<u>REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING</u>

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, September 17, 2020 in council chambers at 6:00 p.m.

<u>CALL TO ORDER</u>: 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 and Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge were in attendance. Minutes were recorded by City Secretary Becky Miska.

<u>VISITORS:</u> Velma Vasquez and Julio Espinosa

<u>APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 3, 2020</u>:
Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve minutes of the City Council meeting held September 3, 2020 as amended. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

<u>HEARING OF VISTIORS</u>:
"At this time, comments may be heard from the audience on any subject matter that is not on the agenda. In accordance, with the Open Meeting Act, the council may not discuss or take action on any item which has not been posted on the agenda."

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.

<u>DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER NOMINATION TO THE TML HEALTH BENEFITS POOL</u>:
City Manager Gary Broz asked that the nominations to be considered to serve on the TML Health Benefits Pool – Region 11. Councilmember Muncrief made the motion to nominate Blake Petrash from Ganado, Texas to serve on the TML Health Benefits Pool – Region 11. Councilmember Boone seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

<u>DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS / REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE BUILDING & STANDARDS COMMISSION</u>:
City Secretary Becky Miska reported to council that there were to terms up to be considered for re-appointment: James Lewis and Sonya Proper. Miska noted that she had spoken to James Lewis and Sonya Proper and both are willing to continue serving. Councilmember Callis made the motion to re-appoint James Lewis and Sonya Proper to the Building & Standards Commission. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

<u>DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS / REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION</u>:
City Secretary Becky Miska reported to council that there were to terms up to be considered for reappointment: Audrey Tones and Barnell Rawls. Miska noted that Audrey Tones did not wish to be re-appointed and Barnell Rawls had not returned her call. Councilmember Sommerfeld stated she had spoken to Leighton Smith and he is interested in serving. Councilmember Muncrief made the motion to

appoint Leighton Smith and re-appoint Barnell Rawls. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH TEXAS DISPOSAL SYSTEMS AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY*:*
This item was tabled.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:
City Manager Broz reported on the Power Purchase Agreement. Councilmember Boone made the motion to continue the city's relationship with TCAP. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER MASTER FEE SCHEDULE AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:
City Manager Broz reviewed the Master Fee Schedule and asked for council's approval. Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve the Master Fee Schedule. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER APPOINTMENT(S) TO THE EDNA HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD:
City Secretary Miska reported to the council that Aundrea Ware and Paul Robles were up for re-appointment; the Tenant Commissioner Greta-Thompson Rucker's term will expire October 1st. With the passing of Commissioner Dennis Ray there are three (3) openings on the board. Mayor Smiga asked that the council re-appoint Aundrea Ware and Paul Robles. Mayor Smiga asked that Becky Miska be appointed to serve as an Advisory Commissioner. Councilmember Vasquez made the motion to re-appoint Aundrea Ware, Paul Robles; re-instate Velma Vasquez; appoint Shanna Brooks and Belinda Dodds. Councilmember Boone seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS COVID-19 AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:
Mayor Smiga reported that COVID-19 totals are continuing to decline. Governor spoke today regarding re-opening most businesses up to 75% capacity.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER PAYMENT OF CURRENT BILLS:
Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve payment of current bills in the amount of
. Councilmember 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 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 that the review committee is getting closer to selecting a new police chief; inventory is being taken for the city's fiscal year-end; Building and Standards Commission recently met and four (4) houses are being considered for demolition; CDBG and CDBG-DR grants are moving right along; Mike Gasch has been moved into the position of Parks Superintendent and will continue as the city's mechanic; as of today, ditch cleaning is up to 6,454 feet; employee evaluations are being completed and turned in by October 1st; flu shots are scheduled for September 29th at City Hall for employees; Neighborhood Clean-up Committee is planning another clean-up day; city financials are looking very well for the year-end; water sales may improve. **Director of Public Works Brad Ryan** noted parks are looking good; more mulch is being added to the playground areas; drainage work continues and several citizens are pleased with the results. **Water Wastewater Superintendent Justin Weber** reported on the city's "virtual" wastewater treatment inspection. **Police Chief Clinton Wooldridge** stated there have been several vehicle burglaries and home invasions recently. Several citizens have recognized robbers from home video cameras.

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: MUNICIPAL JUDGE:

The council went into closed session at 7:30 p.m.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

After returning into open session, Councilmember Muncrief made the motion to extend the Municipal Judge's appointment for another year and that the Judge report quarterly to the council. Commissioner Boone seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE §551.071: CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY; TO SEEK ADVICE ABOUT PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION:

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No action taken.

ADJOURN:

Before adjourning the meeting, Mayor Smiga asked the Student Honorary Mayor be added to the next agenda. Also, that the second Tuesday of each month there will be "Coffee with the Mayor" held at 7:30 a.m. to be held in the council chambers. At this time, the public is invited to have coffee and voice their concerns, opinions and ideas for the city.

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

APPROVED:

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Lance Smiga, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Becky Miska, City Secretary