

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council in regular session on Thursday, June 16, 2022, in council chambers at 6:00 p. m

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Lance Smiga, called meeting to order at 6:00p.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, Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski and City Secretary Becky Miska were also present. Minutes were recorded by Permit Tech LaSonya Robinson.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD JUNE 2, 2022:

Councilperson Muncrief made the motion to approve the minutes of the city council meeting held June 2, 2022. Councilperson Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS: Jessica Coleman- Jackson County Herald Tribune, Jonas Titus — Victoria Economic Development, Nathan Besler, Jake Srp — City Attorney

HEARING OF VISITORS:

"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.

Nathan Besler was present to gain knowledge of how the council meetings work. Besler stated will want to speak at the next meeting.

REPORT FROM CITY ATTORNEY JAKE SRP ON CARVER SCHOOL PROPERTY AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Attorney Jake Srp reported that there are two ways to go about moving forward with Carver School property.

1. Citation to come to court. Srp stated that during a tax lien search reflected that the owner had deeded the property to an aunt, due to a litigation he is in.
2. Can issue a 7-day notice to clean the property. If not obeyed, the city can clean the property and place a lien on property. If property is ever sold, we can collect the fee for cleaning property.
3. Srp stated if owner does not show for court. We can suspend driver's license as alternative maybe that would be a push.

Councilperson Jackson asked if we could get a quote for the cleaning of property. Councilperson Callis asked if the city cleans the property will the owner have to pay the city back, City Attorney Jake Srp, stated the owner would have to pay the city back if there is not an IRS lien. The IRS would be the first to get paid. Councilperson Vasquez asked if in the meantime can anything be done with the property. City Attorney Jake Srp answered "no, just clean it up." Mayor Lance Smiga stated to send a letter from the court and to get quotes for the cleanup. City Attorney Jake Srp will get with Code Enforcement Samantha Idlett and City Manager Gary Broz to move forward for cleanup.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

Mayor Lance Smiga stated to pass over this agenda item.

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

City Manager Gary Broz states the amount of \$124,882.76 is owed for current bills. Councilperson Callis made motion to pay bills in the amount of \$124,882.76. Councilperson Vasquez seconded 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: Police Department-grant updates, police reports; Director of Utilities-park reports, water & sewer updates; Street Department-repairs/projects; Code Enforcement-progress reports; City Manager & City Secretary-public information; Jonas Titus -Victoria Economic Development." No formal action can be taken on these items.

City Manager Gary Broz reported this is Juneteenth weekend and the city will be putting a fence in the demo area adjacent to the event to keep everyone out and for safety purposes.

Working with Finance Director Diane Pierce on reports for budget workshops.

August 5, 2022 will dedicate statue, "Cowboy Pride."

YRA Finals are in full force. Broz stated he has been out there. The city sponsored the hospitality on Wednesday.

July 14 is Cleanup Day. Targeted area will be West of Wells and North of Main Street Pool is open. Average about 60-70 swimmers a day.

Grant work continues.

SSO program submitted for TCEQ.

TxDot released a press statement on Monday that they will start project working on 822, N. Allen, W. Ash, and Navidad Street

Working on Police Department building quotes.

General Fund is \$70,000 in red and Utility Fund over \$200,000 positive. Haven't transferred any money.

Sales tax was up last month.

We received sealable hurricane bags from the GLO for valuables in case of hurricane. All of council have been given one.

Interest rates are up. Contracts for software and meters at next meeting. Goal is December 31, 2022 to have operational.

We will be going over City's Drought Contingency Plan to review trigger points.

Finance Director Diane Pierce noted she is working on budget and things that Broz would like to change.

Girls in the front office have been working hard.

Interviews for the Accounts Payable Clerk are being conducted.

Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski reported they have been busy cleaning ditches and patching potholes.

Have been hauling limbs for the past 3 days. People leave half trees and TDS will not haul off. Working on Trinity to Rosa. Freddy had water standing in his back yard and hopefully this will help.

Councilperson Jackson asked when will sweeper be here. Andy answered July.
Councilperson Jackson asked what the excuse was now. SWA has operator issues.

Director of Utilities Brad Ryan stated there were three (3) water leaks last Friday. Leaks continue due to no rain.

Chief of Police Rick Boone reported today was last day of summer school.

Meeting with schools' safety implementing new things.

Lots of sexual assaults; eight currently; completing paperwork.

Drugs on rise.

Stolen vehicle at Loves; found ounce of meth.

Stolen vehicle at TA

Regular police work continues

New officer working out well, looking for more like him.

Councilperson Vasquez asked how the Police Department building remodel project is going.

Broz answered waiting for numbers.

Councilperson Vasquez asked if speed limit the same during summer school. Boone answered yes, but summer school is only at the elementary.

Victoria Economic Development Jonas Titus stated he is working with Broz periodically for updates. There are two prospects

ADJOURN:

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

APPROVED:

Lance Smiga, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Becky Miska, City Secretary