REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session, Thursday, August 2, 2018 in council chambers at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Joe Hermes presided over the meeting. Mayor Pro-Tem/Councilmember District 2 Wayne Callis, Councilmember District 1 Dustin Muncrief, Councilmember District 3 Rick Boone, Councilmember District 4 Lance Smiga and Councilmember District 5 Johnny Vasquez were present. City Manager Don Doering, City Secretary Becky Miska, Finance Director Olga Salomon, Street Superintendent Steve Sample, Water Wastewater Greg Woodring and Director of Public Works Brad Ryan were also in attendance. Minutes were recorded by City Secretary Becky Miska.

VISITORS: Gordon Harris, Debra Harris, Chris Lundstrom-Jackson County Herald Tribune, David Webel, Texas Disposal Systems

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 made from the visitors at this time.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD JULY 5, 2018:
Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve minutes of the regular city council meeting held July 5, 2018. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING:

a) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER REQUEST FOR A ZONING CHANGE APPLICATION FOR A MULTI-UNIT STORAGE FACILITY BY GORDON & DEBRA HARRIS. PROPERTY IS PRESENTLY ZONE3D R1 AND REQUEST IS TO ZONE C. THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PLATTED PROPERTY: LOT 1, BLOCK L, RE-SUBDIVISION: CITY OF EDNA:
Gordon Harris and his wife, Debra, addressed the council regarding their request for a zoning change. Gordon Harris noted that he is purchasing the property contingent to the approval of the zoning change application. Harris stated his plans are to build a 78 unit climate controlled storage facility. The storage facility would be well lighted. Also, the facility will be surrounded by a security fence and gated for security measures. There would be some spaces for boat storage as well. Mr. Harris stated that he is a member of the adjacent Church next to this property which he maintains the grounds. Harris stated that he will keep the property well maintained as he does for the church.

APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION:

a) ZONING CHANGE APPLICATION – GORDON & DEBRA HARRIS
Mayor Hermes noted that the Planning & Zoning Commission had met and reviewed the zoning change application but did not vote on a recommendation. Councilmember Callis added that he remembered the council had recently approved a Mechanic Shop to be built on the property across from this one. Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve the request for a zoning change application by Gordon & Debra Harris. Councilmember Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONTRACT WITH TEXAS DISPOSAL SYSTEMS:
Jay Howard, Texas Disposal Systems, said the company will provide one cart for trash with an option for a second cart for $5 per month. Mr. Howard said they could offer an option of 3-30 gallon trash bags at no additional cost instead of a second cart, but that was quickly refused. Mayor Joe Hermes said "I'm not comfortable with the bags. They get torn into and then we have a mess." Other councilmembers agreed.
After discussion, the contract was approved with residents paying an extra $1.95 a month for the basic service. Howard said the company representatives would meet with local businesses beginning August 20th to discuss their dumpster needs. He went on to say the new carts should begin showing up at residences at the end of September. In regards to brush pick up, Howard noted the brush should be cut in

smaller lengths and bundled with rope, string, etc. Councilmember Smiga made the motion to approve the amended contract with Texas Disposal Systems for trash disposal. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

<u>DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM ALEX ALVAREZ WITH THE RED, WHITE & BULLS FOR FUNDING FROM THE CURRENT CITY'S BUDGETED HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FOR THE 2018 FISCAL YEAR</u>:
Alex Alvarez addressed the council and answered all questions regarding his request. Alvarez noted that the Red, White & Bulls is to honor all Veterans, past and present. This year's event will include a fishing tournament at Brackenridge Park. The rodeo will be held at the Main Event Center at Brackenridge Park. Councilmember Boone made the motion to approve the request from Alex Alvarez with the Red, White & Bulls for funding from the current budgeted hotel/motel tax for the 2018 fiscal year in the amount of $250. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

<u>DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF EDNA AND BCFS EDUCATION SERVICES: (*HeadStart*)</u>City Manager Don Doering noted this was the same agreement as last year and that there were no changes to the annual Lease Agreement. Councilmember Muncrief made the motion to approve the Lease Agreement between the City of Edna and BCFS Education Services *(HeadStart)*. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

<u>DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO ACCEPT THE CERTIFICATION OF THE 2018 APPRAISAL ROLL FOR THE CITY OF EDNA FROM THE JACKSON CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT</u>:
Councilmember Smiga made the motion to accept the Certification of 2018 Appraisal Roll for the City of Edna from The Jackson Central Appraisal District. Councilmember Boone seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

<u>DISCUSS CITIZEN CONCERNS REGARDING DOWNTOWN PARKING</u>:
City Manager Doering noted that a downtown business owner had noted her concerns regarding parking downtown. The business owner asked if the council would consider blocking at least 2 spots off in front of her business for her customers only. The council noted her concerns but also that this is not a feasible request.

<u>SET DATE FOR BUDGET WORKSHOP</u>:
No dates were needed.

<u>CONSIDER PAYMENT OF CURRENT BILLS</u>:
Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve payment of current bills in the amount of $266,374.27. Councilmember Smiga seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

<u>CITY STAFF REPORTS</u>:
"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 the several grants are being worked on to benefit the city. **Street Superintendent Steve Sample** reported that all roads on this year's repair list have been surface treated. **Water Wastewater Greg Woodring** noted a new employee has been hired, Jeremy Johnson. **Director of Public Works Brad Ryan** stated that the weekly FEMA meetings are continuing with no funds received. **Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge** reported on a crash that happened Thursday night and that a drunk driver had driven into Southbrooke Manor.

<u>ADJOURN</u>:
Councilmember Vasquez made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVED:___________________________________
Joe Hermes, Mayor

ATTEST: _______________________________
Becky Miska, City Secretary