasquez made the motion to approve the City of Edna's Investment Policy Resolution No. R-2021-03 and approve Mayor Smiga, Councilmember Jackson, City Manager Broz and Finance Director Salomon to serve a the City's Investment Committee. Councilmember Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 2021-03 ADOPTING ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER FOR CITY PROCEDURES:**

City Manager Broz noted that a citizen email was received. When the charter was formed the council has always conducted city policies under Robert Rules of Order. The request was to review the original ordinance when the charter originated. City Secretary Miska felt sure there was one in place but was unable to file it in the files from that far back. City Manager Broz stated that by adopting this ordinance it will bring us into compliance with the Charter. Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2021-03 adopting Roberts Rules of Order for city procedures. Councilmember Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**DISCUSS BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:**

City Manager Broz reported on the necessary budget amendments. Councilmember Dodds made the motion to approve the budget amendments as reported by City Manager Broz. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER DATE FOR THE 2021 CHRISTMAS PARADE:**

City Secretary Miska reported to the council that there have already been inquiries for the 2021 Christmas Parade date. After discussion, Councilmember Jackson made the motion to set the 2021 Christmas parade for Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> and if there are school play-offs the parade to be moved to Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Councilmember Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

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

Mayor Smiga reported that as of today there are twenty-two (22) positive cases. The Jackson County Hospital District will has 1,500 vaccines on hand; Medurma shots will be given on March 21<sup>st</sup> and Vizer on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Smiga strongly encouraged and citizen that is needing / wanting to get the vaccination to please go on the hospital's website to sign up. The hospital alone has administered 3,500 vaccinations. This total does not include vaccinations given at the local pharmacies.

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

Councilmember Jackson made the motion to approve payment of current bills in the amount of \$209,246.88. Councilmember Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**CITY STAFF REPORTS:**

**City Manager Gary Broz** reported early voting begins April 19-April 27 for the May 1<sup>st</sup> general election. Sales tax is up this month; the chamber office advised the city the air conditioner is out in the annex; RFP's for auditor and depository are to be received by April 22 and RFP for IT by the 29<sup>th</sup>; in the future legal notices made published on the state website opposed to the local newspaper (which would be a cost savings to the city); May 6<sup>th</sup> will be the next council meeting and a joint session workshop with the Planning & Zoning Commission will be held at 5:15 p.m; the staff will be reviewing ordinances by department and then they will be brought before council. In regards to TxDot Safe Routes to Schools the city has made it to round two. Budget workshops are upcoming and date will be set soon. **Finance Director Olga Salomon** noted that she had received notice for our current auditors and they will be submitting a proposal. **Street Superintendent Andy Brozowski** stated that city crews have been patching potholes with the new material and it is holding up a little better; road seal coating is important in saving our city streets; sand has been poured for the volleyball court at Shelby. **Director of Utilities Brad Ryan** updated the council on the sewer project; the city pool plaster repairs will be this Saturday and filling up the pool will begin on Monday. The city did have a bad water sample but all has been retested and it is good. **Chief of Police Rick Boone** reported on arrest made on Colorado Street. Boone noted his department is now fully staffed.

**ADJOURN:**

Councilmember Jackson 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