

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council in regular session on Thursday, August 18, 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 2 Wayne Callis, Councilperson District 3 Chris Jackson and Councilperson District 5 Johnny Vasquez were present. Councilperson District 1 Dustin Muncrief and Councilperson District 4 Mike Dodds were absent. City Manager Gary Broz, Finance Director Diane Pierce, Chief of Police Rick Boone, 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 BUDGET WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING HELD JULY 20, 2022:

Councilperson Jackson made the motion to approve the minutes of the budget workshop/special meeting held July 20, 2022. Councilperson Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AUGUST 4, 2022:

Councilperson Callis made the motion to approve the minutes of the city council meeting held August 4, 2022. Councilperson Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS: Jessica Coleman – Jackson County Herald Tribune, Carolina Jalufka – Jackson County Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture, Adam Ulbricht-Chamber Board Member

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 none.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2022-2023 FISCAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF EDNA:

This item was tabled.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2202-04 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, 2022; AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 REVISING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022. APPROPRIATING THE VARIOUS AMOUNTS THEREOF; REVEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE:

This item was tabled.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2022-2023 FIXING THE TAX RATE AND THE TAX LEVY AND LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF EDNA:

This item was tabled.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2022-05 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 2022-2023 REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE:

This item was tabled.

HEAR PRESENTATION FROM THE JACKSON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & AGRICULTURE:

Carolina Jalufka and Adam Ulbricht of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture shared with the city council the upgrades to the signs that advertise various churches and businesses coming into Edna. The current signs were put up in 1995 and are showing their age. The Chamber is having them revamped and will allow Edna businesses to purchase signage to advertise their business to people entering the city. Ulbricht noted that this will help to clean up the edge of the city and hopefully to support the businesses plus give businesses and organizations more places to advertise. Ulbricht went on to say that the Chamber plans to improve the area around the signs as well. Executive Director Carolina Jalufka added that hopefully by the end of the month the new signs will be in place. The Chamber also had a new top border designed welcoming visitors and paying tribute to the Edna Cowboys.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-15 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN ALL AGENCIES INVOLVED-FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES; REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE:

Chief of Police Rick Boone noted that by council approving the resolution it allows more agencies to lend aid in arrest with more personnel and it would be a good tool. The City would not absorb their liabilities. Councilperson Jackson made the motion to approve Resolution No. R-2022-15 a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between all agencies involved for law enforcement services; repealing all conflicting resolutions. Councilperson Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER BIDS FOR DEMOLITION FOR THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES: 901 VINE STREET, 712 MEXICO AND 816 HARLEM STREET/DEAD-END STREET:

City Manager Broz reported that the received bids to demolish three condemned properties: 901Vine, 816 Harlem and 712 Mexico. These properties went before the Building & Standards Commission in October 2021. Owners were given timelines to demolition and clean up the properties. The timeframe for that to have taken place has long been surpassed. Three bids were received from the following: Billy Goat Demo – 901 Vine / \$16,485; 815 Harlem / \$12,000; 712 Mexico / \$12,000. Lane Tipton – 901 Vine / \$6,150; 816 Harlem / \$23,200; 712 Mexico / \$13,200; Triple J Demolition – 901 Vine / \$4,000; 816 Harlem / \$9,860; 712 Mexico / \$8,560. Councilperson Jackson made the motion to award the bids for demolition of 901 Vine, 816 Harlem and 712 Mexico to Triple J Demolition. Councilperson Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS CITY PROPERTY THAT IS CURRENTLY LEASED BEHIND THE BASEBALL FIELD AT SHELBY PARK AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Broz reported on the map presented on the area. Josh and Catherine Ozment have purchased the old armory located back behind the baseball fields. There is a small portion of land that the city owns that is currently leased to the previous owner. Mr. Ozment requested the city entertained the idea of purchasing that small portion of property opposed to leasing it. Councilperson Jackson asked if Mr. Ozment would be interested in trading a piece of property to where the Little League or EISD could extend their fields. Mayor Smiga asked if anyone had asked the spoken to the Edna Little League, EISD or Youth Football to see if they have any plans or desires. Chief Boone added that he had recently spoken to EISD and there is to talk of constructing a 7-million-dollar project. Little League is currently reworking the minor league field with Magnum assistance. City Manager Broz will go back to Mr. Ozment and relay the idea of a trade in property of the same size.

