

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, October 15, 2020 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. Councilmember District 1 Dustin Muncrief, Councilmember District 2 Wayne Callis, Councilmember District 3 Rick Boone, Councilmember 4 Elizabeth Sommerfeld and Councilmember District 5 Johnny Vasquez were in attendance. City Manager Gary Broz, City Secretary Becky Miska, Finance Director Olga Salomon, Water Wastewater Superintendent Justin Weber, Director of Public Works Brad Ryan, Street Superintendent Steve Sample and Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge were in attendance. Minutes were recorded by City Secretary Becky Miska.

VISITORS: Velma Vasquez, Kenneth Ballin, Ruby Ballin, Attorney Jake Srp

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 3, 2020 AND SEPTEMBER 17, 2020:

Councilmember Muncrief made the motion to approve minutes of the City Council meetings held September 3, 2020 and September 17, 2020. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

HEARING OF VISTIORS:

“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.

Kenneth Ballin addressed the council and expressed his concerns of the neighbor’s encroachment onto his property. Ballin stated when the fence was built there was no permit issued.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER APPROVING AN UPDATE TO THE CITY’S FINANCIAL POLICIES TO ENSURE THEY ARE COMPLIANT WITH FEDERAL REGULATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CDBG-MIT PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

City Manager Broz introduced Wesley Traylor. Mr. Traylor with Traylor & Associates stated they are out of Tyler, Texas. They are the grant administer and for the grant to assist in flood control issues throughout the city. Paperwork is due by October 28, 2020. As grant administrator the city’s financial policy needs to be updated in order to get the best score for the 4.1 million dollars available. Councilmember Muncrief made the motion to approve updating the city’s financial policies to ensure they are compliant with federal regulations in accordance with CDBG-MIT program requirements. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER APPROVING AN UPDATE TO THE CITY’S PROCUREMENT POLICES TO ENSURE THEY ARE COMPLIANT WITH FEDERAL REGULATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CDBG-MIT PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

Wesley Traylor with Traylor & Associates again noted they were the grant administer for the grant to assist in flood control issues throughout the city. Paperwork As grant administrator the city’s procurement policy needs to be updated in order to get the best score for the 4.1 million dollars available. Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve updating the city’s procurement policies to ensure they are compliant with federal regulations in accordance with CDBG-MIT program requirements. Councilmember Boone seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION NO. R-2020-10 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A CDBG-MIT APPLICATION FOR DRAINAGE, WATER-WASTEWATER & STREET IMPROVEMENTS, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER TO ACT AS THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE APPLICATION, AND COMMITTING \$40,119 IN MATCHING FUNDS:

Councilmember Muncrief made the motion to approve Resolution No. R-2020-10 authorizing the submittal of a CDBG-MIT application for drainage, water-wastewater & street improvements, authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to act as the authorized representatives in all matters pertaining to the application, and committing \$40,119 in matching funds. Councilmember Sommerfeld seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT(S) BETWEEN THE CITY OF EDNA AND JACKSON COUNTY, EDNA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, JACKSON COUNTY COUNTY-WIDE DRAINAGE DISTRICT, JACKSON COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT AND LAVACA-NAVIDAD RIVER AUTHORITY TO RECOGNIZE BENEFITS TO BE GAINED BY CITIZENS OF ALL ENTITIES IN WORKING TOGETHER TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY:

Councilmember Sommerfeld made the motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement(s) between the City of Edna and Jackson County, Edna Independent School District, Jackson County County-Wide Drainage District, Jackson County Hospital District and Lavaca-Navidad Drainage Authority to recognize benefits to be gained by citizens of all entities in working together to provide services to the community. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER REVISING THE CITY OF EDNA'S CURB/GUTTER POLICY:

After discussion, of the present policy council asked City Manager and staff to come up with a plan and cost. Mayor Smiga asked this agenda item be tabled for now. Councilmember Callis made the motion to table this agenda item. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

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

No action was taken.

DISCUSS COVID-19 AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Mayor Smiga noted the number of cases have been on the decline.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER PAYMENT OF CURRENT BILLS AND RATIFYING PAYMENT OF BILLS PAID ON 10/01/2020:

Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve payment of current bills in the amount of \$303,949.12. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE §551.074; PERSONNEL MATTERS; TO DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE OR DISMISSAL OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE: NEW CHIEF OF POLICE AND CITY MANAGER

At this time, the council chambers was cleared of visitors; time 7:00 p.m.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Council returned into open session at 7:34 p.m. Mayor Smiga stated that Councilmember Rick Boone has tendered his resignation as Councilmember District 3. Rick Boone will be the new Chief of Police effective January 1, 2021.

Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge will continue to take care of business until Mr. Boone takes over.

HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE §551.071: CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY: TO SEEK ADVICE ABOUT: (a) PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION; (b) SETTLEMENT OFFER; OR (c) LEGAL MATTERS; STRUCTURES TO CLOSE TO PROPERTY LINE AND WATER METERS:

DISCUSS AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

No action was taken.

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 Department-grant updates, police reports; Public Works Department-park reports, water & sewer updates; Street Department-repairs/projects; Code Enforcement-progress reports; City Manager & City Secretary-public information.” No formal action can be taken on these items.

City Manager Gary Broz reported on end of year financials; noted he and Olga have been working on the audit; sale tax for October up; ditch project for 2020 continues to be working well; culverts which customers have paid for continue to be installed. Broz reported on: August and September permits issued; code enforcement continues to be issues weedy letters and for other violations. Grant updates were noted. No report on the status of the Cowboy Statue. The water tower is close to being painted with the Home of the Edna Cowboys on one side and Home of the Edna Cowboys on the other with the Cowboy silhouette in-between. October 23rd and 24th is scheduled for Edna Clean Up. The new utility bills went out to customers this month. Safety Breakfast will be held October 30, 2020. November council meeting will be held November 12th. County County-Wide Drainage is cleaning dry creek near Trinity. **Director of Public Works Brad Ryan** noted he had been reviewing plans for engineers. **Water Wastewater Superintendent Justin Weber** reported the gear box went out and will need to be replaced or rebuilt. He is getting quotes. **Street Superintendent Steve Sample** culvert pipes are being replaced from Elm to Alba. Mosquitoes seem to be back under control with the recent spraying city crews had done. **Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge** stated four officers attended training recently. The department has incurred to recent crashes. **Finance Director Olga Salomon** reported that payments are increasing to be done via credit cards.

ADJOURN:

Councilmember Vasquez made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVED:

Lance Smiga, Mayor

ATTEST:

Becky Miska, City Secretary