

City of Eden  
Regular Session

The city council of the City of Eden met in regular session on Tuesday August 10, 2010 in the council chambers of City Hall.

Present:

Mayor Eugene Spann

Councilmember Eddy Markham

Councilmember Butch Williams

Councilmember Sylvia West

Councilmember Ray Torres

Councilmember Russell Roberts

Celina Hemmeter, City Secretary

Kathy Keane, ED Coordinator

Ricky Thomas, Chief of Police

Rodney Castleberry, Public Works

Esther Gryniewicz, Utility Billing

Lisa Evans, Court Clerk

Jason Medders, EVFD

Absent: NONE

Mayor Spann called the meeting to order and Councilperson Torres gave the invocation.

Citizen's Participation, Wendell Moody spoke about the vandalism that took place at City Hall over the weekend, and asked that whoever is doing this be stopped. Richard Doane reported that the sheriff's department was set to assume responsibilities as set out in the Interlocal Agreement on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August, and everything was going well.

Councilperson Williams made a motion to approve the July 2010 bills and financial statements, seconded by Councilperson West, motion carried.

Councilperson Williams made a motion to approve the July 2010 Regular Session minutes, seconded by Councilperson Markham, motion carried.

Councilperson West made a motion to approve City of Eden Investment Report Month ending 7/31/2010, seconded by Councilperson Williams, motion carried.

Economic Development Coordinator Kathy Keane provided Council with a written report. Kathy stated that the Gateway to Eden project was approved. Ethan said he still needs to turn in a report and he will be visiting us soon. The kids with the Fig Leaf project put on a great presentation last Thursday at their meeting. Kathy will be attending the West Texas Legislative Summit in San Angelo this Thursday. We did not receive the Tx Dot grant for side walk improvements.

Asst. Chief, Ricky Thomas provided the Council with a written report. Ricky Thomas said that a house fell down and he and Rodney are in the process of getting the lot cleaned up. Tommy is working on getting a bon fire for the High School down at the dump ground.

Parks and Recreation Manager Mike Turner provided Council with a written report.

Public Works Superintendent Rodney Castleberry reported we have new dump site, they moved it down from the new sewer plant with new entrance and hope to have it completely enclosed. Every thing looks good with the new sewer plant. They have

removed bad fire hydrants and the ones they have removed from dead water lines they will put in places they are needed.

Fire Chief Jason Medders reported five fire fighters went to A&M fire school last month and they have been working a lot of wrecks. The new water truck is up and running.

Councilperson West made a motion to approve the Economic Development Corporation's 2010-2011 Budget, seconded by Councilperson Williams, motion carried.

Councilperson Markham made a motion to approve the Eden Economic Development Corporation's Criteria for Grant Funding, seconded by Councilperson West, motion carried.

Councilperson Williams made a motion to approve increasing sewer rate by \$4.00 for flat rate account and 25% for accounts based on water usage, seconded by Councilperson Roberts, motion carried.

Councilperson Williams made a motion to approve increasing Garbage rates by 2.1% as proposed by Republic Services, seconded by Councilperson Markham, Councilperson Torres and Councilperson West opposed, Councilperson Roberts approved, motion passed.

Councilperson Williams made a motion to approve Enprotec Hibbs and Todd as our Engineering Firm for 2010-2011 TDRA Grant Cycle, seconded by Councilperson Markham, motion carried.

Council discussed possibly passing a Noise Ordinance. Councilperson Williams said the City has had problems with noise since he was a child, but he does not know if it could be controlled by an Ordinance. Councilperson Markham asked about big trucks that leave their engines running all night, he said a citizen approached him about a neighbor that does that. Councilperson Torres said that in the past our officers have pulled people over when the music has been too loud and that has worked well. Councilperson Williams brought up the dances that are put on at the fire station and Chief of Police Ricky Thomas said there are usual provisions made for situations like that. Councilperson Williams recommended we look at other Cities' Noise Ordinances. Council will put this subject on the next agenda.

Councilperson Williams made a motion to approve a Resolution authorizing the mayor of the City of Eden to enter into an agreement for grant management services for the 210 TxCDBG Grant Planning/Capacity Building Project, seconded by Councilperson Markham motion carried.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor Eugene Spann

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Celina Hemmeter, City Administrator