

## **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, August 19, 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 AUGUST 5, 2021:**

Councilperson Dodds made the motion to approve minutes of the city council meeting held August 5, 2021. Councilperson Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**VISITORS:** Velma Vasquez, Jessica Coleman-Jackson County Herald Tribune, David Webel, Tamara Holt, Michael Holt

### **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.*

City Manager Gary Broz introduced the City of Edna’s newest employee, Sonya Robinson, who has been hired as Permit Tech.

### **CONSIDER AND DISCUSS ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH CIVILCORP FOR PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS ON GILBERT ROAD:**

City Manager Gary Broz reported that today the City of Edna received \$716,101.30 deposited into our account from American Rescue Plan which is 50% of our ARP money with the remainder in August 2022 10% fee to design, bid and work on construction; approximately \$104,000 for standard engineering fees. City Manager Broz went onto say that the agreement with CivilCorp for professional services was in the council packets for their review. Councilperson Jackson made the motion to approve and accept the Engineering Agreement with CivilCorp for plans and specifications on Gilbert Road. Councilperson Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

### **DISCUSS ISSUANCES OF CERTIFICATE OF OBLIGATIONS WITH RBC FINANCIAL ADVISORS AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:**

Dusty Traylor, Managing Director with RBC Capital Markets updated the council on the process regarding the Certificate of Obligations. Councilperson Dodds made the motion to approve the issuances of Certificate of Obligations with RBC Financial Advisors. Councilperson Vasquez 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. Citizens may contact the Jackson County Hospital District and make an appointment for the vaccination.

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 \$255,860.88. 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** updated council on the sidewalk grant for Apollo and Dugger. A work day has been scheduled at City Hall for Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. IT procedures are moving forward; legislature changes are to be put in place before September 1<sup>st</sup>. Code Enforcement has sent out 48 letters for the beginning of August. Sales tax is down. Broz asked council to be thinking about appointments / reappointments to the Planning & Zoning Commission and to the Building Standards for the September 16<sup>th</sup> council meeting. **Finance Director Olga Salomon** reported she continues to work on budget with the City Manager. **Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski** noted city crews have been mowing, weed-eating, fixing potholes and have started trimming low hanging limbs that are over the city streets. **Chief of Police Rick Boone** stated that he and his department have been kept busy chasing and apprehending illegals; several arrests have been made which involve dope and narcotics; schools are back in session everyone needs to watch out for children walking to and from school; the new tazers have arrived; someone threw fake \$100 bills in front of Alamo Lumber.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE §551.072:**

- Deliberation regarding real property: A governmental body can conduct an executive session to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position fo the government body in negotiations with a third person.

**HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE §551.087:**

- Deliberation regarding economic development negotiation: A governmental body may conduct an executive session to deliberate commercial or financial information that was received from a business prospect that seeks to locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body, and with which the governmental body is conducting economic developmental negotiations. To deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect meeting this description.

At 6:25 p.m. Mayor Smiga asked that the visitors clear the council room for the executive session.

**CONTINUATION OF WORKSHOP DISCUSSIONS ON THE 2021-2022 FISCAL BUDGET: HOTEL/MOTEL; MASTER FEE SCHEDULE AND TAKE ANY ACTIONS DEEMED NECESSARY:**

City Manager Broz distributed a copy of the proposed fees and copy of the holiday scheduled. There was no action taken.

**ADJOURN:**

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

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lance Smiga, Mayor

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