

## **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, June 3, 2021 in council chambers at 6:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Callis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the absence of Mayor Lance Smiga. The council stood for the moment of silence, followed by the council and audience reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilperson District 1 Dustin Muncrief, 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. Minutes were recorded by City Secretary Becky Miska.

### **APPROVE MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP AND CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD MAY 20, 2021:**

Councilperson Vasquez made the motion to approve minutes of the city council meeting held May 20, 2021. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**VISITORS:** Belinda Dodds, Cindy Harris, Ashley Harris, David L. Webel

### **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 other comments.

### **HEAR CITIZEN CONCERNS REGARDING SPEEDING VEHICLES ALONG VANDERBILT ROAD AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:**

Cindy Harris introduced herself to the council and stated that she lives on Vanderbilt Road. Cindy stated that she has never visited a city council meeting before, but she is here tonight because she needs help. Her home is located a short distance from the Dry Creek bridge. During the recent heavy rains we have had, I have become more concerned than ever. The back of my home faces the creek and the front faces Vanderbilt Road. The water was extremely high due to the heavy rains and there are vehicles which I refer to as hot rods because that is what they do, They will drive as fast as they can through the high water making waves and throwing up rooster tails. The waves are coming within 2 to 3 inches of the front door of my home. I have several videos of this while it’s happening. I have even run out to the road in the high water waving my arms pleading for these individuals to slow down. I am sure the cost to repair any damage this might cause would be out of sight. I am asking if there is anything you can do to help. I would be greatly appreciative.” Chief of Police Rick Boone stood and addressed Mrs. Harris. Chief Boone noted that the officers did stop a vehicle during the recent rains that was doing this same thing and pull also pull a kayak behind their truck. Chief and Harris discussed the description of the vehicle and determine it was not the vehicle on her video. Boone stated that if Harris was to get a license plate number along with her video that she could file charges against the individual. Chief Boone gave Mrs. Harris his business card which has his cell number on it and told her to contact him directly when and if this happens again. Mayor Pro-Tem Callis asked if there was anything the City could do when the water being to rise over the street. Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski also gave Mrs. Harris his business card and stated that she could contact him also when she notices that water rising over the road. City crews when then go out and put barricades on Vanderbilt. Road. Cindy Harris thank the Council, Chief Boone and Street Supt. Brzozowski for listening to her concerns and wanting to help address them.

**DISCUSS POSSIBLY IMPLEMENTING AN AMUSEMENT MACHINE ORDINANCE:**

City Manager Gary Broz stated that the city currently does not have an amusement machine ordinance, with the changing times the city should put one in place. Chief Rick Boone reported that the department was recently involved in shutting down twenty-two (22) machines from Victoria, Port Lavaca and Goliad areas. Money from these machines does not stay in the community. The money goes overseas. City Council all agreed it is needed and instructed the City Manager to proceed.

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

City Manager Broz noted that totals are still going up and down with current total being 8-9 cases. City offices have taken the signs down that stated you have to wear a mask to reflect it is “recommended” that you wear a mask when entering the building.

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

Councilperson Dodds made the motion to approve payment of current bills in the amount of \$227,426.22. 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** stated rain, rain, drainage, mosquitoes and growing grass about sums it up. Broz went onto say that the Safe Route to School Grant working on moving forward; budget workshop are set for July 14<sup>th</sup> and July 15<sup>th</sup>; engineers should have report to present at the July 1<sup>st</sup> meeting on the Gilbert Road Assessment; organizational meeting is set for next week for the June 30<sup>th</sup> community cleanup day; city qualified hazardous waste grant through the Golden Crescent and we will be setting a date soon. There have been several developers looking at different properties in our City. The Chamber building project is moving ahead slowly Carver school block is continuing with clean-up and progress with future plans. The Parks Dept. has recently hired two (2) part-time employees for the summer. **Finance Director Olga Salomon** stated she has been busy working on the budget. **Street Superintendent Andy Brozowski** reported that the Gayle Street bridge is currently closed for repairs and city crews have been steadily patching pot holes as weather has permitted. **Director of Utilities Brad Ryan** noted that the sewer plant is operating to the good despite all of the recent rains. **Chief of Police Rick Boone** reported that the mudders are at it again at Shelby Park and the department has leads as to who the culprit is. Chief Boone addressed Mrs. Harris and stated the department has a speed trailer that will be up and running. The speed trailer can and will be placed on Vanderbilt Road to remind citizens to slow down.

**ADJOURN:**

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

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Wayne Callis, Mayor Pro-Tem

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