

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, September 3, 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 and Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge were in attendance. Minutes were recorded by City Secretary Becky Miska.

VISITORS: Velma Vasquez, John Meng – Jackson County Herald Tribune

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 20, 2020:

Councilmember Boone made the motion to approve minutes of the City Council meeting held August 20, 2020 as amended. Councilmember Sommerfeld seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

HEARING OF VISTIORS:

“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.

DISCUSS PROPOSED CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH TEXAS DISPOSAL SYSTEMS AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz reported that he has been in discussion with Texas Disposal Systems. James Griffin with TDS have been working together to extend the contract. There will be a meeting with the County Commissioner next week to hopefully finalize their portion. Mayor Smiga noted it will be on the next agenda if the County completes and accepts.

HEAR PRESENTATION FROM ENTERPRISE FLEET ON PROPOSED LEASING OF VEHICLES AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Broz noted he had been in conversation with Enterprise Fleet in regards to proposed leasing of vehicles for the Police Department and Public Works. At this time, Mark Block with Enterprise Fleet was introduced to address the council. Mr. Block went over options available to the City of Edna with council. Councilmember Callis relayed his approval of the Enterprise Fleet leasing program. Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve going forward with the Leasing Program with Enterprise Fleet. Councilmember Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM THE JACKSON COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION:

Brad Ryan spoke on behalf of the Jackson County Fair Association Board. Mr. Ryan stated the fair carnival will be cancelled this year due to Covid-19, but the entire fair board efforts will be dedicated to the kids and the fair animals/auction this year. Ryan noted that the participating kids will bring their animals to the fair to be weight in and judge, but this year will not leave them at the barns instead will take them home until the sale. Councilmember Muncrief voted to approve the budget amount of \$5,000 to the Jackson County Fair Association. Councilmember Boone seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2020-2021 FISCAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF EDNA:

City Manager Broz went over the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget for the City of Edna. There were no public comments.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 2020-05 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, 2020 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 REVISING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2020. APPROPRIATING THE VARIOUS AMOUNTS THEREOF; REVEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE:

Councilmember Muncrief made the motion to approve the Ordinance No. 2020-05 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, 2020 and ending on September 30, 2021 revising the budget for the fiscal year ending on September 30, 2020; and to include Hotel/Motel. Appropriating the various amounts thereof; revealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith and declaring an effective date. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2020-2021 FIXING THE TAX RATE AND TAX LEVY AND LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF EDNA;

City Manager Broz went over the proposed 2020-2021 tax rate, tax levy and levying ad valorem taxes for the City of Edna. There were no public comments.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 2020-06 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 2020-2021 REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH, AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE:

Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-06 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 2020-2021 repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith, and declaring an effective date. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AWARD OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT MITIGATION GRANT PROJECT AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Mayor Smiga rescinded the previous award for administrative services. City Manager Broz noted that the Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Grant Project had to be resubmitted due to an unchecked box. Mr. Broz stated that the review committee chose Gary R. Traylor & Associates to provide administrative services for the project. Councilmember Muncrief made the motion to award Gary R. Traylor & Associates to provide administrative services for the Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Grant Project. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AWARD OF ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT MITIGATION GRANT PROJECT AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Broz stated that nine proposals were received to provide engineering services for the Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Grant Project. The review committee chose: 1st) Schiebe LLC and 2nd) Civil Corp Engineering to provide engineering services for the project. Councilmember Muncrief made the motion to award Schiebe Consulting LLC and Civil Corp

Engineering as the providers of engineering services for the Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Grant Project. Councilmember Boone seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER TML RISK POOL BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTION:

Councilmember Boone made the motion nominate the following: Place 1 – Robert T. Herrera; Place 2 – John W. (Buzz) Fullen; Place 3 – Jeffrey Snyder and Place 4 – Kimberly Meisner as recommended by City Manager Broz. Councilmember Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS COVID-19 AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Mayor Smiga reported that as of today there are twenty-one active COVID-19 cases in Jackson County. Out of the last forty-seven tests drawn only one test has been positive. The positivity rate is going down.

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 \$29,598.43. 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 today was open enrollment for TML Insurance; ditch cleaning is moving along; setting up police chief interviews for September 11th; getting finances in order for the new year; disconnects have begun in the water department first time since Covid hit; looking into upgrading copiers and cost savings; looking at software to utilize across the board; cutting off seven phone lines to save costs. **Director of Public Works Brad Ryan** updated council on the ditch cleaning progress. **Water Wastewater Superintendent Justin Weber** reported on repairs/water leaks. **City Secretary Becky Miska** updated council on the status of upcoming events in other towns due to COVID there are several cancelled events.

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