



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, October 08, 2024 at 7:00 PM

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

Off: 325-869-2211 | Fax: 325-869-5075

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

Mayor and Council Members

PRESENT

Mayor Renae Rodgers

Mayor Pro Tem Jennifer Martinez

Council Member Grover Hall

Council Member Randy Dunaway

Council Member Bradley Gandy

Council Member Tanya Garcia

Staff

City Administrator Priscilla Aguirre

Assistant to City Administrator Melanie Lozano

Public Works Ronnie Winans

City Attorney Andrew Quittner

2. INVOCATION

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

Invocation given by 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 - Ronnie Winans

We conducted our readings and daily residual checks at the sewer and water plant. We have received several animal control calls. Our team is responsible for meter readings and disconnections.

We experienced a sewer backup on Merino Row.

We have mowed and weed-eated all city properties and consistently maintained the bar ditches around town.

We also delivered cones to rod sue to help identify the lines along Highway 87.

Our team has completed several projects based on the work orders created by the office staff. We have been pumping sludge into dewatering containers and have pulled pumps at the sewer plant due to trash and cleaned the lift stations.

We've had water leaks on Smith, Gordan, and at the gazebo, and on Highway 83.

We have been pumping down the chlorine contact chamber and patching roads around town. We are installing scrubber valves at the golf course and filling in holes. We cleared the opening to the creek at the dump for TCEQ and replaced the tin horn at the sewer plant. Additionally, we are trimming trees and removing some at the Butterfly Park.

B. City Administrator - Priscilla Aguirre

September

3 Bi-Weekly TXDOT Project Meeting; 1st Public Hearing for the City Tax Rate

4 Met with ASU to kick off cybersecurity services

6 Met with Chad Barnet to discuss code enforcement roll outs

10 CVCAA setup in council chambers to assist community members; second public hearing tax rate; regular session meeting

11 Held interviews for the Eden Economic Development Coordinator

17 Participated in the Bi-Weekly TXDOT Project Meeting

19 We drove Concho Springs Golf course to assess remaining needs

26 Attended the Chamber Luncheon; Met with a fencing company for a quote to install picket fence for keep Texas beautiful grant

27 Closed our fiscal year and installed our new year budget

30 Melanie created a flyer advertisement for TMCN travel guide

Open Projects

USDA water Projects – Digg has begun the Transfer pump relocation; road patching, 2 kill outs remain

USDA – Sewer- 1 bore completed, still lacking placement of the screen, patching, tie ins at sewer plant.

TXDOT – We are continuing to try and resolve conflicting lines and are preparing for kill outs.

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. 551.086 (Economic Development)

B. 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)

Council went into Executive Session at 7:16pm to discuss Economic Development and to Consult with the City's attorney.

Council adjourned Executive Session at 8:03pm.

There was no action from 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.

Linda Markham had inquiries about the attorney being on stand by, code enforcement and ordinances.

6. REPORTS OF OTHER AGENCIES, COMMISSIONS, & STAFF

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

Laura thanked the Mayor and Melanie for helping with the ad for the visitors guide. There were 26 garage sales that participated in the community wide garage sale. There were many visitors from out of town, and she has learned some things that will need to be done differently for next year. Laura met with USDA Representative Jason Luna for the annual review of economic development. The last farmers market for the year was this past weekend. She met with several different clients about potential new businesses in Eden. The mural at the laundry is one of the facade programs that was just completed. She is working on the affiliation with Keep Texas Beautiful, so the city can get grants for the parks. The Mayor and FCCLA cleaned windows of empty buildings downtown. There will be a Halloween business decorating contest in October. This year's Camouflage at the Crossroads event will be November 16th. For future projects, she will be working on Imagine the Possibilities where she will get a video of empty buildings and show virtually what it could become.

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 September 3, 2024 Public Hearing Minutes
- B. Approval of the September 3, 2024 Special Council Meeting Minutes
- C. Approval of the September 10, 2024 Public Hearing Minutes
- D. Approval of September 10, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
- E. Approval of City of Eden Investment Report Month Ending September 2024
- F. Approval of Financial Statement Month Ending September 2024

Motion was made to approve consent items A-F.

