

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, May 7, 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. Mayor Smiga welcomed the City Manager Gary Broz. The council stood for the moment of silence, followed by the council and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmember District 2 Wayne Callis, Councilmember District 3 Rick Boone, Councilmember District 4 Elizabeth Sommerfeld and Councilmember District 5 Johnny Vasquez were in attendance. Councilmember District 1 Dustin Muncrief was absent. City Manager Gary Broz, City Secretary Becky Miska, Finance Director Olga Salomon, Director of Public Works Brad Ryan, Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge were also present. Minutes were recorded by City Secretary Becky Miska.

VISITORS: John Meng – Jackson County Herald Tribune

APPROVE MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 2, 2020:

Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve minutes of the city council meeting held April 2, 2020. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

HEARING OF VISITORS:

“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.

There were no comments.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE ENGAGEMENT LETTER FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 AUDIT FROM THE FIRM OF HARRISON, WALDROP & UHEREK, L.L.P., CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS:

Mayor Smiga recommended that the City of Edna continued with the Firm of Harrison, Waldrop & Uherek, L.L.P., Certified Public Accountants. Councilmember Boone concurred. Councilmember Sommerfeld made the motion to approve the engagement letter for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020 audit from the firm of Harrison, Waldrop & Uherek, L.L.P., Certified Public Accountants. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER RATIFYING PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH:

City Secretary Miska noted that the council did not have a meeting at the end April but the Proclamation need to be signed in April to be submitted for future grants. Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve ratifying proclamation declaring April as Fair Housing Month. Councilmember Boone seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER APPOINTING GARY BROZ TO REPRESENT THE CITY OF EDNA ON REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (REDAC) FY 2020:

Councilmember Vasquez made the motion to appoint Gary Broz to represent the City of Edna on the Regional Economic Development Advisory Committee (REDAC) FY 2020. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER RENEWING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF EDNA AND THE EDNA YOUTH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION:

Director of Public Works Ryan reported that the electricity for the concession stand is still in the City of Edna’s name. It was noted that Timiron had already been asked to take care of the change and was given

to the end of April by council and it was now still be addressed in May. City Manager Broz remarked that the council can and should go ahead to proceed to disconnect. Councilmember Vasquez made the motion to inform Timiron Jones with the Edna Youth Football Association that the electricity will be shut off on May 20th if it is not switched over by that date. Councilmember Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE CARVER SCHOOL PROPERTY:

Discussion was held regarding the excessive debris and the need for the property to be cleared as soon as possible. No action was taken.

DISCUSS COVID-19 AND TAKE ANY / ALL ACTIONS DEEMED NECESSARY:

Mayor Smiga reported on the number of tests performed by Jackson County Hospital District, pending tests and the number who have positive. City Manager Broz noted that preventive measures have been taken throughout the offices at City Hall, Municipal Court and the Edna Police Department. City Manager Broz noted that City Hall, Municipal Court and Police Department staff all have masks available to wear if needed. City Hall is business as usual.

The question was presented as to if and when the city pool would open. City Manager Broz will be discussing this with the YMCA.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER CERTIFIED ESTIMATE APPRAISAL ROLL FOR THE CITY OF EDNA 2020 FROM THE JACKSON CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT:

Councilmember Vasquez made the motion to accept the Certified Estimate Appraisal Roll for the City of Edna 2020 from the Jackson Central Appraisal District. Councilmember Boone seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER DECLARING PROPERTY AT LOT 7, BLOCK 4, HARLEM AS SURPLUS AND DETERMINE THAT IT IS NOT LONGER NEEDED:

City Secretary Miska reported the property adjacent to Lot 7, Block 4, Harlem was recently purchased at tax sale. Mrs. Robles had purchased Lot 6, Block 4, Harlem. Crystal Robles came to City Hall to inquire if she could purchase Lot 7, Block 4, Harlem which is owned by the City of Edna and the Edna Independent School District. Neither the city nor school has any desire to keep this property nor do either have a use for it.

City Attorney Jake Srp stated that each respective entity must vote to declare the property surplus and determine that it is no longer needed. It would then be put up for sell by private bid.

Councilmember Boone made the motion to approve the property at Lot 7, Block 4, Harlem as surplus as it was determined that it is no longer needed and it may be sold by private bid. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. Councilmember Sommerfeld voted AYE. Councilmember Callis voted NAYE. Motion carried 3 to 1.

DISCUSS CITY OF EDNA'S GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTION PLAN:

City Manager Broz asked council to be thinking about what the City of Edna's goals, objectives and action plan should be. Broz gave each of the council forms to jot these items down and during budget workshops these would be addressed. Mr. Broz noted that he had also give each employee the forms to hear their ideas as well.

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

Councilmember Sommerfeld made the motion to approve payment of current bills in the amount of \$193,002.26. 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 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.

Director of Public Works Brad Ryan reported it had been a busy week. Street crews have been mowing and making repairs. **Chief of Police Clinton Wooldridge** noted the department has been very busy.

ADJOURN:

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

APPROVAL: _____
Lance Smiga, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Becky Miska, City Secretary