

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, September 2, 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 were present. City Manager Gary Broz, Director of Utilities Brad Ryan, Chief of Police Rick Boone and Finance Director Olga Salomon were in attendance. In the absence of City Secretary Becky Miska minutes were recorded by Olga Salomon and Gary Broz.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AUGUST 19, 2021:

Councilperson Callis made the motion to approve minutes of the city council meeting held August 19, 2021. Councilperson Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS: Velma Vasquez, Jessica Coleman-Jackson County Herald Tribune, Chris Lundstrom, 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.

There were no comments.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2021-2022 FISCAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF EDNA:

There were visitor comments.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 2021-06 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS ADOPTING THE BUDGET OF THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 1, 2021 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 REVISING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2021. APPROPRIATING THE VARIOUS AMOUNTS THEREOF; REVEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE:

Councilperson Dodds made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2021-06 an ordinance of the City of Edna, Texas adopting the budget of the City of Edna, Texas for the fiscal year beginning on October 1, 2021 and ending on September 30, 2022 revising the budget for the fiscal year ending on September 30, 2021. Appropriating the various amounts thereof: revealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith and declaring an effective date. Councilperson Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2021-2022 FISCAL BUDGET FIXING THE TAX RATE AND TAX LEVY AND LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF EDNA:

There were no visitor comments.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 2021-07 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS FIXING THE TAX RATE AND THE TAX LEVY AND LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS FOR THE YEAR 2021-2022 REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH, AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE:

Councilperson Dodds made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2021-07an ordinance of the City of Edna, Texas fixing the tax rate and the tax levy and levying ad valorem taxes for the City of Edna, Texas for the year 2021-2022 repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith, and declaring an effective date. Councilperson Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION FROM MELISSA PARR WITH BOARDING FOR RESCUES & ANIMAL WELFARE REGARDING ADOPTION OF ANIMALS FROM THE ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITY AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Melissa Parr was unable to attend the council meeting so this item was tabled.

PRESENTATION FROM CHRIS LUNDSTROM REGARDING A HOMETOWN HEROES BANNER PROGRAM AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Chris Lundstrom addressed the council regarding a Hometown Heroes Banner Program. Lundstrom presented information on the program. In the packet of information there are certain guidelines to be met for someone to be considered. Mrs. Lundstrom volunteered to serve on a Hometown Heroes Banner Program. Councilperson Chris Jackson also volunteered to serve.

DISCUSS COVID-19 AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Mayor Smiga reported COVID-19 totals are on the increase again. As of today, there are 151 active cases in Jackson County. Again, Mayor Smiga noted that he can't make people wear the mask, wash your hands and social distance but he highly recommends it.

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

Councilperson Jackson made the motion to approve payment of current bills in the amount of \$65,410.92. Councilperson Vasquez 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, Chief of Police Rick Boone, Utilities Director Brad Ryan and Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski each reported / updated council on projects and happenings in their departments.

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