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, Council Member Garcia

8. BUSINESS

Consideration and Possible Action On:

- A. Approval of Cemetery Board Officers elected on September 12, 2024 at the City of Eden, Eden Cemetery Board Meeting. President Paula Duwe, Vice President Phyllis Ellison, Secretary/Treasurer Kay Green.

Motion was made to approve Cemetery Board Officers elected on September 12, 2024 at the City of Eden, Eden Cemetery Board Meeting. President Paula Duwe, Vice President Phyllis Ellison, Secretary/Treasurer Kay Green.

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

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

- B. Approval of Beautification Organization Officers elected on August 29, 2024, City of Eden Beautification Organization Meeting. President Lynda Rannefeld, Vice President Omar Saldibar, Secretary Phyllis Ellison, Treasurer Pamela Young.

Motion was made to approve Beautification Organization Officers elected on August 29, 2024, City of Eden Beautification Organization Meeting. President Lynda Rannefeld, Vice President Omar Saldibar, Secretary Phyllis Ellison, Treasurer Pamela Young.

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

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

- C. Discussion of disposal and/or auction of old and non-functional equipment to include golf course equipment

Mrs. Aguirre stated that items had been listed on the surplus website by the previous city administrator and some items had sold, but there is still an abundance of items remaining. There is also a lot of equipment at the golf course that most likely will never operate again. The old golf carts have been removed. She is asking Council if they want to try and resale this year or scrap some of the equipment that is not going to work anymore.

Motion was made to list the old nonfunctioning equipment for sale and review in 60 days if the equipment does not sell.

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, Council Member Garcia

- D. Proposals for Tire Disposal Services

The current vendor that the City is using is having some hardships with drivers and it is taking around 2 to 3 months for them to come pick up tires. Mrs. Aguirre has reached out to 2 companies, Liberty which is located in Abilene and Reliable located in Burnet. Reliable's agreement is similar to the City's current tire disposal vendor. They would place a disposal trailer here and pick up within 30 days. Their fee is \$1,800 per month plus \$500 if they have to make an additional trip to pick up. Liberty's fee is \$3,660 per trailer and \$500 additional if not filled within 6 weeks.

Motion was made to switch tire disposal services to Reliable.

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

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

- E. First reading of updates to the city's Fee Schedule Ordinance adopting fees, rentals, licenses, and permits; designating and effective date and repealing prior ordinances in conflict herewith

Mrs. Aguirre presented Council with the current Fee Schedule Ordinance that is in place and what was proposed by the last city administrator. She also presented them with Ballinger and Mason's fee schedules to use as comparisons. She told them she just wanted them to have an introduction to the data.

Motion was made to defer action on the city's Fee Schedule Ordinance adopting fees, rentals, licenses, and permits; designating and effective date and repealing prior ordinances in conflict herewith.

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, Council Member Garcia

F. Updates, Maintenance, Management of Concho Springs Golf Course

Golf Course Contractor - Charles Kinkade

The high school district cross country meet was held today, and everyone was happy how the course looked. New sprinkler head has been installed on the lady's tee box on hole 4. All 4 tires have been replaced and have 6 needing to be taken to the tire shop. The hole cups are being moved weekly. Greens have been mowed 29 times. Charles is waiting to hear from PW Gillibrand if they are going to pick up the bad sand or bring a new load. Green mowers reels needed sharpening and now wheel bearings went out. On October 19th there will be a benefit tournament, and on November 9th the Eden CISD school board will be holding a tournament. Bradly Gandy asked if any fairways have been fertilized. Charles stated that no fairways have been fertilized. Charles has spoke with Mike about getting out of the way when players are there. Council asked Charles to get a quote for sand at Permian Frac Sand. Randy Dunaway asked if greens are getting smoother. The 2 bridges should be fixed this week.

G. Approval of September 2024 Bills

Motion was made to approve the September 2024 Bills.

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

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

9. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 9:06pm.

Attest:

Mayor Renae Rodgers

City Administrator Priscilla Aguirre