

## **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, May 20, 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. Councilperson District 2 Wayne Callis, Councilperson District 3 Chris Jackson, Councilperson District 4 Mike Dodds and Councilperson 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. Councilperson District 1 Dustin Muncrief was absent. Minutes were recorded by City Secretary Becky Miska.

### **APPROVE MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP AND CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD MAY 6, 2021:**

Councilperson Callis made the motion to approve minutes of the workshop and city council meeting held May 6, 2021. Councilperson Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**VISITORS:** Gretchen Bernabei, Dixie Shoopman, Michael Damborsky, Blake Damborsky, Velma Vasquez, David L. Webel, John Meng – Jackson County Herald Tribune

### **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.*

There were no other comments.

### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

- a) **DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT TO CONDUCT EDUCATIONAL TUTORING SESSIONS AT HER HOME BY GRETCHEN BERNABEL. PROPERTY LOCATED AT 213 E. BRACKENRIDGE. LEGAL DESCRIPTION: BRACKENRIDGE, BLOCK D, LOT 120 X 42, LOT 120 X 157 ½ FT. 8 ACRES .55:**

Gretchen Bernabei introduced herself and her mother to the council. Mrs. Bernabei stated that she has conduct large as well as small educational writing seminars. Bernabei went onto say she would be available to teachers and students.

- b) **DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR A ZONING CHANGE APPLICATION TO CHANGE AREA FROM PLANNED DEVELOPMENT TO R1 BY BLAKE DAMBORSKY. PROPERTY LOCATED ON APOLLO DRIVE. LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOT 15, PT 16-17; REPLAT TR 1:**

Blake Damborsky addressed the council stating he owned the property on Apollo which is now zoned planned development. Damborsky went on to say that he wished to sell the property to be utilized for a home or manufactured home.

### **APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION’S RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- a) **SPECIFIC USE PERMIT – GRETCHEN BERNABEI**

Councilperson Jackson made the motion to approve the request for a Specific Use Permit to conduct educational tutoring sessions at her home located at 213 E. Brackenridge as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission. Councilperson Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**b) ZONING CHANGE APPLICATION – BLAKE DAMBORSKY**

Councilperson Callis made the motion to deny the request for a zoning change application to change the area from Planned Development to R1 for the property located on Apollo Drive as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**a) SAFE ROUTE TO SCHOOLS GRANT PROGRAM**

City Manager Gary Broz gave report on the status of the safe route to schools grant. Broz noted that the city has made it to the next round.

**DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION R-2021-04 A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF TXDOT'S SAFE ROUTE TO SCHOOLS GRANT PROGRAM:**

City Manager Broz noted that Resolution R-2021-04 is part of the paperwork needed in the process in applying for the grant by showing the city's support of TxDot's Safe Route to Schools Grant Program. Councilperson Jackson made the motion to approve Resolution R-2021-04 a resolution in support of TxDot's Safe Route to Schools Grant Program. Councilperson Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 2021-04 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FOUR-WAY STOPS, UPON CERTAIN STREETS OR PARTS OF STREETS THEREOF, WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF EDNA AS SET OUT IN THIS ORDINANCE PROVIDING A PENALTY OF A FINE NOT TO EXCEED \$200 FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF:**

Chief of Police Rick Boone addressed the council of the importance of this area needing a four-way stop sign. The four-way stop would be located at: **Intersection of Washington Street and Carver Street; Intersection of Washington Street and Erie Street.** Councilperson Callis made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2021-04 an ordinance establishing four-way stops, upon certain streets or parts of streets thereof, within the corporate limits of the City of Edna as set out in this ordinance providing a penalty of a fine not to exceed \$200 for the violation thereof. Councilperson Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**DISCUSS ANCILLARY SERVICE FEES FROM GEXA ENERGY RELATING TO THE FEBRUARY STORM AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:**

City Manager Broz reported that the city's cost during the February 2021 storm was over \$50,000 and the city would pay \$2,896.12 from June thru December 2022. Councilperson Jackson made the motion to approve the February 2021 Storm Recovery payments. Councilperson Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**DISCUSS VEHICLE PROPOSAL FROM ENTERPRISE FLEET AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:**

City Manager Broz asked that no action be taken on this agenda item at this time.

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

Mayor Smiga noted that the Governor had posted a mandate that if vaccinated, citizens would no longer be required to wear a mask but it will be recommended to wear one.

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

Councilperson Jackson made the motion to approve payment of current bills in the amount of \$195,985.78. Councilperson 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** noted water, water and more water affected our town. Broz went on to say thank you to the staff for the long hours and extra work that they have put in during the recent rains. Employees filled sand bags and those were distributed to those in need. Broz noted sales tax is up. **Finance Director Olga Salomon** also stated she wanted to thank the girls in the office for handling the extra calls from citizens during the bad weather. **Street Superintendent Andy Brozowski** reported that with the gradall the city has been able to clean ditches as well as clean out 40 culverts in two days. Brzowski noted it has been money well spent. Attacking the mosquitoes is a high priority and city crews continue to spray. **Director of Utilities Brad Ryan** reported that with the large amount of rains we incurred the sewer plant had 6.2 million gallons flowing thru it. **Chief of Police Rick Boone** stated the police department has been extra busy.

**TAKE ANY ACTION FROM CITY MANAGER’S EVALUATION:**

Mayor Smiga stated that at the last council meeting after the closed session the council failed to take any action on the City Manager’s evaluation. Mayor Smiga stated that based on his evaluation he proposed to council that the city pay an additional \$1,800 in recent moving expenses and a 3% increase in salary. Councilperson Dodds made the motion to approve the additional \$1,800 in moving expenses and a 3% increase in salary. Councilperson Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN:**

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

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

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