DISCUSS INTERSECTION AT ASH & WELLS FOR POSSIBLE RE-ROUTE AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Broz stated that the three-way intersection at Ash and Wells in Edna is not only a TxDot compliant but also confusing and dangerous because of the way the roads intersect. A possible solution is for the city to purchase a small portion of the land from the Edna ISD, which includes the old bus loop, and create a better intersection for Edna drivers. This solution would have to be approved by the Edna School Board.

DISCUSS PURCHASE OF SOFTWARE WITH TYLER TECHNOLOGY; TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz reported that the software purchase of \$220,000.00 is an absolute must for the city. The software will be for all the departments within the city. Councilperson Callis made the motion to approve the purchase of software with Tyler Technology in the amount of \$220,000.00. Councilperson Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS PURCHASE OF WATER METERS WITH SENSUS AND AQUA METRICS; TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz reported that the purchase of the water meters will be one million six. The purchase will provide accurate water sales usage for the city and the customer. Councilperson Jackson made the motion to approve the purchase of the water meters with Sensus and Aqua Metrics in the amount of one million six. Councilperson Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS REPAIRS TO THE SHELBY PARK COMMUNITY BUILDING AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Broz reported that the Shelby Park Community Building is in desperate need of repairs. The building has been patched when needed and patching will no longer work. Broz noted that his estimate for the needed repairs is in the amount of \$20,000.00. Broz also noted that the building is being reserved for functions more than ever before. Councilperson Jackson agreed that the shape of the building was a reflection on the city and made the motion to approve spending \$20,000.00 in repairs to the Shelby Park Community Building. Councilperson Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS CURB POLICY AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Gary Broz stated that the city currently does not maintain the curbs after they are installed in the city. Broz noted that this should be part of the city's responsibility just as street repairs are. Mayor Smiga stated he was in favor of revising the current curb policy to include the city's responsibility in repairing curbs. Councilperson Jackson made the motion to approve revising the city's curb policy. Councilperson Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

This item was tabled.

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

City Manager Broz reviewed the bills presented to the council for consideration of payment in the amount of \$141,516.81. Councilperson Callis made the motion to approve payment in the amount of \$141,516.81. Councilperson Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CITY STAFF REPORTS:

“At this time, City Council will hear reports / updates on all committees or department assignments, which may include, but is not limited to the following: City Manager-grants, projects, public information; Finance Director-finance & department reports; Police Department-grant updates, police reports, community involvement updates; Director of Utilities-park reports, water & sewer updates; Street Superintendent-department updates repairs/projects; Code Enforcement-progress reports; Jonas Titus-Victoria Economic Development Corporation; City Secretary-public information.” No formal action can be taken on these items.

City Manager Gary Broz reported on the “Cowboy Pride” dedication held on Friday, August 12th.

The Newmark Group visit/tour of Jackson County went well.

Continuing to work on the city's personnel manual; will be bringing to council in the near future.

Timelines are formatted for the software and meter installation / education.

TML Region 11 will be held in Victoria on September 9th; let us know if you are interested in attending.

The Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission Annual Meeting will be held Wednesday, August 25th at Brackenridge.

Continuing to chase grants for city improvements.

A letter has been compiled to Sweep Corp of America to cancel our sweeping contract. The company did not show up for the scheduled sweeping on August 8th and August 9th.

The Edna Police Department building is taking shape and looking nice; remodel is around \$90,000.00 at this time.

Late October or early November drainage improvements/work will begin on Gilbert Road.

Per Auditor letter, Christy is working on inventory lists for all departments.

Parks employee, Isidro Rangel, will be retiring on August 31, 2022 after 24 years of employment.

Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski reported on drainage work on South East and the railroad tracks.

Limbs being picked up; shredding continues; drainage boxes being installed in driveways.

Director of Utilities Brad Ryan noted with recent rains water useage is down a little.

Sewer plant is back in shape; water leaks continue.

Chief of Police Rick Boone reported that the animal shelter is repaired and back in full use.

Animal Control Officer Susan is scheduled for surgery in September.

Security shields are in and department is prepared.

Police Department's new location is looking good; paint has been ordered. Parking lot is in good shape.

There was a pursuit that ended in Morales; vehicles recovered had been stolen.

Patrol car has been repaired and back on the road again.

The department is still one patrolman short.

ADJOURN:

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

APPROVED: _____
Lance Smiga, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Becky Miska, City Secretary