

## **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, August 5, 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 were present. 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 14, 2021:**

Councilperson Jackson made the motion to approve minutes of the city council meeting held July 14, 2021. Councilperson Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

### **APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD JULY 15, 2021:**

Councilperson Callis made the motion to approve minutes of the city council meeting held July 14, 2021. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**VISITORS:** Velma Vasquez, 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 comments.

### **DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO SET DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FISCAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF EDNA:**

City Manager Gary Broz noted that the public hearing will be set for September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Councilperson Muncrief made the motion to approve setting September 2, 2021 as the date for a public hearing on the fiscal budget for the City of Edna. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

### **DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO SET DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE TAX RATE, TAX LEVY AND LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF EDNA:**

City Manager Gary Broz noted that the public hearing will be set for September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Councilperson Jackson made the motion to approve setting September 2, 2021 as the date for a public hearing on the tax rate, tax levy and levying ad valorem taxes for the City of Edna. Councilperson Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

### **DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF SECTION REVIEW COMMITTEE TO AWARD BY RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-07 FOR GRANT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES IN CONJUNCTION WITH FUNDING FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) TO PROVIDE APPLICATION PREPARATION (IF APPLICABLE), PROJECT ADMINISTRATION AND PROJECT-RELATED MANAGEMENT SERVICES:**

City Manager Gary Broz reported that Resolution No. R-2021-07 along with following two resolutions are part of the 1.2 million grant application. Broz noted that his recommendation to council was Traylor & Associates. Councilperson Muncrief made the motion to approve hiring Traylor & Associates, Inc. and approve Resolution No. R-2021-07 for Grant Administration Services in conjunction with funding from the U.S. Department of Treasury for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to provide application preparation (if applicable), project administration and project-related management services. Councilperson Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING THE RECOMMENDATION OF SECTION REVIEW COMMITTEE TO AWARD BY RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-08 FOR ADMINISTRATION SERVICES IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE 2021 HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM FOR DR-4586 FEBRUARY WINTER WEATHER TO PROVIDE APPLICATION PREPARATION, PROJECT ADMINISTRATION, AND PROJECT-RELATED MANAGEMENT SERVICES, IF AWARDED:**

City Manager Gary Broz reported that the recommendation is to hire Traylor & Associates, Inc. and approve Resolution No. R-2021-08. Councilperson Muncrief made the motion to approve hiring Traylor & Associates, Inc. and approve Resolution No. R-2021-08 for Administration Services in conjunction with the submittal of an application for funding through the 2021 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for DR-4586 February winter weather to provide application preparation, project administration, and project-related management services, if awarded. Councilperson Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING THE RECOMMENDATION OF SECTION REVIEW AWARD BY RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-09 FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE 2021 HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM FOR DR-4586 FEBRUARY WINTER WEATHER TO PROVIDE APPLICATION PREPARATION, PROJECT ADMINISTRATION, AND PROJECT-RELATED MANAGEMENT SERVICES, IF AWARDED:**

City Manager Gary Broz reported the recommendation is to hire John D. Mercer & Associates be approved for the engineering services and approve Resolution No. R-2021-09 as part of the grant application. Councilperson Vasquez made the motion to approve Resolution No. R-202-09 for Engineering Services in conjunction with the submittal of an application for funding through the 2021 hazard mitigation grant program for DR-4586 February winter weather to provide application preparation, project administration, and project-related management services, if awarded. Councilperson Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

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

Mayor Smiga reported COVID-19 totals are on the increase again. The State has confirmed of 46 positive in Jackson County. The Jackson County Hospital District has tested 62 people in the last 14 days. Mayor Smiga stated that he can confirm that there are cases in all three school districts. Mayor went on to say that COVID is not going away and that 85%-90% of the people tested have not been vaccinated. Councilperson Muncrief asked if the hospital was still giving vaccinations free of charge. Mayor Smiga stated that they are and so are the local pharmacies.

Mayor Smiga noted that he can't make people wear the mask but he highly recommends it.

**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 \$193,904.97. 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 that the Gayle Street bridge has been repaired and open to the public; perfect timing with the schools about to reopen. Working on the budget continues; preparations and work is on going for the certificates of obligation’s; department heads have been asked to look over the year-financials and submit any purchases that have to be purchased; All-Time Tech is working to get 365 up and running; grants are still being sought after; tentatively, Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup> has been set for Hazardous Waste Day. **Finance Director Olga Salomon** noted she has been busy working on financials for the budget. **Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski** reported on the repairs that were completed at the Gayle Street bridge; pot holes are continuing to be patched; city crews will be trimming limbs on the school bus routes. Brzozowski noted that low limbs and tree trimming is a problem through out the city. **Director of Utilities Brad Ryan** stated the repairs are complete and the waterwell is back up along with the clarifier is back in service. Ryan noted the gear boxes are out of date; water leaks and sewer stoppages are keeping the crews busy. **Chief of Police Rick Boone** reported that his department is now short a patrol officer and the opening is been posted in various locations. The stop sign thieves continue to steal the signs and hopefully by cementing them into the ground that will detour some of the thefts. There was a Lottery Theft at one of the local convenience stores of a approximately \$200,000 in Lotto theft. Narcotics and dope charges continue as the department continues working with five different counties. The Edna Independent School District “Back to School Rally” was held with over nine hundred attending at the elementary campus.

**ADJOURN:**

Councilperson Callis 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