

## **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

The Edna City Council in regular session on Thursday, March 3, 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 1 Dustin Muncrief, Councilperson District 2 Wayne Callis, Councilperson District 3 Chris Jackson, Councilperson District 4 Mike Dodds, Councilperson District 5 Johnny Vasquez were present. City Manager Gary Broz, Chief of Police Rick Boone, Director of Utilities Brad Ryan, Finance Director Olga Salomon, Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski were present. Minutes were recorded by City Secretary Becky Miska.

### **APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 17, 2022:**

Councilperson Jackson made the motion to approve the minutes of the city council meeting held February 17, 2022. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**VISITORS:** Velma Vasquez, David L. Webel, Jessica Coleman-Jackson County Herald Tribune

### **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.

David L. Webel asked who does he speak to in order to be placed on the next agenda. Mayor Smiga replied to speak to the City Manager.

### **DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO RESCHEDULE MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup> COUNCIL MEETING:**

City Manager Broz noted that the March 17<sup>th</sup> council meeting would be during the week of spring break. Broz went on to say that there may not be a quorum due to some may be going out of town. Councilperson Vasquez made the motion to approve rescheduling the March 17<sup>th</sup> council meeting to March 24<sup>th</sup>. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

### **DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO APPROVE THE ORDER OF CANCELLATION FOR THE MAY 7, 2022 GENERAL ELECTION:**

City Secretary Miska reported that there will not be a May 7, 2022 General Election due to the fact that only the incumbents sign up for re-election. Councilperson Vasquez made the motion to approve the Order of Cancellation for the May 7, 2022 General Election. Councilperson Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

### **DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER CITY OF EDNA ORDINANCE NO. 2022-02 DECLARING UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICES OF COUNCILPERSON DISTRICT 3, COUNCILPERSON DISTRICT 4 AND COUNCILPERSON DISTRICT 5 IN THE MAY 7, 2022 GENERAL ELECTION, ELECTED TO THE OFFICE, CANCELING THE ELECTION; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE:**

Councilperson Muncrief made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2022-02 declaring unopposed candidates for the offices of Councilperson District 3, Councilperson District 4 and Councilperson District 5 in the May 7, 2022 General Election, elected to the office, canceling the election; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date. Councilperson Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**DISCUSS GRANT PROJECTS AND CAPITAL PROJECTS; TAKE ANY ACTION(S) DEEMED NECESSARY:**

City Manager Broz distributed handout showing the status of the grant projects and the status of the capital projects.

**DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO DECLARE SURPLUS EQUIPMENT FOR PUBLIC AUCTION:**

City Manager Broz reported that the City has prepared a list of surplus equipment for public auction. Councilperson Dodds made the motion to approve declaring the list of surplus equipment for public auction as presented. Councilperson Jackson seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

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

Councilperson Jackson made the motion to approve payment of current bills in the amount of \$254,474.67. Councilperson Dodds 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** stated that the City Cleanup is scheduled for March 30, March 31, April 1 and April 2;

The community cleanup may be possibly held at the end of May or the first part of June;

AARP Job Shadowing for Seniors visited with me on possibly assisting the city in projects;

IT continues to work on our server;

Webmail is being worked on as well.

**Finance Director Olga Salomon** reported all is well in the utility department and finance.

**Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski** stated he is out of the tree trimming business for a little while in order to work on other projects;

Ditch work and pothole repairs continue;

Concentrating on catching up on work orders.

**Director of Utilities Brad Ryan** noted that city crews had been busy repairing a bad water leak that happened this weekend close to Westhoff Mercantile. Brad added that there are several of the older streets that are cement which causes repairs to take a little longer.

Water leaks are being repaired as they occur.

**Chief of Police Rick Boone** reported that the police department continues to be busy;

Mental health issues seem to be on the rise in the city/county;

Jury selection on the drug arrest and shooting on Green Street;

Work continues on grants;

**ADJOURN:**

Before adjourning the meeting, Councilperson Callis asked about the status of Zoom Mart. City Manager Broz noted that since its council approval the project has gone dormant.

Councilperson Dodds 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