



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, July 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

Meeting called to order at 7pm

PRESENT

Mayor Renae Rodgers

Mayor Pro Tem Jennifer Martinez

Council Member Grover Hall

Council Member Randy Dunaway

Council Member Bradley Gandy

Absent

Council Member Travis Nicks

Staff

City Administrator Priscilla Aguirre

Assistant to City Administrator Victoria Ramirez

Public Works David Hutchings

City Attorney Andrew Quittner

2. INVOCATION

A. Church of Christ Representative - Dale Caffey

Invocation said by Dale Caffey

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 - David Hutchings

During this month:

- we have been conducting sewer and water plant readings and daily residual checks
- we received several animal control calls
- we performed meter readings and cut-offs
- we encountered sewer stoppage at the daycare and on Burleson Street
- we mowed and weed-eated all city properties
- we continuously mowed bar ditches around town
- we assisted Digg in identifying valves to shut down water and cap old lines
- we installed a 2" line down Moss Street and King Street for kill outs

- we completed several projects from work orders created by the office staff
- sludge was transferred from the sewer plant and more pumping is underway
- we have been adding chemicals to the pool daily
- we extracted pumps at the sewer plant due to trash
- we worked with WRT at the water plant to replace headers
- we have been turning the aeration on and off at the sewer plant every 2 hours
- we resolved a water leak near the dog pound and on King Street.

B. City Administrator Priscilla Aguirre

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June 1-30

- June 8 we had our grand opening for the City of Eden Swimming Pool
- June 15 we had our grand opening for Concho Springs Golf Course
- We Met with USDA, DIGG, and EHT for our monthly construction meeting for the City of Eden water and sewer improvement project
- We hosted Concho Valley Community Action Agency for our community utility assistance
- We had a TXDOT meeting to discuss the upcoming project
- I attended the TEEEX Code enforcement course at Howard College
- We had an introductory meeting with Grant Works to explore grant options
- We met with our new software vendor gworks to begin entering patient accounts from our current software.

Open Projects

- Concho Springs Golf Course opening day was June 15 there was a large attendance to play free the weekend, to include PS Lemonade as a vendor
- USDA Projects – Two of the bores are being worked on, tie ins, and kill outs are near completion. We are lacking the relocation of the transfer pump at the Shop (old water plant)
- USDA – Sewer- DIGG will begin this project this week, inserting the screening structure.
- TXDOT – we have finalized line conflicts. There are a few items in discussion with our engineers to include 4 crossings, 1 hydrant removal. TXDOT is requesting we complete these conflicts by August.

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).

A. Presentation of an economic development opportunity: Project Energy

The executive session was moved to the end of the meeting.

Council went into Executive session at 7:58pm

Council Adjourned Executive session at 9:00PM

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.

Comments made by Dale Caffey regarding the opening of Concho Springs Golf Course and Linda Markham regarding code enforcement and ordinances.

6. REPORTS OF OTHER AGENCIES, COMMISSIONS, & STAFF

A. Eden Economic Development Corporation Monthly Report - Laura Bowden, Project Manager

Laura Bowden stated she completed the SAM's registration for federal grants. EEDC is working on a new brochure. Laura has been in contact with Jason Luna with the USDA regarding additional grants. The farmers market is small but gaining momentum. The Eden Oasis is nearly complete and is set to open soon. Two businesses have been in contact with EEDC regarding grants.

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 June 2024

B. Approval of Financial Statement Month Ending June 2024

C. Approval of the June 11, 2024 Regular Session Minutes

Motion to Approve Items A-C

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, Council Member Hall, Council Member Dunaway, Council Member Gandy

8. BUSINESS

Consideration and Possible Action On:

A. Consideration and possible action regarding Eden Volunteer Fire Department's \$15,000 Grant Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Motion to approve \$15,000 grant request from the Eden Volunteer Fire Department

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, Council Member Hall, Council Member Dunaway, Council Member Gandy

B. Consideration and possible action regarding Eden Public Library's \$9,000 Grant Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Motion to approve \$9,000 grant for the Eden Public Library

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, Council Member Hall, Council Member Dunaway, Council Member Gandy

- C. Consideration and possible action regarding Eden Veterans of Foreign Wars \$1,554 Grant Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Motion to approve \$1,554 grant for the Eden Veterans of Foreign War

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, Council Member Hall, Council Member Dunaway, Council Member Gandy

- D. Consider and Approve authorization to issue requests for proposal for administrative services (RFP) and requests for qualifications for engineering services (RFQ) for grant pre-application (Phase I), application (Phase II), and implementation services for Texas Community Development Grant Program for 2025/2026 Community Development Fund (and all eligible activities per the application guidance) as administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture

Samantha with Grant works was present for any questions the council may have regarding the Texas Community Development Grant program. Samantha would apply for the grant on the City's behalf for a \$500,000 grant for our water, sewer and/or streets. Grant works would only get reimbursement if the City is awarded the grant. Grant Works fee is \$10,000.

Motion to approve Grant Works to move forward with the grant application

Motion made by Council Member Hall, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, Council Member Hall, Council Member Dunaway, Council Member Gandy

- E. Discussion and possible action regarding the Eden Economic Development Corporation's request to purchase or have deeded the property at 311 S Main Street Eden, TX known as Green Apple.

Brent Frazier and Laura Bowden spoke on the benefits of owning the Green Apple. EEDC would like Council to consider deeding or selling the building for marketing the whole property.

Motion to pursue deeding the Green Apple to the EEDC

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, Council Member Hall, Council Member Dunaway, Council Member Gandy

- F. Consider and possible action on a Resolution suspending for 45 days the effective date proposed by West Texas Gas Utility, LLC from July 16, 2024, to August 30, 2024, regarding its application filed on or about May 17, 2024, pursuant to section 104.301 of the Gas Utility Regulatory Act.

Motion to approve the Resolution suspending West Texas Gas Utility Regulatory Act for 45 days

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, Council Member Hall, Council Member Gandy

Abstaining from voting: Council Member Dunaway

- G. Discussion and possible action regarding Management, Maintenance, and Funding of Golf Course to include a liability waiver for golf cart rentals.

Motion to approve implementing the Golf Cart Liability waiver for Concho Springs Golf Course

Motion made by Council Member Dunaway, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez.
Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, Council Member Hall, Council Member Dunaway, Council Member Gandy

- H. Discussion and Possible action regarding cashing in Reserve Street Improvement CD#36789 to explore street repair options and direct staff.

Discussion on cashing in Reserve Street improvement CD#36789 for street repair options. Priscilla discussed the penalty if the CD is cashed before its maturity.

Motion to redeem the certificate of deposit upon its maturity date

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, Council Member Hall, Council Member Dunaway, Council Member Gandy

- I. Approval of June 2024 Bills

Motion to approve the June 2024 bills

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, Council Member Hall, Council Member Dunaway, Council Member Gandy

- J. Approval of Budget Adjustments 7/09/2024

Motion to approve the budget adjustments for 07/09/2024

Motion made by Council Member Hall, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, Council Member Hall, Council Member Dunaway, Council Member Gandy

9. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 9:12pm