

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council in regular session on Thursday, September 1, 2022, 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, Councilperson District 4 Mike Dodds and Councilperson District 5 Johnny Vasquez were present. City Manager Gary Broz, Finance Director Diane Pierce, Chief of Police Rick Boone, Director of Utilities Brad Ryan were also present. Minutes were recorded by Permit Tech LaSonya Robinson in the absence of City Secretary Becky Miska.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AUGUST 18, 2022:

Councilperson Jackson made the motion to approve the minutes of the city council meeting held August 18, 2022. Councilperson Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS: David L. Webel

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

“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. The council may not take any action on any item which has not been posted on the agenda.” Please limit – two minutes.

There were none.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2022-2023 FISCAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF EDNA:

There were no comments.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2022-04 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, 2022; AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 REVISING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022. APPROPRIATING THE VARIOUS AMOUNTS THEREOF; REVEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE:

City Manager Gary Broz reviewed Ordinance No. 2022-04 with council. Councilperson Jackson made the motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2022-04 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, 2022; and ending on September 30, 2023 revising the budget for the fiscal year ending on September 30, 2022. Appropriating the various amounts thereof; revealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith and declaring an effective date. Councilperson Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2022-2023 FIXING THE TAX RATE AND THE TAX LEVY AND LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF EDNA:

City Manager Gary Broz noted the tax rate would be .2299 and with it being set at that rate there will be no need for an election.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2022-05 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 2022-2023 REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE:

City Manager Gary Broz reviewed Ordinance No. 2022-05 with council. Councilperson Callis made the motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2022-05 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

2022-2034 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.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM THE JACKSON COUNTY YOUTH FAIR BOARD FOR FUNDING FROM THE CURRENT CITY'S BUDGETED HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FOR THE 2022 FISCAL YEAR;

This item was tabled.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM THE JACKSON COUNTY YOUTH FAIR BOARD TO CLOSE CERTAIN STREETS FOR THE JACKSON COUNTY YOUTH FAIR PARADE:

Chief of Police Rick Boone reported on the parade route. Boone noted the route will be the same as it has been in past years. This year's fair parade will be held on Saturday, October 1, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Councilperson Jackson made the motion to approve the closure of certain streets for the Jackson County Youth Fair Parade. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER MODIFICATION OF THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH JACKSON COUNTY TO PROVIDE A FOOD INSPECTION PROGRAM WHEREBY THE COUNTY CONTINUES TO CONTRACT WITH THE VICTORIA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Broz reported on the Interlocal Agreement with Jackson County to continue providing a food inspection program with Victoria County Public Health Department. The fee would cost the City of Edna \$10,500 Councilperson Callis approved the Interlocal Agreement with Jackson County to provide a food inspection program whereby the county continues to contract with the Victoria County Public Health Department for a fee of \$10,500. Councilperson Jackson seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS CURRENT BUILDING CODES AND THE PROPOSAL TO UPDATE; TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Broz noted that the building, mechanical and electrical codes were in need to be updated to the 2018 code. After a couple of years, the 2021 should be adopted. Councilperson Dodds made the motion to approve the proposed updates for the building, mechanical and electrical codes. Councilperson Jackson seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS NOMINEES FOR THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE RISK POOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Broz reviewed and suggested nominees. Councilperson Jackson made the motion to approve the following nominees: Place 6 – Kimberly Meisner/Assistant City Manager of the City of Kerrville, Place 7 – James Hotopp/City Manager of Weatherford, Place 8 – Chris Coffman/City Manager of Granbury, Place 9 – William Linn/City Manager of Kenedy. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR THE 2022-2023 FISCAL YEAR:

City Manager Broz reviewed the proposed changes to the present holiday schedule. Broz recommended removing New Year's Eve and adding Martin Luther King. Councilperson Dodds made the motion to approve the Holiday Schedule for the 2022-2023 fiscal year as presented. Councilperson Jackson seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER CHANGING THE DATE FOR THE 2022 ANNUAL LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE:

After discussion, Councilperson Muncrief made the motion to change the 2022 Annual Lighted Christmas Parade from Saturday, December 10th to Thursday, December 8th. Councilperson Jackson seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

This item was tabled.

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

City Manager Broz reviewed the bills presented to the council for consideration of payment in the amount of \$25,696.00. Councilperson Callis made the motion to approve payment in the amount of 25,696.00. Councilperson Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CITY STAFF REPORTS:

“At this time, City Council will hear reports / updates on all committees or department assignments, which may include, but is not limited to the following: City Manager-grants, projects, public information; Finance Director-finance & department reports; Police Department-grant updates, police reports, community involvement updates; Director of Utilities-park reports, water & sewer updates; Street Superintendent-department updates repairs/projects; Code Enforcement-progress reports; Jonas Titus-Victoria Economic Development Corporation; City Secretary-public information.” No formal action can be taken on these items.

City Manager Gary Broz reported on TxDot and Rexco road repair project on Allen Street.

The Edna Police Department renovation is going well.

Chief of Police Boone and myself project October 1st to be the new working home for the Police Department.

Grant in the amount of \$50,000 from LNRA will go towards the Shelby Park Project (new restroom(s) at the baseball field.

Still working on the GLO Grant;

There is \$85,000 extra to spend on the water/wastewater grant; body-cams will be coming in;

Staff has been instructed to stop spending money as of September 2nd until the new fiscal year.

Auditor will be touching base soon.

Software and fiber progress is moving along.

Recently went to San Antonio and met with Preston Atkinson. It was a well-received meeting.

The Gilbert Road project is scheduled to begin October 2, 2022.

Bids were received from Mercer, Lester and Supak for the 2021 Water/Wastewater Grant.

Two proposals have been received for a potential new street sweeping contractor.

Progress and repairs have begun at the Shelby Park Community Building.

Code Enforcement has been keeping busy with letters to citizens due to the recent rains grass has Taken a growing spree.

Mosquito fogger will be going out tonight.

Finance Director Diane Pierce did not have anything to report.

Jonas Titus-Victoria Economic Development reported on a recent trip to San Antonio with City Manager Broz and their meeting with Preston Atkinson.

Have been busy looking for a property for potential location for a Caterpillar Supplier to be a potential new business in our area and would create new job opportunities.

Caterpillar Supplier would like to have new location by October – November

Director of Utilities Brad Ryan reported that employee, Tristan Tomas, has received his second D License.

Water usage has gone down.

Water leaks are beginning to slow down due the recent rains softening up the grounds.

Chief of Police Rick Boone noted that the recent trial on a family assault ended in a 30 year sentence.

ADJOURN:

Councilperson Jackson 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

