

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council in regular session on Thursday, May 19, 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 2 Wayne Callis, Councilperson District 3 Chris Jackson and Councilperson District 4 Mike Dodds were present. Councilperson District 1 Dustin Muncrief and Councilperson District 5 Johnny Vasquez were absent. City Manager Gary Broz, Chief of Police Rick Boone, Finance Director Olga Salomon, Diane Pierce (new Finance Director), 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 MAY 5, 2022:

Councilperson Callis made the motion to approve the minutes of the city council meeting held May 5, 2022 and minutes of the special workshop held on April 26, 2022. Councilperson Vasquez seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

VISITORS: Stephen Pierce, Vicki Hessong, LaSonya Robinson, Steve Sample, Velma Vasquez, Belinda Dodds, Clinton Wooldridge, Jessica Coleman-Jackson County Herald Tribune, Scott Kohen-Sensus Water Meters, Dustin Harris – Sensus Water Meters, Mike Woods- Sensus Water Meters

ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR THE MAY 7, 2022 GENERAL ELECTION: COUNCILPERSON(S) DISTRICT 3 CHRIS JACKSON, DISTRICT 4 MIKE DODDS, DISTRICT 5 JOHNNY VASQUEZ

City Secretary Miska administered Oath of Office to Councilperson District 3 Chris Jackson, Councilperson District 4 Mike Dodds and Councilperson District 5 Johnny Vasquez. All three councilpersons were unopposed in the May 7, 2022 General Election.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF A MAYOR PRO-TEM FOR ONE (1) YEAR TERM:

Mayor Lance Smiga stated he wished to appoint Councilperson District 2 Wayne Callis as Mayor Pro-Tem for another one-year term.

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.” Please limit comments – two minutes.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A PUBLIC HEARING FOR A CONTRACT AMENDMENT FOR SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT GLO-CDBG-DR-GRANT #20-0650932-C109. THE AMENDMENT WILL UPDATE THE LOCATION FOR THE WORK WITH THE SAME SCOPE AS THE ORIGINAL PROJECT:

City Manager Broz noted the public hearing will need to be tabled until the next council meeting due to the publication was not in this week's local newspaper. Councilperson Jackson made the motion to table the public hearing until June 2nd council meeting. Councilperson Dodds seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 4 FOR THE CITY'S CONTRACT WITH SUPAK CONSTRUCTION ON GRANT #20-065-03-C109. THIS CHANGE ORDER REMOVES WORK ON WASHINGTON STREET AND ADDS ADDITIONAL WORK ON ASH STREET ON THE ALLY BETWEEN KLEAS STREET AND N. EAST STREET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$83,256.00:

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PRESENTATION FROM SCOTT KOHEN REGARDING SENSUS WATER METERS:

Scott Kohen gave a presentation regarding the Sensus Water Meters and the capabilities of the meters. Mr. Kohen's presentation outlined the design along with the implementation of the meters, the cost savings to the city, the reduction in errors which will enhance customer relations and the bottom-line improvements for the City of Edna. The Sensus team is reported to have an impeccable support team

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-13 FOR THE OPERATION STONEGARDEN PROGRAM (GRANT #4570001):

City Manager Broz asked Chief of Police Rick Boone to report. Chief Boone addressed the council reporting the Operation Stonegarden Program Grant will give funds to pay for overtime for his department. Councilperson Callis made the motion to approve Resolution No. R-2022-13 for the Operation Stonegarden Program (Grant #4570001). Councilperson Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION REGARDING UPCOMING BUDGET:

City Manager Broz stated that budget folders were distributed to department heads during Tuesday's department meeting. Each department will be looking over their budgets and making note of items that will be addressed during the upcoming budget workshops.

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

City Manager Broz reviewed the bills with council. Councilperson Jackson made the motion to approve payment of current bills in the amount of \$103,678.40. 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 introduced the city's new Finance Director Diane Pierce.

Broz noted he attended a TCAP meeting in Dallas last Thursday and Friday. He heard firsthand the Ercot reports on Natural Gas and Power Plants

The city is in the middle of the GLO grant audit.

Pre-bid meeting on the Gilbert Road Project was held earlier today; the project is moving forward.

The Heroes of the Warriors Weekend Caravan will be coming through Edna tomorrow after lunch.

Victoria Economic Development Corporation (VEDC) has taken off and working with contacts on two business that would be beneficial to the Edna location.

There will be a meeting held next Friday with City Attorney Jake Srp, Code Enforcement Samantha

Idlett and myself (City Manager Broz).

Financials should be distributed via email to council tomorrow.

The general fund will be having transfers made (which is normal to this time of the year in the budget); the utility fund is fine. City staff is continuing to watch their budgets and spending.

Budget spending will be tightened up in the next few budget months.

The sculpture is now scheduled for completion in 3-4 weeks.

Sales tax is continuing to come in positive.

The Online Surplus Auction brought in \$33,600

The City will be discontinuing receiving emails through YKC and switching over to Microsoft

365.

Dusty Traylor – CO's are continuing to move through the process.

City Manager Broz noted that he will begin as Construction Manager for the Police Department Upgrade and Chief Boone will be assisting him.

Director of Utilities Brad Ryan reported that there have been several leaks and sewer stoppages due to the extreme dry weather we are experiencing.

Street Superintendent Andy Brzowski noted that ditch work continues on the north part of town.

Work has started on the erosion problem in the ditch located on Alba next to the Highway Department.

Andy thanked Steve Sample for his work and knowledge that he has given the City and Street Department. Sample will be retiring on May 31, 2022. Brzowski noted that Steve will be missed.

Andy stated that he has signed a contract to have trees removed on Trinity and Dugger.

Chief of Police Rick Boone stated that sexual assaults and mental health issues are on the rise.

A new patrol officer has been hired and will begin duty on June 1st.

Rick gave an update on the Animal Control Pound Project. Trustees will be painting the outside of the structure.

ADJOURN:

Councilperson Dodds made the motion adjourn the meeting. Councilperson Jackson seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVED: _____
Lance Smiga, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Becky Miska, City Secretary