

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, July 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. Councilperson District 1 Dustin Muncrief, Councilperson District 2 Wayne Callis, Councilperson District 3 Chris Jackson and Councilperson District 4 Mike Dodds. Councilperson District 5 Johnny Vasquez was absent. 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 CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD JULY 1, 2021:

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

VISITORS: Catherine Malin, Roy Ortolon, Jessica Coleman – Jackson County Herald Tribune, Pastor Andy Schroeder

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 visitor comments.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM THE JACKSON COUNTY YOUTH FAIR BOARD FOR FUNDING FROM THE CURRENT CITY’S BUDGETED HOTEL / MOTEL TAX FOR THE 2021 FISCAL YEAR:

Councilperson Callis made the motion to approve funding to the Jackson County Youth Fair Board from the current city’s budgeted hotel/motel tax for the 2021 fiscal year in the amount of \$5,000. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-05 A RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM GRANT:

City Manager Broz reported that this grant would assist in theater light upgrades to neon. Councilperson Muncrief made the motion to approve Resolution No. R-2021-05 a resolution to apply for the Community Development Partnership Program Grant. Councilperson Jackson seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

RECEIVED UPDATED CITY OF EDNA PERSONNEL MANUAL AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Broz asked that this agenda item be tabled in order for the City Attorney to review a couple of sections. Councilperson Callis made the motion to table this agenda item. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-06 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE CERTIFICATE OF OBLIGATION TO FINANCE WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS AND STREET, SIDEWALK AND RELATED DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE CITY:

City Manager Broz addressed the council explaining the Notice of Intentions importance for the issuance of Certificate of Obligations. Councilperson Jackson made the motion to approve Resolution No. R-2021-06 a resolution authorizing publication of Notice of Intention to issue Certificate of Obligation to finance waterworks and sewer system improvements and street, sidewalk and related drainage improvements at various locations in the city. Councilperson Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS ENGINEER’S PROPOSAL FOR UPGRADING DRAINAGE ON GILBERT ROAD; DISCUSS FINANCING THE PROJECT AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Broz updated the council on proposed upgrades on Gilbert Road and financing that will be needed. Pastor Andy Schroeder with Redeemer Church noted that the kids that attend the after school program are walking in water due to drainage issues and in the streets due to lack of sidewalks. Councilperons Callis noted there are drainage issues around Mauritz Village in his district. Councilperson Jackson made the motion for City Manager Broz to continue working with the engineer’s on upgrading the drainage on Gilbert Road and continue discussions for financing the project. Councilperson Jackson also included in his motion to work towards any grants that would be applied for sidewalks. Councilperson Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

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

City Manager Broz reported to council that by approving the second reading of this ordinance it will help to “regulate” amusement machines within the city. Councilperson Muncrief made the motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2021-05 establishing guidelines of amusement machines within the corporate limits of the City of Edna and providing a penalty. Councilperson Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS COVID-19 AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Mayor Smiga reported COVID is still here and vaccinations are available.

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

Councilperson Callis made the motion to approve payment of current bills in the amount of \$225,053.51. Councilperson Muncrief 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 status. **Chief of Police Rick Boone** gave updates on his department and noted that there will be an Edna Softball Girls Team send-off on Saturday at 3:00pm. **Director of Utilities Brad Ryan** city crews have been busy repairing water leaks as they occur. **Street Superintendent Andy Brozowski** updated the council on brush that is in need of being picked up. **Finance Director Olga Salomon** reported budget preparations continue.

GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE 2021-2022 FISCAL BUDGET:

No discussion was needed.

ADJOURN:

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

APPROVED: _____

Lance Smiga, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Becky Miska, City Secretary