

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council in regular session on Thursday, August 4, 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 and Councilperson District 4 Mike Dodds and Councilperson District 5 Johnny Vasquez were present. City Manager Gary Broz, Chief of Police Rick Boone, Code Enforcement Samantha Idlett, Director of Utilities Brad Ryan and Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski were also present. Minutes were recorded by City Secretary Becky Miska.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD JULY 21 2022:

Councilperson Callis made the motion to approve the minutes of the city council meeting held July 21, 2022. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS: Jonas Titas,-/President VEDC, Victoria Economic Development Corporation, David Webel, Jessica Coleman – Jackson County Herald Tribune, James Fiat, Janice Fait, Travis Hunt

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

“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. The council may not take any action on any item which has not been posted on the agenda.” Please limit – two minutes.

There were none.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ALLOWING GOLF CARTS ON CITY STREETS IN THE CITY LIMITS OF EDNA AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Mayor Smiga stated that this agenda item is in response to the recent request for golf carts on city streets. Mayor Smiga noted that Travis Hunt had provided the council with information he had gathered from other cities and information on golf cart usage at the July 7th council meeting. Councilperson Muncrief stated that he would “never forgive himself” if he voted to allow golf carts in the city traffic and then someone was later hurt or killed in a crash. Chief of Police Rick Boone asked the council to consider agreeing to an ordinance of some kind regarding golf carts. Boone stated “we currently do not have an ordinance that says we can or can’t. What I suggested last time, whatever we decide to do, I am asking for an ordinance either way.” Councilperson Jackson made the motion to deny allowing golf carts on city streets in the city limits of Edna. Councilperson Callis seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF EDNA AND BCFS EDUCATION SERVICES:

City Manager Gary Broz reported that he had spoken with the officials of the BCFS Education Services (HeadStart) and they have been awarded the contract for five years. There were four other entities via for the contract. Mr. Broz went on to say that the previous contract had been \$350 but after speaking with them they are in agreeance with increasing the rent to \$400 a month. Councilperson Muncrief made the motioin to approve the Lease Agreement between the City of Edna and BCFS Education Services (HeadStart) for five years with \$400 month rent. Councilperson Jackson seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried. All voted AYE.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO SET DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FISCAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF EDNA:

City Manager Broz stated that with the approval of council the first public hearing on the fiscal budget for the City of Edna could be held on August 18th and the second public hearing on September 1st. All of council were in favor of those dates.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO SET DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE TAX RATE, TAX LEVY AND LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF EDNA:

City Manager Broz reported that the certified valuations from the Jackson Central Appraisal District had been received. Broz went on to say that the first public hearing on the tax rate, tax levy and levying ad valorem taxes for the City of Edna could be set for August 18th and September 1st. Councilperson Jackson made the motion to approve the first public hearing on the tax rate, tax levy and levying ad valorem taxes for the City of Edna to be August 18th and the second to be September 1st. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

City Manager Gary Broz asked that this item be passed on.

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

City Manager Broz reviewed the bills with council. Councilperson Dodds made the motion to approve payment of current bills in the amount of \$126,927.78. Councilperson 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 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 the Cowboy Pride sculpture has arrived and he dedication is set for tomorrow, Friday, August 5th at 10:00 a.m.

Funds have been arrived and we have 2.4 million in our bank accounts.

Meters and software are in the near future, possibly beginning in October.

Inventory reports have been distributed and shall be updated; ordering will cease for the year on September .

The new Police Department location is moving right along and taking shape.

At this time, Broz asked the council if they wanted the office hours to remain 7:30am – 5:30pm or them to be changed. Broz stated he was open for suggestions. After discussion, the council were still in favor of remaining open 7:30am – 5:30pm Monday thru Friday.

Director of Utilities Brad Ryan stated the Kleas Water tower had to be down and resealed at the bottom of the tank. It is now back up and operational.

Due to extreme dry weather conditions, water leaks are continuing to pop up everywhere and sometimes 2-3 daily.

Water leaks today were at the following locations: South East, Apollo and several spots around town.

Chief of Police Rick Boone reported there have been two recent murders in the county: one outside of Ganado and another in Vanderbilt.

Stolen vehicles have been on the rise along with small thefts.

The new Police Department location is coming along good; the parking lot has taken shape. Moving the awning/carport will be interesting to watch.

There was a minor set-back at the animal shelter and it has been taken care of. The animal shelter/pound should be re-open tomorrow.

Officer Prochaska received praise for rescuing a raccoon out of a tree.

Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski noted that he had been working with LNRA and the Jackson County Precinct 3 has loaned maintainers for the project.

Worked on the police department parking lot for several days in order for it to take shape.

Jonas Titus, Victoria Economic Development President, stated there is a project for the Edna area that he is excited about. Still receiving very active leads for the Edna area with a desired targeted area.

CONTINUATION OF BUDGET WORKSHOP:

City Manager Broz reported revenue is currently \$435,000.

ADJOURN:

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

APPROVED: _____
Lance Smiga, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Becky Miska, City Secretary