

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Lance Smiga called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. 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 Olga Salomon, Director of Utilities Brad Ryan, Permit Tech Sonya Robinson and Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski were in attendance. Minutes were recorded by City Secretary Becky Miska.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD DECEMBER 16, 2021:

City Manager Broz noted that the minutes needed to be amended to reflect that Joshua D. Katz with Bickerstaff, Heath, Delgado & Acosta. Councilperson Jackson made the motion to approve minutes of the city council meeting held December 16, 2021 as amended. Councilperson Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS: Velma Vasquez, Lisa Crull - Owner of Sonic, Bill Hessong - Owner Edna Auto Parts, Vicki Hessong, David L. Webel, William Selders, Zaheed Umamiya & A.S. Punjani – Zoom Mart Property Investments, LLC.

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.

There were no comments.

PUBLIC HEARING:

CONSIDER APPLICATION FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT A CONVENIENCE STORE AT 914 W. MAIN STREET BY ZOOM MART PROPERTY INVESTMENTS, LLC. LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ORIGINAL TOWN SITE OF EDNA, BLOCK H, LOT 200 X 140 FT. PT. N/2 1, ACRES 0.64:

Zaheed Umamiya addressed the council noting they have other similar locations such as Matagorda County. The store will cater to small town convenience, have clean eating areas and clean restroom facilities. The restaurants will provide sandwiches, tacos and possibly pizza. Councilperson Callis asked about the gas pumps and big trucks going in and out of the driveway. Zaheed noted that there will not be pumps for large rigs and the only large trucks would be for deliveries. Those deliveries will be 2 to 3 times a week. Director of Utilities Brad Ryan stated the Planning & Zoning Commission approved the permit for the construction of the convenience store but there were concerns about the drainage. It was also noted that TxDot has given their approval. Lisa Crull, Owner of Sonic expressed her concerns on drainage and how it would affect the Sonic Drive-In area and surrounding properties. Zaheed assured the council of their drainage plans and has provided for review.

APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION’S RECOMMENDATION FOR SPECIFIC USE PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT A CONVENIENCE STORE AT 914 W. MAIN STREET BY ZOOM PROPERTY INVESTMENTS, LLC:

Councilperson Callis made the motion to approve the request for a Specific Use Permit to construct a convenience store at 914 W. Main by Zoom Property Investments, LLC. Councilperson Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING:

ON PLAN A REDISTRICTING MAP:

City Manager Gary Broz reported to council the proposed redistricting map.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER CITY OF EDNA ORDINANCE NO. 2022-01 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDNA, TEXAS APPROVING THE REDISTRICTING OF THE SINGLE MEMBER CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS AND

ESTABLISHING NEW SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICT BOUNDARY LINES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS BASED ON 2020 CENSUS DATA; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE:

City Manager Broz and council discussed Plan A Redistricting Map. Councilperson Jackson made the motion to approve City of Edna Ordinance No. 2022-01 an ordinance of the City of Edna, Texas approve the redistricting of the single member city council districts and establishing new single-member district boundary lines for the city council elections based on 2020 census data; and providing for an effective date. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-01 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF EDNA AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE GOLDEN CRESCENT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FOR A REGIONAL SOLID WASTE GRANTS PROGRAM GRANT; AUTHORIZING GARY BROZ, CITY MANAGER TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF EDNA IN ALL MATTERS:

City Manager Broz reported on the filing application process and status. Councilperson Dodds made the motion to approve Resolution No. R-2022-01 a resolution of the City of Edna authorizing the filing of a grant application with the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission for a Regional Solid Waste Grants Program; authorizing Gary Broz, City Manager to act on behalf of the City of Edna in all matters. Councilperson Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

CONSIDER 2-1-1- PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE VALUE OF THE REGIONAL INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY:

City Manager Broz outlined the importance of the 2-1-1 Program. Councilperson Dodds made the motion to approve the 2-1-1 Proclamation recognizing the value of the regional information and referral service to our community. Councilperson Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

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

Councilperson Callis made the motion to approve payment of current bills in the amount of \$89,675.85 Councilperson Muncrief 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 Dept. – grant updates, police reports; Director of Utilities – water & wastewater updates; Street Dept. – repairs / projects, park reports; Finance Director-finance report; Code Enforcement – progress reports; City Manager & City Secretary – public information.” No formal action can be taken on these items.

City Manager Gary Broz reported the Covid count is now 137.

Software training is scheduled for January 31st, February 1st and February 2nd;

About a year out for mitigation money from Golden Crescent;

Hopefully the reimbursement of electric fees will be seen in the 3rd quarter for 2022.

Finance Director Olga Salomon reported that she has been busy closing out the audit.

Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski stated city crews have been staying busy with tree Trimming; TDS has been doing a better job at limb pickup.

Director of Utilities Brad Ryan noted that due to the cold weather city crews have been busy with sewage stoppage.

Chief of Police Rick Boone reported that he has been released for duty to work ½ days;

The department has been busy working cases of a couple of deaths over the new-year holiday;

Continuing to work on the body camera grant and anxious for the new body cameras.

ADJOURN:

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

APPROVED: _____

Lance Smiga, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Becky Miska, City Secretary