

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Edna City Council in regular session on Thursday, July 21, 2022 in council chambers at 6:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Callis presided over the meeting in the absence of Mayor Lance Smiga. The meeting was called 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 3 Chris Jackson and Councilperson District 4 Mike Dodds were present. Councilperson District 5 Johnny Vasquez was absent. City Manager Gary Broz, Lt./Investigator Derrick Bermea, Finance Director Diane Pierce, Accounts Payable/Accounting Assistant Christy Mahalitic, 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 7, 2022:**

Councilperson Jackson made the motion to approve the minutes of the city council meeting held July 7, 2022. Councilperson Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

**VISITORS:** Jonas Titas,-/President VEDC, Victoria Economic Development Corporation

### **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.*

Cara King addressed the council regarding the truck traffic on the traffic on Houston Street coming and going to the motel.

Finance Director Diane Pierce introduced the newest city employee, Christy Mahalitic. Christy is the Accounts Payable/Accounting Assistant.

### **DISCUSS AND CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-14 IN SUPPORT OF A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM GRANT FROM LAVACA-NAVIDAD RIVER AUTHORITY (LNRA) FOR RESTROOMS AND CONCESSIONS AT SHELBY PARK:**

City Manager Broz noted that the Community Development Partnership Program Grant would be used for new restrooms and concessions at Shelby Park. Broz stated that both areas need replacing. Councilperson Jackson made the motion to approve Resolution No. R-2022-14. Councilperson Muncrief seconded the motion. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

### **DISCUSS AND CONSIDER BUDGET AMENDMENTS:**

City Manager Gary Broz asked that this item be passed

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

City Manager Broz reviewed the bills with council. Councilperson Muncrief made the motion to approve payment of current bills in the amount of \$117,721.61. 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 reported that the certified values had been received from the Jackson Central Appraisal District.

Looking at the August 4<sup>th</sup> meeting to have small budget session towards the end of the meeting.

Staying busy working contracts

The Edna Police Department's new location is moving forward.

BCFS / HeadStart phoned today, and they will stay at the Edna location for another 5 years.

**Finance Director Diane Pierce** reported that the front office is a little shorthanded; Christy has been hands on learning quickly.

**Street Superintendent Andy Brzozowski** stated the department continues mowing, cleaning ditches and patching potholes.

**Director of Utilities Brad Ryan** reported that due to the continual dry weather conditions that 3-4 water leaks are popping up sometimes daily.

**Lt./Investigator Derrick Bermea** stated the Edna Police Department assisted the Marshals on an arrest.

The Edna PD is in the process of having in-house firearms training and with fire arms training with the school.

**Jonas Titus, Victoria Economic Development President**, stated that at a recent by-laws meeting it was recommended to add a seat to the board; this would allow more input. Gary Broz would be a good asset to serve.

A meeting is being planned for Economic Development.

Very active leads for the Edna area with a desired targeted area.

**ADJOURN:**

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

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lance Smiga, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Becky Miska, City Secretary