

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, September 5, 2019 in council chambers at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Lance Smiga called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. After the moment of silence, the council stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Pro-Tem / Councilmember District 2 Wayne Callis, Councilmember District 1 Dustin Muncrief, Councilmember District 3 Rick Boone, Councilmember District 4 Elizabeth Sommerfeld and Councilmember District 5 Johnny Vasquez were in attendance. City Manager Don Doering, Finance Director Olga Salomon, Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge, Director of Public Works Brad Ryan and Street Superintendent Steve Sample were also present. Minutes were recorded by City Secretary Becky Miska.

VISITORS: Velma Vasquez, James Griffin-Texas Disposal Systems and Chris Lundstrom-Jackson County Herald Tribune,

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AUGUST 1, 2019:

Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve minutes of the city council meeting held August 1, 2019. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE BUDGET WORKSHOP HELD AUGUST 7, 2019 AND THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD AUGUST 21, 2019:

Councilmember Sommerfeld made the motion to approve minutes of the budget workshop held August 7, 2019 and the special meeting held August 21, 2019. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

HEARING OF VISITORS:

“At this time, comments will 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.” Please limit comments to two (2) minutes.

There were no comments.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- a) **CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 2019-07 ADOPTING FISCAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF EDNA:**

There were no public comments.

- b) **CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 2019-08 FIXING THE TAX RATE AND TAX LEVY AND LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS FOR THE YEAR 2019-2020 REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE:**

There were no public comments.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 2019-07 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, 2019 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 REVISING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2019. APPROPRIATING THE VARIOUS AMOUNTS THEREOF; REVEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE:

Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2019-07 an ordinance of the City of Edna, Texas adopting the budget of the City of Edna, Texas for fiscal year beginning on October 1, 2019 and ending on September 30, 2020 revising the budget for the fiscal year ending on September 30, 2019. Appropriating the various amounts thereof; revealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith and declaring an effective date. Councilmember Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 2019-08 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 2019-2020 REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH, AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE:

Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2019-08 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 2019-2020 repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith and declaring an effective date. Councilmember Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION IN CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT FOR MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICES:

James Griffin-Texas Disposal Systems noted to council that TDS has entered into the twelfth month with the City of Edna. Councilmember Sommerfeld made the motion to accept the amendment to the contract for Municipal Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Services. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR FIRE CODE INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT SERVICES:

Fire Marshal Kurt Janica addressed the council stating that he has been working on the Interlocal Agreement for Fire Code Inspection and Enforcement Services for over a year. Janica noted that the city has access to view files at any time. The council thanked Janica for his hard work on the interlocal agreement. Councilmember Boone made the motion approve the Interlocal Agreement for Fire Code Inspection and Enforcement Services. Councilmember Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER BIDS FOR DEBRIS REMOVAL AND DEBRIS MONITORING SERVICES:

City Manager Doering updated the council on the meeting he had attended with the County Commissioner and Judge reviewing bids. Doering noted that the County gave their approval on August 27th to Crowder Gulf (Primary) for Debris Removal Services and Tetra Tech (Primary) for Debris Monitoring. Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve Crowder Gulf for debris removal and Tetra Tech for debris monitoring. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER CLOSING CERTAIN STREETS AROUND THE SERVICES BUILDING FOR NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IN OCTOBER:

Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge reported to the council that the Edna Rotary Club is hosting the 2019 National Night Out to be held on October 1, 2019 at the Jackson County Services Building. Chief Wooldridge asked if the council would approve closing certain city streets around the parking lot at the services building that night to ensure safety for those attending. There will be First Responder vehicles along with a helicopter. Councilmember Muncrief made the motion to approve closing certain streets as needed around the Services Building for National Night Out on October 1, 2019. Councilmember Boone seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM THE JACKSON COUNTY YOUTH FAIR ASSOCIATION TO CLOSE CERTAIN STREETS IN ORDER TO HOLD THE FAIR PARADE:

Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge also noted that the parade route is the same as it has always been. Councilmember Sommerfeld made the motion to approve the closure of certain streets in order to hold the fair parade on October 5, 2019 as requested by the Jackson County Youth Fair Association. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF EDNA AND THE EDNA YOUTH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION:

Director of Public Works Brad Ryan stated that the concession stand has four air condition units that are being left on when no one is using the concession stand. Ryan noted that the association is wanting to enlarge the field, lighting, etc. Councilmember Boone updated council on the current field size and the dimensions of the Victoria field that the kids are now playing on. City Secretary Miska added that she had included in the agreement that the Edna Youth Football Association pay for the electrical usage of the concession stand, the concession stand be separately metered and billed directly to the Edna Youth Football Association. Miska noted that this is in the Edna Little League Association Agreement as well. Also noted, the Edna Youth Football Association needs to provide a copy of the association's proof of liability insurance coverage. Mayor Smiga agreed that the insurance coverage is a must and that the kids shouldn't be playing on the field until it is brought into City Hall. Councilmember Muncrief made the motion to approve amendments to the agreement is regards to the electrical usage, metering and billing. Also, for there not to be games or practice played on the field until proof of liability insurance coverage is presented to City Hall. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS CONCERNS WITH ILLEGAL DUMPING AT HELPING HANDS:

After a lengthy discussion, between the Chief of Police and the council it was agreed that Step One is to start writing tickets, Step Two start posting on Facebook to see if anyone recognizes those illegal dumping. Also, it was discussed to talk with the Judge about what charges could be imposed.

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

Councilmember Sommerfeld made the motion to approve payment in the amount of \$389,670.73. Councilmember Callis 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 report; Public Works Department – park reports, water & sewer line updates; Street Department – street repairs/projects; City Manager & City Secretary – public information; Finance Director – financial report; Code Enforcement – progress reports on code issues.” No formal action can be taken on these items.

City Manager Don Doering stated he had met with Kay Koop at Helping Hands to talk about the illegal dumping problems. **Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge** reported that the radios have been upgraded in the patrol cars. National Night Out will be held October 1, 2019. **Director of Public Works Brad Ryan** noted that water leaks have been numerous due to the lack of rain and the grounds shifting. City crews have been repairing them as quickly as they happened.

ADJOURN:

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

APPROVED: _____
Lance Smiga, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Becky Miska, City Secretary