

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council in regular session on Thursday, July 7, 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, Chief of Police Rick Boone, Finance Director Diane Pierce, Director of Utilities Brad Ryan and Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski were also present. Minutes were recorded by City Secretary Becky Miska.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD JUNE 16, 2022:

Councilperson Jackson made the motion to approve the minutes of the city council meeting held June 16, 2022. Councilperson Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS: Bob Henderson – RBC Financial, Jessica Coleman – Jackson County Herald Tribune, Millie Diaz – Jackson County Herald Tribune, Jonas Titas, CEC/President VEDC, Victoria Economic Development Corporation, Velma Vasquez, Samantha Idlett, Diane Pierce, Vicki Hessong Trenton Skelton, Bella Medina, Michelle Medina, James Fait, Janet Fait, Travis Hunt, Tyler Sample, Amanda Rodriguez, Leonda Bazan, Emrie Bazan, Zach Johnson,

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 no comments.

HEAR REQUEST FROM NATHAN BESLER TO ALLOW GOLF CARTS ON CITY STREETS IN THE CITY LIMITS OF EDNA AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Council heard comments from Weston Travis Hunt, Tyler Sample and a Hallettsville City Councilman Trenton Skelton. Each individual was in favor of the golf cars on city streets. Mr. Hunt presented each council with a binder of research in support of the request for consideration. Chief of Police Rick Boone gave a rebuttal with his knowledge of why golf carts should not be allowed on city streets. Chief Boone also noted the definition of golf carts is “to be used on the golf course”. No action was taken on this item. The council will address this request at a later council meeting.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 2022-03 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF “CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS COMBINATION TAX AND REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2022”; SECURING THE TAX AND PLEDGE OF CERTAIN SURPLUS REVENUES OF THE CITY’S MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT ALL OTHER INSTRUMENTS AND PROCEDURES RELATED THERETO:

Bob Henderson, RBC Financial, reviewed the details of the issuance, sale, and delivery of the 2022 Series, Certificate of Obligation. Councilperson Dodds made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2022-03 an ordinance authorizing the issuance sale and delivery of “City of Edna, Texas Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2022”; securing the tax and pledge of certain surplus revenues of the City’s Municipal Waterworks and Sewer System; approving and authorizing the execution of a paying agent’ registrar agreement all other instruments and procedures related thereto. Councilperson Jackson seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER PURCHASE OF MUNICIPAL SOFTWARE FROM TYLER TECHNOLOGY (INCODE) FOR ALL CITY DEPARTMENTS AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Broz gave a presentation on the municipal software from Tyler Technology (INCODE). Councilperson Dodds made the motion to approve the purchase of municipal software from Tyler Technology (INCODE) for all city departments. Councilperson Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER PURCHASE OF SENSUS WATER METERS AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Broz reviewed the proposed purchase of the Sensus Water Meters with council. Councilperson Jackson made the motion to approve the purchase of the Sensus Water Meters. Councilperson Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER EMPLOYEE HEALTHCARE OPTIONS FOR 2022-2023 FISCAL YEAR & TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Broz presented options for employee healthcare. Broz noted that the options presented had been reviewed by staff. Councilperson Muncrief made the motion to approve the option to increase the deductible in order to keep the cost of insurance down for employee healthcare for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. Councilperson Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER ADOPTING CONTRIBUTION RATE FOR EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT WITH TEXAS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Broz reported the combined contribution rate for TMRS is now 11.01%. Councilperson Jackson made the motion to approve adopting the contribution rate for the employee retirement with Texas Municipal Retirement System (TMRS). Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER PURCHASE OF WATCH GUARD CAMERAS FOR EDNA POLICE VEHICLES AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Chief of Police Rick Boone reported on the Watch Guard Cameras for the police vehicles. Councilperson Callis made the motion to approve the purchase of Watch Guard Cameras for the Edna Police vehicles. Councilperson Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

City Manager Gary Broz asked that this item be passed

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

City Manager Broz reviewed the bills with council. Councilperson Jackson made the motion to approve payment of current bills in the amount of \$66,039.76. Councilperson Dodds 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 Dept. – grant updates, police reports; Director of Utilities – water & wastewater updates; Street Dept. – repairs / projects, park reports; Finance Director-finance report; 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 one employee has tested positive for Covid.

Working on budget and preparing for the upcoming budget workshop to be held Wednesday, July 20th at 6:00 p.m.

The next city council meeting will be held Thursday, July 21st at 6:00 p.m.

GLO projects are in the works: 2019 Generators / currently waiting on state; 2022 Wastewater repairs and orbiter

Another generator grant has been applied for.

The Police Department building is in demolition mode and work has begun.

Shelby Hall needs repairs and will be looking into those costs.

Tax Revenue is up at this time.

The “Cowboy Pride” dedication is scheduled for Friday, August 5, 2022.

Thursday, July 14th is the next target area for cleanup; high school athletes, LNRA employees, Magnum Services and other volunteers; Councilperson Mike Dodds has offered his pickup and trailer to help out.

TxDot Hwy Project is still ongoing;

The trail at Pumphrey Children’s Park had to be repaired due to large cracking.

Good news – extra money paid for storm outages – the city will get it back from TCAP – GEXA

Victoria Economic Development attends are regular Tuesday morning meetings.

Jonas Titus with VEDC gave an update on Catepillar expansion and a three-day event that will promote Catepillar and educate possible new employees.

Finance Director Diane Pierce stated a new employee has been hired: Christy Mahaltic from El Campo. Christy is very knowledgeable and will be introduced at the next council meeting.

Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski stated TxDot approved the needed repairs to the drainage ditch on Asbeck Lane.

Miriam Streets – drainage issues are being addressed.

City crews have been busy trimming trees, replacing bad Stop signs and patching potholes.

Parkmoor Road will be maintained; the County will be allowing the city to use their grad-all.

Even though it is a county road it is the main road to the sewer plant and our traffic is tearing up the road as well as tearing up our vehicles.

Director of Utilities Brad Ryan reported the sewer plant is looking good; work is being done on the orbiter (racetrack) has made a big improvement.

Water leaks continue due to the recent dry weather and ground cracking.

Chief of Police Rick Boone noted that the department has received three applications recently.

The Marshall’s office, Victoria Police Department along with our department were able to remove a sex perp off the streets. The perp is now in the Victoria Jail.

The department is moving forward on other cases.

The new Police Department is looking good with the work that is currently taken place.

Last week, with money donated from “folks” to purchase side arms for the officers the city will not see that on the upcoming budget.

New shields to be used in case of a shooting are very impressive. Since the Uvalde shooting the department has been looking into these. Funds received from previous cases will be used to purchase the new shields. Funds of around \$7,800 and other funds donated.

Edna ISD partnered with the department and there are eight more guardians at the schools.

ADJOURN:

Councilperson Jackson made the motion adjourn the meeting. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVED: _____
Lance Smiga, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Becky Miska, City Secretary