



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, April 09, 2024 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

Mayor and Council Members

Mayor Agapito Torres

Council Member Renae Rodgers

Council Member Grover Hall

Council Member Randy Dunaway

Council Member Bradley Gandy

ABSENT

Mayor Pro Tem Jennifer Martinez

Staff

City Administrator Priscilla Aguirre

Assistant to City Administrator Victoria Ramirez

Public Works Supervisor Ronnie Winans

Consultant Engineer Ryan McKinnis

Meeting called to Order at 7:00 pm

2. INVOCATION

A. St. Charles Catholic Church - Fr. Reggie Odima

3. 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.

A. Public Works Supervisor - Ronnie Winans

We have received the readings and daily residuals at the sewer and water plant. We had several water leaks at Dail St, three on Gordon St, behind Fig Leaf, Santa Fe, and Allan St. We have also received several animal control calls. We have completed meter readings and cut-offs. There was a sewer stop-up at the RV Park on Hwy 83 and at the daycare center. We have received several requests to pick up skunks out of live traps. We have repaired several potholes around town and started weed-eating and mowing. We have been helping DIGG with sampling and figuring out which valves will kill the water so they can cut and cap old lines. We filled metal bins at the transfer site and had to pump down the lift station at the industrial park due to a pump failure. We dug holes to plant trees at the golf course and completed several small projects off the work orders created by the office ladies. We also sprayed all the weeds in the gravel area behind the Green Apple.

B. City Administrator/Secretary - Priscilla Aguirre

March 4

We met with our internet vendor to discuss the options of transitioning to fiber vs dedicated fiber. I attended the EEDC monthly meeting.

March 5

Ronnie and I met with Ryan and assessed the options for the bridges at Concho Springs Golf Course and the City of Eden Swimming Pool

March 6

Laura Bowden and I participated in The Creative Economy for Rural Communities hosted by the Texas Economic Development Council.

We scheduled our AFLAC open enrollment meeting for staff.

Laura Bowden and I met with a representative of Texas EDC guide to discuss the magazine marketing page. A new design was created. Be on the lookout for the magazine.

March 8

I participated in a Texas Municipal Clerk Certification Program (TMCCP) virtual orientation.

March 14

City of Eden Attorney and I met with EHT to discuss the USDA water improvement projects.

March 18

We met with an aquatic vendor to discuss the options for the City of Eden Pool

March 21

We scheduled our monthly USDA water improvement project meeting representatives from DIGG, EHT, City staff.

March 26

We participated in the HWY 83/87 improvement project bi-weekly meeting.

Public Works staff completed their Radiation Awareness training.

March 27

Andrew and I scheduled a call regarding a possible energy project coming to Eden.

March 28

A staff member from Works, Parks, and I attended the Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

Open Projects

Well 3 went down on Sunday April 7th, we hope to have it serviced by mid-next week. As of now, water levels are stable.

As reported last month, we received our actuator valve at the wastewater plant and were able to use both basins. However, there seems to be a defect in the equipment. Therefore, our vendor came out last week and is inspecting it. We hope to be updated by the vendor by next week.

Larry with Hawkins brought 10 carts back in working condition, and they took 9 unworking carts to assess options.

We continue to work on the city website and have added a few tabs. Please look at it. Victoria has added a banner to show alerts to help with finding up-to-date information.

March 24th, our siren set off automatically. I informed Mr. Campbell of the issue the following day. After review, he stated the reason for the glitch in the siren was due to water. When it rained, water leaked into the big panel box and then seeped into the second box. The second box had holes as well, so the box that was transferred over from the old location filled up, soaking the relays with water, which caused the glitch. The boxes have all been cleaned, sealed, and tested. This should not happen again.

Unfortunately, we were not selected for the Asset Management Program for Small Systems. A total of 20 projects were selected for this round. It is anticipated that the next solicitation period for projects will be in the fall/winter of 2024.

4. 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).

No Executive Session

5. 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.

Charles Kinkade made comments regarding the golf course.

6. REPORTS OF OTHER AGENCIES, COMMISSIONS, & STAFF

- A. Eden Economic Development Corporation Monthly Report - Brent Frazier, President

EEDC absent

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 the City of Eden Investment Report Month Ending March 2024

- B. Approval of Financial Statment Month Ending March 2024

Motion to approve the Investment Report and Financial Statement

Motion made by Council Member Hall, Seconded by Council Member Rodgers.

Voting Yea: Council Member Rodgers, Council Member Hall, Council Member Dunaway, Council Member Gandy

- C. Approval of March 12, 2024, Regular Session Minutes

Motion to approve March 12, 2024, Regular Session Minutes with corrections as stated.

Motion made by Council Member Hall, Seconded by Council Member Rodgers.

Voting Yea: Council Member Rodgers, Council Member Hall, Council Member Dunaway, Council Member Gandy

8. BUSINESS

Consideration and Possible Action On:

- A. Approval of March 2024 Bills

Discussion by Council Member Hall regarding Bes-Tex and G&G Automotive. All inquiries were answered by City Administrator Priscilla Aguirre.

Motion to approve March 2024 Bills

Motion made by Council Member Hall, Seconded by Council Member Dunaway.

