



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 7:00 PM

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 120 Paint Rock Street, Eden, TX

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MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Agapito Torres

Mayor Pro Tem Jennifer Martinez

Council Member Renae Rodgers

Council Member Grover Hall

Council Member Randy Dunaway

Council Member Bradley Gandy

Staff

City Administrator Priscilla Aguirre

Court Clerk Lisa Torrez

Public Works Ronnie Winans

2. INVOCATION – Renae Rodgers

3. PRESENTATIONS BY CITIZENS

Floor open to discussion on any subject. No action may be taken by law. Citizens wishing to speak shall do so after being recognized by the Mayor. The Mayor and City Council may establish a time limit as necessary.

No public comment

4. WORKSHOP

No action to be taken. Staff reports regarding Current Projects and Plans, Ordinances and Compliance, Water Usage, Grant Opportunities and Status of Current Grants, Economic Development, Business, and Other Agenda Items listed below.

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Public Works- Daily readings are obtained at sewer and water plant. Four water leaks; 83 South, Concho St, Wallis St, and Pfluger Park. Started patching potholes at several different areas around town. Two sewer stop-ups: Blanchard St and Smith St. Animal Control has had several calls. City office, shop, sewer plant, fire station, well locations, and bar ditches have all been mowed and weedeated. Sewer plant pumps were pulled to clean out trash. West Texas Gas requested sewer line locations. Monthly meter readings were completed for billing, as well as monthly cutoffs. Several 5/8" meters and 2" meters installed. Cut up several trees at the Pfluger park and hauled off limbs to the dump. Trimmed trees around roadways and

signs. Filled in several holes around the school property. We had two main header breaks at the water plant. Drained the swimming pool.

City Administrator- Well number 2 was allegedly struck by lightning; the motor and the soft start were damaged. Jurgenson has provided an estimate of \$82,000.00 to fix it. Again, they are stating that they are pretty sure it was struck by lightning, and we should be able to file a claim for that and receive reimbursement. The Mayor and I met with Charlie Campbell with Texas Communications to finalize the project planning for the siren, moving from the incubator to the multi-Purpose Center. AEP should be coming out to complete that project. I have been working with the Texas Water Development Board providing them financial information for grant approval for the high tower for above ground storage project. All staff completed the annual cyber security training this month. We have received one application for each of the open positions, code enforcement, assistant to the City Administrator and parks. We have extended the transfer site hours, opening the 9th and the 16th. I have also been familiarizing myself with the city locations, and now some areas that I'm finding are in need. The lift station at the industrial park needs electrical work, the lift station at the golf course needs a fence around it to meet compliance requirements, and the water and sewer plants need chlorine feed systems. We have serviced the A/C units here at the council chambers and the multi-purpose center. We have installed a new A/C unit at the museum. We have received two quotes to replace the ice machine at the Burnes Civic Center. We have been in contact with Sports Turf and unfortunately, they do not have inserts for the sprinkler heads. They can refurbish our inserts at a cost of \$79.00 each, \$30 for parts and up to \$79 total. We also finalized all performance evaluations for the fiscal year ending July 2023. We have had several emails back and forth with Sage, Jeff and DIG trying to complete the USDA contracts.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council for the City of Eden has the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any matter as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices, and 551.086 (Economic Development).

A. Discussion and possible action regarding the City of Eden, City Attorney's contract

Council went into executive session at 7:10 p.m. Council returned from executive session at 7:39 p.m.

Councilmember Hall made a motion to terminate the current city attorney contract, seconded by Councilmember Dunaway, motion carried four to zero.

6. REPORTS OF OTHER AGENCIES, COMMISSIONS, & STAFF

A. Eden Economic Development Corporation: Brent Frazier, President

We have had a couple of people interested in the warehouse building. The Kent Foster building needs a new sewer tap; the plumbing is collapsing on itself.

7. CONSENT ITEMS

The following items may be acted upon in one motion. No separate discussion or action is necessary unless requested by a Council Member, in which event those items will be pulled from the consent agenda for separate consideration.

A. Approval of May 12, 2023, Special Session Minutes

- B. Approval of May 29, 2023, Special Session Minutes
- C. Approval of June 6, 2023, Special Session Minutes
- D. Approval of June 13, 2023, Regular Session Minutes
- E. Approval of August 21, 2023, Special Session Minutes

Councilmember Hall made a motion to approve consent items A, C and E, seconded by Councilmember Martinez. motion carried. Councilmember Rodgers made a motion to approve with corrections, consent items B and D, seconded by Councilmember Hall, motion carried.

8. BUSINESS

Consideration and Possible Action On:

- A. Discussion regarding construction of 16 new residences at 4 E Bryan and addition of a new road
Councilmember Hall made a motion to approve sending letters out with the correct information and reach out to the city attorney to give us feedback on this information, seconded by Councilmember Gandy, motion carried.
- B. Discussion, and possible action regarding the replacement of the Chlorination Feed System and determine which account to fund if approved
Councilmember Hall made a motion to approve Southwest Fluid Products, Inc. to replace the Chlorination Feed System, seconded by Councilmember Martinez, motion carried.
- C. Discussion and possible action regarding USDA projects
Councilmember Hall made a motion to defer action on Business item C. Discussion and possible action regarding USDA projects, seconded by Councilmember Gandy, motion carried.
- D. Approval for the Mayor to sign USDA Project(s) contracts
Councilmember Hall made a motion to defer action on Business item C. Discussion and possible action regarding USDA projects, seconded by Councilmember Gandy, motion carried.
- E. TML Employer Group Medical Plan Allocation and Approval for Mayor to sign Renewal and Benefit Verification Form
Councilmember Gandy made a motion to approve the TML Employer Group Medical Plan Allocation and approval for Mayor to sign Renewal and Benefit Verification Form, Option 2, seconded by Councilmember Rodgers. motion carried.
- F. Discussion and approval of the Utility rate increase, and approval for the mayor to sign the ordinance to increase the utility rates
Councilmember Hall made a motion to approve a 10% utility rate increase and approval for the mayor to sign the ordinance to increase the utility rates, seconded by Councilmember Gandy, motion carried.
- G. Approval of City of Eden Investment Report Month Ending July 2023
Councilmember Hall made a motion to approve Business item G. approval of City of Eden Investment Report Month Ending July 2023, seconded by Councilmember Dunaway, motion carried
- H. Approval of Financial Statement Month Ending July 2023
Councilmember Gandy made a motion to approve Business item H. approval of Financial Statement Month Ending July 2023, seconded by Councilmember Dunaway, motion carried

I. Approval of July 2023 Bills

Councilmember Gandy made a motion to approve July 2023 bills, seconded by Councilmember Dunaway, motion carried.

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Attest:

Mayor Agapito Torres

City Administrator Priscilla Aguirre