

## **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, July 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. 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, Chief of Police Rick Boone and Finance Director Olga Salomon were in attendance. Minutes were recorded by City Secretary Becky Miska.

### **APPROVE MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP AND CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD JUNE 17, 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:** Barbara Thomas, Michael Damborsky, Harry Odell, Shirley Odell, David L. Webel, Velma Vasquez, Catherine Malin, Roy Ortolon, 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.*

Michael Damborsky addressed the council regarding all of the abandoned cars through town. Damborsky went on to say that the old Carver School property is an embarrassment with all of the junk and debris piled up everywhere. The people that live on Mexico Street should not have to look at that mess every day. The MLK Children’s Park is across the street and people take their children there to play. Mr. Damborsky also voiced his concerns of how embarrassing Main Street is with all the junk vehicles and ditches that need mowing. He stated that he knows that the City has been working towards cleaning up areas of town and he knows that cleaning up the whole town is not going to happen overnight.

Barbara Thomas voiced her concerns of the drainage problems on Gilbert Road at her parent’s home Vernon and LaNell Chapman. Ms. Thomas stated the recent ditch cleaning and digging has not elevated the problem.

### **PRESENTATION BY CIVILCORP ENGINEERS REGARDING GILBERT ROAD DRAINAGE ISSUES AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:**

City Manager Gary Broz introduced Randy Janik with CivilCorp. Mr. Janik gave a presentation on the drainage plan that Civilcorp Engineers has assembled. The drainage plan was reviewed and options were discussed.

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

- **WATERLINE UNDER THE RAILROAD**
- **WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT REPAIRS**
- **GRADALL RENTAL**
- **SWEEPER**
- **MOSQUITO PESTICIDE**

City Manager Broz asked the Mayor and Council to table this agenda item. Councilperson Jackson made the motion to table the agenda item to consider budget amendments. Councilperson Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**RATIFY GAYLE STREET BRIDGE REPAIRS AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:**

City Manager Broz reported that proposals were sent out to 5-6 companies. There were two received: Mercer Construction and Magnum. Weather permitting Mercer Construction will begin the bridge repair process next Tuesday. Councilperson Callis made the motion to approve the ratifying and approving the Gayle Street Bridge repairs. Councilperson Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER AUTHORIZING JACKSON COUNTY CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT TO DIRECT ITS ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT THE CITY OF EDNA IN THE EDNA MASON LODGE LITIGATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF GETTING CASE DISMISSED, AND TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION:**

City Manager Broz reported that Edna ISD, the County, Hospital and the Jackson County Central Appraisal District all received litigation papers. Broz asked the council to consider the Appraisal District to take the lead. Councilperson Jackson made the motion to approve the Jackson County Central Appraisal District to direct its attorney to represent the City of Edna in the Edna Mason Lodge Litigation for the purpose of getting the case dismissed. Councilperson Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER THE SECOND 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 Jackson, Councilperson Dodds and Councilperson Vasquez all stated that they are not in favor of this ordinance. Councilperson Jackson asked if this ordinance could be changed to just state that the machines are simply not allowed. City Manager Broz Councilperson Jackson made the motion to table the second reading of Ordinance No. 2021-05. Councilmember Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

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

Mayor Smiga reported COVID totals were 0 and then today 2 positive cases were reported.

**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 \$124,569.63. Councilperson Callis 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 1<sup>st</sup> regarding the Gilbert Road project. As of June 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 19<sup>th</sup>. 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 30<sup>th</sup>. 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