

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council met in regular session on Thursday, February 18, 2021 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 2 Wayne Callis, Councilmember District 3 Chris Jackson, Councilmember District 4 Mike Dodds and Councilmember District 5 Johnny Vasquez were in attendance. Councilmember District 1 Dustin Muncrief was absent. City Manager Gary Broz, Finance Director Olga Salomon, Water Wastewater Superintendent Justin Weber, Utility Director Brad Ryan and Chief of Police Rick Boone were in attendance. In the absence of City Secretary Becky Miska minutes were recorded by City Manager Gary Broz.

VISITORS: Donny Sparks, Melissa Terry-Harrison, Waldrop & Uherek, L.L.P., Madeline Novian, Valerie Novian, Dora Gonzales, Joe Manuel Gonzales, Barbara James, John James

HEARING OF VISTIORS:

“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:

- a) **DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM DONNY SPARKS FOR A ZONING CHANGE FROM R-2 TO COMMERCIAL. LOCATION: 200 BLOCK OF ST. CHARLES. LEGAL DESCRIPTION: SOUTHSIDE, LOT 1-4, BLOCK 2, JACKSON COUNTY, TEXAS**

Donny Sparks was present to answer any and all questions. Mr. Sparks noted that his plans were to building storage units on the property if the zoning change was approved. Mr. Sparks stated “changing the land from residential to commercial would be a great revenue increase. This piece of land has remained stagnant for years with no upkeep. The property taxes would increase tremendously with the development of the land which would benefit the City of Edna. Sparks added that they continue to have high expectations for their properties and would maintain this property and the area around the property for many years to come.”

APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION’S RECOMMENDATION:

- a) **ZONING CHANGE APPLICATION – DONNY SPARKS**

City Manager Broz noted that fifty-five (55) letters were mailed to adjacent property owners: 3 approvals and 9 protests were received. Councilmember Callis made the motion to deny the request for a zoning change from R-2 to Commercial and keep the area as residential. Councilmember Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO AMEND CITY OF EDNA ORDINANCE NO. 2021-01 CALLING FOR A GENERAL ELECTION TO THE OFFICES OF MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBER DISTRICT 1 AND COUNCILMEMBER DISTRICT 2 AND CHARTER AMENDMENTS PROVIDING FOR ELECTION OFFICIALS AND THE TIME, PLACE AND MANNER FOR HOLDING A CITY OF EDNA ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF SAME:

Councilmember Dodds made the motion to approve amend to City of Edna Ordinance No. 2021-01 calling for a General Election to the offices of Mayor, Councilmember District 1 and Councilmember District 2 and Charter Amendments providing for election officials and the time, place and manner for holding a City of Edna election; and providing for notice of same. Councilmember Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION FOR APPOINTMENTS TO THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION:

City Manager Broz asked if the council had names to submit: Michael Brzozowski, Mike Myers, Doug Sample, Ryan Belk and Kevin Davis were names submitted for the Charter Review Commission. Councilmember Dodds made the motion to accept the names presented to serve on the Charter Review Commission. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

RECEIVE AND ACCEPT THE 2019-2020 FISCAL YEAR AUDIT, AS PRESENTED BY CITY AUDITOR:

Melissa Terry, Harrison, Waldrop & Uherek, L.L.P. addressed the council and answered as presented. Councilmember Dodds made the motion to accept the 2019-2020 fiscal year audit as presented by the City Auditor. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS PROPOSAL FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS ON GILBERT ROAD AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

City Manager Broz noted that staff's recommendation for engineering service is CivilCorp Engineers. Councilmember Jackson made the motion to approve CivilCorp Engineers for engineering services for drainage improvements on Gilbert Road. Councilmember Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSS COVID-19 AND TAKE ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY:

Mayor Smiga updated the council and visitors of the recent COVID-19 information.

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

Councilmember Callis made the motion to approve payment of current bills in the amount of \$195,817.52. 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 reports; Public Works Department-park reports, water & sewer updates; Street Department-repairs/projects; Code Enforcement-progress reports; City Manager & City Secretary-public information.” No formal action can be taken on these items.

City Manager Gary Broz updated the council on city projects and grants.

ADJOURN:

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

APPROVED:

Lance Smiga, Mayor

ATTEST:

Becky Miska, City Secretary