

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, November 7, 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. Councilmember District 1 Dustin Muncief, 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, Street Superintendent Steve Sample and Permit Tech Diane Pierce were also present. Minutes were recorded by City Secretary Becky Miska.

VISITORS: Ida Barnes, Timiron Williams, John Mercer, Pat Mercer, Velma Vasquez, Deanna Mooney, Valeria Novian, Tina Otto, Jessica Austin, Mr. Creel, Laura Gabrysch, Chris Lundstrom-Jackson County Herald Tribune,

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 19, 2019:

Councilmember Boone made the motion to approve minutes of the city council meeting held September 19, 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) **DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FOR PLACEMENT OF A OFF-PREMISE SIGN (BILLBOARD) BY SIGNAD, LTD. PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT US 59 & N. COLORADO, EDNA. LEGAL DESCRIPTION: NORTHWEST, BLOCK 2, LOT 4 & PT 5, ACRES 0.31, JACKSON COUNTY, TEXAS:**

Mr. Creel addressed the council and distributed packets of information. Creek noted that the illumination is pointing upwards; the bottom part of the lowest part of the sign is 20 ft. and billboard will be higher than a one-story home. Council heard from Laura Gabrysch and Deanna Mooney regarding their concerns and disapproval of the installation of the billboard.

- b) **DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM ASSETS, LLC TO REPLAT BLKS 97, 98, 99 TO THE WEST AND BLKS 78, 79, 80 TO THE EAST OF NORTH GUADALUPE ST. / BLKS 79 AND 98 TO THE SOUTH AND BLKS 78 AND 99 TO THE NORTH OF WEST BLACKJACK ST. / BLKS 80 AND 97 TO THE SOUTH OF WEST BOIS D' ARC ST. / BLKS 79 AND 98 TO THE NORTH OF WEST BOIS D' ARC:**

Mayor Smiga asked that this item be tabled until replat was received at City Hall and reviewed.

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

- a) **SPECIFIC USE PERMIT – BILLBOARD BY SIGNAD, LTD**

Councilmember Sommerfeld made the motion to disapprove the request for a Specific Use Permit for the placement of a billboard. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

- b) **REPLAT – JR ASSETS LLC**

Councilmember Sommerfeld made the motion to table this item until the replat is presented. Councilmember Boone seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 2019-09 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A STOP SIGN FOR WEST BOUND TRAFFIC AT FRANKWHITE AND HOUSTON STREET, WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF EDNA AS SET OUT IN THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING A PENALTY OF A FINE NOT TO EXCEED \$200.00 FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF:

Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge noted that since the recent opening of Family Dollar a stop sign would be beneficial in this area. Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2019-09 an ordinance establishing a stop sign for west bound traffic at Frankwhite and Houston Street, within the corporate limits of the City of Edna as set out in this ordinance; providing a penalty of a fine not to exceed \$200.00 for the violation thereof. Councilmember Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM TxDOT TO LOWER THE SPEED LIMIT ON US 59 DURING THE UPCOMING HOT MIX PROJECT; WORK ZONE SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION WILL BE FROM 75 TO 65:

Councilmember Muncrief made the motion to approve the request from TxDot to lower the speed limit on US 59 during the upcoming hot mix project; work zone speed limit reduction will be from 75 to 65. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

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

Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve payment of current bills in the amount of \$126,337.20. Councilmember Sommerfeld 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 reported on a \$730,000 possible grant; the Food Bank will be utilizing Shelby Park as a distribution site once a month; TxDot will be having repairs on US Hwy 59 and advised us that during that time the speed zone will be dropped from 75 to 65; the Jackson County Fair Parade will be Saturday, October 5th and should start at 10:00 a.m. **Director of Public Works Brad Ryan** noted that Family Dollar is scheduled to open on 09//26/2019. **Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge** stated that the trial for the 2017 shooting started this week.

ADJOURN:

Councilmember Vasquez made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Councilmember Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVED: _____
Lance Smiga, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Becky Miska, City Secretary