

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, June 17, 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 1 Dustin Muncrief, 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, Director of Utilities Brad Ryan, Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski and Chief of Police Rick Boone were in attendance. In the absence of City Secretary Becky Miska minutes were recorded by Finance Director Olga Salomon.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP AND CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD JUNE 3, 2021:

Councilperson Jackson made the motion to approve minutes of the city council meeting held June 3, 2021. Councilperson Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS: Josef Storz, Jennifer Storz, Jessica Coleman – Jackson County Herald Tribune

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.

CONSIDER AND DISCUSS EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE WITH TML HEALTH BENEFITS POOL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022 AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Broz noted that the City of Edna has thirty-three employees. Broz explained the TML options for 2021-2022 and recommended to stay with TML for 2021-2022. Councilperson Dodds made the motion to approve the proposal for employee health insurance with TML Health Benefits Pool for the fiscal year 2021/2022. Councilperson Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AND DISCUSS 2022 CITY CONTRIBUTION RATE WITH TEXAS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR THE YEAR 2022 AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Broz noted that for 2021 TMRS was 11.25% and for 2022 it will be going to 11.10%. City employees are vested after five (5) years of employment. Councilperson Dodds made the motion to approve the 2022 city contribution rate with Texas Municipal Retirement System for the year 2022. Councilperson Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2021-05 ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR AMUSEMENT MACHINES, WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF EDNA AND PROVIDING A PENALTY; AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Councilperson Callis stated that he wanted the ordinance to state no machines at all. Councilperson Vasquez agreed with Callis. City Manager Broz noted there had to be guidelines in order to say no. Broz mentioned there will be some wording changes on the next ordinance. Councilperson Muncrief made the motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2021-05 establishing guidelines for amusement machines, within the corporate limits of the City of Edna and providing a penalty. Councilperson Jackson seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS COVID-19 AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Mayor Smiga reported the numbers are decreasing and there is one active case to report.

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

Councilperson Vasquez made the motion to approve payment of current bills in the amount of \$189,426.26. Councilperson Dodds 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 drainage, potholes, the Gayle Street bridge status and the Safe Routes to School grant submission. There will be a meeting on July 1st regarding the Gilbert Road project. As of June 17th, one hundred six (106) letters have been sent out by Code Enforcement regarding high grass and clean up needed. The Juneteenth Parade will be held Saturday, June 19th. Councilperson Jackson will be driving the antique fire truck leading the parade if anyone wishes to ride meet at the Fire Station around 9:30am. The clarifier arm is down and Brad will give report. **Chief of Police Rick Boone** noted that department moral has been good and the department has been staying busy. **Director of Utilities Brad Ryan** reported on the clarifier arm being down at the water wastewater treatment plant and repairs; city crews have been busy repairing water leaks as they occur. **Street Superintendent Andy Brozowski** updated the council on the mosquito spraying. **Finance Director Olga Salomon** reported she is working on budget information.

ADJOURN:

Before adjourning Mayor Smiga noted that the seventy (70) properties are on the list for cleanup June 30th. The cleanup will include employees from the City of Edna, LNRA, EISD, Shilo Church and approximately 60 kids from the EISD athletic department.

Councilperson Dodds 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