Voting Yea: Council Member Rodgers, Council Member Hall, Council Member Dunaway, Council Member Gandy

- B. Discussion and possible action regarding a request for issuance of a Letter of Approval for a Medical Service Provider Applicant, to wit: Vital Car, L.L.C. of Rocksprings, Texas.

Members of Vital Care were unable to attend the meeting and asked to postpone until the next meeting.

Motion to defer action

Motion made by Council Member Rodgers, Seconded by Council Member Hall.

Voting Yea: Council Member Rodgers, Council Member Hall, Council Member Dunaway, Council Member Gandy

- C. Approval of April 9, 2024, Budget Adjustments

Motion to approve April 9, 2024, Budget Adjustments

Motion made by Council Member Hall, Seconded by Council Member Rodgers.

Voting Yea: Council Member Rodgers, Council Member Hall, Council Member Dunaway, Council Member Gandy

- D. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Murray Energy, Inc.'s quote to replace the inoperable meter on well 1

This quote is for a meter on Well 1. This meter has been down for a while. Murray Energy is the company that services our meters and sells the city meters for the wells.

Motion to approve the purchase of a meter for Well 1 for \$5409.00

Motion made by Council Member Hall, Seconded by Council Member Gandy.

Voting Yea: Council Member Rodgers, Council Member Hall, Council Member Dunaway, Council Member Gandy

- E. Discussion and Possible Action regarding the appointment of Lisa Routh Torrez to court clerk

Lisa Routh Torrez has been the court clerk for the City of Eden for some time. She will need to be appointed as court clerk every two years. Lisa explained to Council her qualifications. She has a Level-1 Certification. Lisa collects for previous cases and will be working with Judge Gilbert.

Motion to appoint Lisa Routh Torrez as the City of Eden Court Clerk

Motion made by Council Member Dunaway, Seconded by Council Member Gandy.

Voting Yea: Council Member Rodgers, Council Member Hall, Council Member Dunaway, Council Member Gandy

- F. Discussion and Possible Action regarding the modification to Ordinance 2023-06 Animals, Livestock and Fowl

City Administrator would like to defer action pending review from Judge Gilbert and the City Attorney.

Motion to defer action pending further review.

Motion made by Council Member Hall, Seconded by Council Member Dunaway.

Voting Yea: Council Member Rodgers, Council Member Hall, Council Member Dunaway, Council Member Gandy

- G. Discussion and Possible Action regarding the estimates from Progressive Commercial Aquatics, L.L.C. for the City of Eden Swimming Pool.

Estimates from Progressive Commercial Aquatics included: tough coat non-slip surface for \$10,500, pool repainting for \$40,000, chemical conversion to dry chemicals for \$13,083, and pump replacement for \$12,555. All quotes equal to \$76,138. Priscilla is exploring grants to help improve the pool. Monies from said grants won't be available until next year if we are approved. The Mayor suggests the City paint the pool another year. Ronnie commented on the chemical system and how it would help alleviate all the problems they have had in the past.

Motion to approve quotes for \$10,500 tough coat, \$13,083 for chemical conversion, and \$12,555 for pump replacement totaling \$36,138.

Motion made by Council Member Hall, Seconded by Council Member Dunaway.

Voting Yea: Council Member Rodgers, Council Member Hall, Council Member Dunaway, Council Member Gandy

- H. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Maintenance, Management, and Updates at Concho Springs Golf Course

The golf course bridges have been assessed by Ryan McKinnis, Priscilla, and Ronnie. Ryan gave multiple options on how to go about fixing the bridges. The costs are for comparable purposes only. Ryan gave 3 different options for the bridges. Option 1 is to remove and replace. Option 2 is Geogrid, which is a temporary fix. Option 3 is prefabricated bridges. Council member Hall asked about bull rock. Council would like Mr. McKinnis to bring back more information regarding the bull rock. Mr. Charles Kinkade stated the low-water crossing at his golf course causes damage to the golf carts depending on how people drive.

Motion to defer action pending more information.

Motion made by Council Member Gandy, Seconded by Council Member Dunaway.

Voting Yea: Council Member Rodgers, Council Member Hall, Council Member Dunaway, Council Member Gandy

- I. Discussion and Possible Action regarding hiring additional staff.

City Administrator Priscilla advised council that the City has several projects as well as the golf course. We have two in Parks, and we need one additional staff member for Public Works. Ronnie stated that the staff is very busy doing multiple projects as well as assisting DIGG with the lines.

Motion to approve one additional member for public works.

Motion made by Council Member Hall, Seconded by Council Member Gandy.

Voting Yea: Council Member Rodgers, Council Member Hall, Council Member Dunaway, Council

Member Gandy

- J. Discussion and Possible Action regarding the quotes provided for stand-on zero-turn mower
Quotes for a stand-on zero-turn mower were presented to the Council. This mower will assist the Parks department with mowing the cemetery. Parks is weed-eating or using a push mower at the cemetery at this time.

Motion to approve the purchase of the 34" Deck from Bes-Tex for \$5,000.

Motion made by Council Member Hall, Seconded by Council Member Gandy.

Voting Yea: Council Member Rodgers, Council Member Hall, Council Member Dunaway, Council Member Gandy

9. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm

Attest:

Mayor Agapito Torres

City Administrator Priscilla Aguirre