

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, October 7, 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 2 Wayne Callis, Councilperson District 3 Chris Jackson and Councilperson District 4 Mike Dodds, Councilperson District 5 Johnny Vasquez were present. Councilperson Dustin Muncrief was absent. City Manager Gary Broz, Chief of Police Rick Boone, Finance Director Olga Salomon and Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski were in attendance. Minutes were recorded by City Secretary Becky Miska.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 16, 2021:

Councilperson Dodds made the motion to approve minutes of the city council meeting held September 16, 2021. Councilperson Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 30, 2021:

Councilperson Vasquez made the motion to approve minutes of the city council meeting held September 30, 2021. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS: Velma Vasquez, Tyler Sample, Shanna Brooks, Regina Clay

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 UTILITY SERVICES OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS:

City Manager Gary Broz asked the council to be thinking about all of the utility services outside of the city limits. Broz noted that currently the city only adds an additional \$30 to their water bill and they are not annexed. Broz asked the city council to consider voluntary annexation No action was taken at this time.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING WATER WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT PROPOSAL FROM JOHN D. MERCER & ASSOCIATES:

City Manager Broz stated the newest compressors are from 1994 and the oldest from the 1950's. Broz asked the council to consider the proposal as presented. Councilperson Jackson made the motion to approve the water wastewater plant proposal from John D. Mercer & Associates. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

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

After the September 16th council meeting, Tyler Sample expressed his interest to serve on the Planning & Zoning Commission to Mayor Smiga. Mayor Smiga noted that Tyler will not replace anyone but will be an addition to the board. Councilperson Callis made the motion to approve appointing Tyler Sample to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Councilperson Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS EDNA HOUSING AUTHORITY APPOINTMENTS AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Mayor Smiga asked that item be tabled until the next council meeting. Councilperson Jackson made the motion to table the agenda item regarding Edna Housing Authority appointments. Councilperson Callis seconded the motion. Councilperson Dodds and Councilperson Vasquez abstained from voting. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS COVID-19 AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Mayor Smiga reported COVID-19 totals are now in the low 20' and in the last 14 days testing numbers have gone down also.

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 \$83,343.83. 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 noted the recent Jackson County Fair Parade was great and the turnout was exciting to see. Broz reported he is continuing to work with the underwriters and the bond attorney. The city is at the year end and staying on the positive side. Broz noted he told staff this is not Christmas in October and to watch their spending. The sales tax report is off to a good start. **Finance Director Olga Salomon** reported the new water rates are in place and on the water bills. **Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski** stated city crews have been busy cleaning ditches and filling potholes. Brzozowski went onto say that he is working on a tree trimming plan for trees that are hanging over city streets. Andy also gave his report on the Street Department 2021 Fiscal Year Accomplishments.

ADJOURN:

Before the meeting was adjourned, Councilperson Callis stated he wants to see more ditches cleaned out in District 2. Councilperson Callis asked about a truck route ordinance. Large trucks are tearing up city streets and should not be allowed. Callis noted on Peabody Street, a citizen Timiron Williams, is using his residential property as commercial and bringing his large trucks and equipment on city streets.

Councilperson Dodds 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