

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, August 20, 2020 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. Councilmember District 1 Dustin Muncrief, Councilmember District 2 Wayne Callis, Councilmember District 3 Rick Boone, Councilmember 4 Elizabeth Sommerfield and Councilmember District 5 Johnny Vasquez were in attendance. City Manager Gary Broz, City Secretary Becky Miska, Finance Director Olga Salomon and Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge were in attendance. Minutes were recorded by City Secretary Becky Miska.

VISITORS: Velma Vasquez, Chris Lundstrom (sitting in for John Meng) – Jackson County Herald Tribune

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 6, 2020:

Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve minutes of the City Council meeting held July 16, 2020. Councilmember Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

HEARING OF VISTIORS:

“At this time, comments may 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.”

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.

PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS THE 2020-2021 FISCAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF EDNA:

City Manager Gary Broz reported to council that the budget was printed completed and printed out today that was set before them. Broz addressed and outlined the 2020-2021 fiscal budget for the City of Edna.

PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS THE 2020-2021 TAX RATE AND TAX LEVY AND LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF EDNA:

City Manager Gary Broz addressed and outlined the 2020-2021 tax rate and tax levy and levying ad valorem taxes for the City of Edna.

PRELIMINARY VOTE ON THE 2020-2021 TAX RATE AND TAX LEVY AND LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF EDNA:

Councilmember Sommerfield made the motion to approve the preliminary vote of .2636 for the tax rate and tax levy and levying ad valorem taxes for the City of Edna. Councilmember Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS COVID-19 AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Discussion was held regarding COVID-19. Mayor Smiga noted there were two cases at the schools involving family members. City Manager Broz noted that there are no cases involving city employees.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER ANY / ALL UPCOMING CITY EVENTS:

City Secretary Miska asked the council for their input on upcoming events that the City of Edna sponsors. Due to COVID-19 there are concerns of keeping citizens and employees safe. Miska noted the following events: Halloween on Main, Shop the Blocks (Santa & Mrs. Santa), Miracle on Main Christmas Market and Miracle on Main Lighted Christmas Parade. Council unanimously agreed that Halloween on Main be cancelled for downtown Edna because there would be no way to social distance that many children who participate. City Secretary Miska was instructed to check with the high school to see if they were possibly going to have a drive thru Halloween for the kids. If they do the City of Edna may participate

with them. As for the Miracle on Main, Miska stated that we could limit the amount of vendors and that way she would be able to space them out to allow social distancing. The council agreed to not have the Miracle on Main Market this year. The council did however ask if the lighted Christmas parade could still be held. Miska was asked to look into possible options. When council was asked about Shop the Blocks and Santa visiting with the kids, Mayor Smiga stated that the merchants will need to coordinate Shop the Blocks amongst themselves this year. The City of Edna will not be having Santa and Mrs. Claus this year at City Hall for the kids to visit due to COVID-19.

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

Councilmember Sommerfield made the motion to approve payment of current bills in the amount of \$141,312.36. Councilmember Vasquez 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 update, 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 Gary Broz reported that the advertisement for Chief of Police has been placed and several resumes have been received; the Generator Grant is close to going out for bids; the YMCA continues to have the city pool open on the weekends; Code Enforcement is working hard towards the city’s goals for cleaning up the city; fresh granite has been placed on the Children’s Park walking trail; budget tax rate is a little down; Municipal Court is preparing for court next week. City Manager Broz noted he had been with the City of Edna for ninety (90) days and continues to march forward. **Director of Public Works Brad Ryan** stated that work will continue on the Children’s Park next week and that LNRA has been instrumental in spreading the limestone; things are moving along steady. **Water Wastewater Superintendent Justin Weber** noted that one of his crew (Brandon) had gone to work with LNRA. There will be a new employee coming on August 17th, Cippi Palacios; Jeremy Johnson may possibly be deployed again.

ADJOURN:

Councilmember Muncrief made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVED: _____
Lance Smiga, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Becky Miska, City Secretary