

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, September 16, 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. Minutes were recorded by City Secretary Becky Miska.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 2, 2021:

Councilperson Jackson made the motion to approve minutes of the city council meeting held September 2, 2021. Councilperson Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS: Velma Vasquez, BJ Records, Aundrea Ware, Tyler Sample

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.

PRESENTATION FROM CIVILCORP ON THE PROPOSED WATER WASTEWATER AND STREET PROJECT; TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Reports were presented; Street Condition Report, Evaluation Process, Map Summary, Sanitary Sewer Considerations, Water Considerations, Water/Sewer Costs, Develop Worksheet for Prioritizing and Work Phase Steps.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER MASTER FEE SCHEDULE AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Broz presented the Master Fee Schedule and noted changes that were needed. Councilperson Jackson made the motion to approve the Master Fee Schedule as presented. Councilperson Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR THE 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR:

City Manager Broz presented the Holiday Schedule for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Councilperson Muncrief made the motion to approve the City of Edna Holiday Schedule for the 2021-2022 as presented. Councilperson Jackson seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER APPOINTMENT(S) TO THE EDNA HOUSING AUTHORITY:

City Secretary Miska reported that the following commissioners appointments expire on October 1st: Paul Robles, Shanna Brooks, Belinda Dodds. Miska noted that she had spoken to Shanna Brook and Belinda Dodds and both indicated that they were to continue to serve on the board. Miska also noted that she did not hear back from Paul Robles. Edna Housing Authority Chairman Aundrea Ware commented to council that they were having a problem with one particular commissioner. Councilperson Callis made the motion to reappoint Paul Robles and Belinda Dodds and appoint Primrose Holcomb to replace Shanna Brooks. Councilperson Jackson seconded the motion. Councilperson Vasquez and Councilperson Dodds abstained from voting. Councilperson Callis, Councilperson Muncrief and Councilperson Jackson voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER APPOINTMENT(S) TO THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION:

City Secretary Miska reported that the following commissioners appointments expired on October 1st: Chris Lundstrom, Julie Garza, Mindy Yendrey, Delia Tomanek and Timothy Gonzales. Miska went onto to note that she had spoke to Chris, Julie, Mindy and they wished to be considered for reappointment. Timothy did not return call. Councilperson Muncrief made the motion to approve reappointing Chris Lundstrom, Julie Garza, Mindy Yendrey, Delia Tomanek and Timothy Gonzales to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Councilperson Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER APPOINTMENT(S) TO THE BUILDING & STANDARDS COMMISSION:

City Secretary Miska reported that the following commissioner appointments expire on October 1st: Patrick Brzozowski and Desmond Earls. Councilperson Muncrief made the motion to reappoint Patrick Brzozowski and Desmond Earls for another two year term. Councilperson Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND CONCERNS REGARDING MANUFACTURED HOMES MOVING INTO THE CITY AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Broz noted that Councilperson Callis asked for manufactured homes to be on the agenda. Councilperson Callis asked what the city could do to strengthen regulations / ordinances on manufactured homes moving in the city and his neighborhood. Councilperson Muncrief and Councilperson Jackson added that the District 2 has several areas that are zoned to allow manufactured homes. Mayor Smiga stated the city could look into possibly strengthen our current ordinance.

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE WEATHER STATION ON WATER TOWER AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz distributed information regarding the possibility of a weather station antenna's being placed on the water tower. The transmission would be a great asset for the City's communication. City Manager Broz was instructed to continuing looking into the possibility and come back to council.

UPDATE ON THE CARVER SCHOOL PROPERTY AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Broz reported to council that he and Brad Ryan met yesterday with the Riehs and David Sheblak with Mercer Engineers. The meeting was a positive one. Clean up work should begin again in the near future.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 2021-08 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF "CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS COMBINATION TAX AND REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2021" SECURING THE PAYMENT THEREOF BY AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF AN ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAX AND A PLEDGE OF CERTAIN SURPLUS REVENUES OF THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM; APPROVING AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT; AND APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PAYING AGENT / REGISTRAR AGREEMENT ALL OTHER INSTRUMENTS AND PROCEDURES RELATED THERETO. NOTE: This item will be tabled and will be considered for approval by the City Council during a Special Meeting on September 30, 2021, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall:

Councilperson Callis made the motion to table this agenda item on Ordinance No. 2021-08 authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of "City of Edna, Texas Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2021" securing the payment thereof by authorizing the levy as an annual ad valorem tax and a pledge of certain surplus revenues of the City's municipal waterworks and sewer system; approving an official statement; and approving and authorizing the execution of a paying agent / registrar agreement all other instruments and procedures related thereto. NOTE: This item will be tabled and will be considered for approval by the City Council during a Special Meeting on September 30, 2021, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall. Councilperson Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried to table this agenda item.

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 269 active cases in Jackson County and 49 deaths. 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 HALLOWEEN ON MAIN AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

After a lengthy discussion concerning the rising positive cases of COVID-19 in the county, Mayor Smiga asked the council to consider cancelling this year's event. Councilperson Dodds made the motion to cancel Halloween on Main as a safety measure to protect our children and citizens of the community of the possibility of being exposed to someone with COVID. Councilperson Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried. City Secretary Miska will be posting the cancellation on the website, newspaper and social media.

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 \$164,416.27. 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, 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:

Before the meeting was adjourned, Councilperson Vasquez asked Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski about the status of the new rate sheet for the installation of driveways. Mr, Brzozowski stated that he is still working on the new rate sheet and will present when completed.

Councilperson Jackson 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