



SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, November 29, 2022 at 5:30 PM

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

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MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Agapito Torres
Grover Hall
Randy Dunaway
Bradley Gandy

ABSENT

Jennifer Martinez
Priscilla Aguirre

The City Council did not have a quorum for this meeting, so only a discussion was held.

2. BUSINESS

Consideration and Possible Action On:

- A. Consideration and approval of the following Contract Procurements for a Water System Improvement Project for Texas Water Development Board:
1. Bond Counsel Services
 2. Financial Advisory Services
 3. Professional Engineering Services

Sage Diller with Enprotec / Hibbs & Todd, Inc. (eHT) was present for this meeting. Diller provided an update as to the progress of current project. Council Member Gandy questioned the progress on the current USDA Water and Wastewater Improvement project in relation to some of the costs added due to taps that were not included in the engineering specs at the beginning of the project. Diller explained that some of the meter connections were not visible at the onset. The North Water Project is almost complete, and the contractor did a good job. The South Water and Sewer projects are behind schedule. The surety bond has been triggered on Roberts Construction due to suppliers who have not been paid. Roberts is currently trying to secure funding to continue to pay his crew, and we are waiting to see if he is able to find the necessary funds. The City has been very lenient with this contract and has allowed extra time to complete these projects. Diller provided overview of the prospective TWDB project. This project will be a 3.4 million dollar project with 2.4 million of that being grant funds. The scope will contain a new elevated storage tank, a refurbishment of each of the city's three deep water wells, the development and installation of an acid treatment system at the Water Plant, and possibly some water line replacements if there are enough funds.

Council Member Dunaway expressed concerns with the engineer on the USDA Contract, as the City Council has not always felt he had the City's best interest at heart. If the City chooses eHT Engineering

for the TWDB project, can another engineer be the lead? Diller expressed confidence in Mr. Taylor, and answered affirmatively that another engineer can be used for the TWDB project should Council decide that is necessary. eHT has provided engineering services to the City since about 2013 which included a new Deep Well #3, CDBG Water Line Replacement project on the Northeast and Northwest sides of town, this USDA Water and Wastewater Improvement Project, previous rehab of the city's water wells due to lightning issues, etc. The pros and cons of check valves in the deep water wells were discussed, and Diller suggested that the City may need to check the status of the water levels in each of the wells. Well #2 was discussed in relation to the scale that has been forming at the Water Plant. In response to a question as to whether the City needs a new well, it is possible, but the cost would be well over one million dollars. Any additional funding from the TWDB project could be used for water line replacement or to address water storage concerns. A discussion was held regarding the WRT contract and radium reduction solutions for the City.

3. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Agapito Torres, Mayor

Laura Beeson, City Secretary/Administrator