

City of Eden
Regular Session

The city council of the City of Eden met in regular session on Tuesday September 14, 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 Markham gave the invocation.

Mayor Spann read a Proclamation, declaring August 10, 2010, Garrett Blackwell and Chase Churchwell Day. Garrett and Chase participated on behalf of the Eden FCCLA at the 2010 National Leadership Conference in Chicago, Illinois in July 2010. They were awarded Gold medals in the Chapter Service Project Manual event for their project dealing with working on college readiness and career preparation.

Citizen's Participation, Charlie Keane complained that the Eden flag needs to be replaced. Rion Choate voiced her concerns about no edge lines on Hwy 87, were she walks with her children.

Public Hearing on the 2010 Tax Rate

There was no public comment on the 2010 Tax Rate.

Councilperson Markham made a motion to approve the June 23, Special session minutes seconded by Councilperson West, motion carried.

Councilperson Williams made a motion to approve the July 1, Special Session minutes, seconded by Councilperson West, motion carried.

Councilperson Markham made a motion to approve the July 13, Special Session minutes, seconded by Councilperson Williams, motion carried.

Councilperson Markham made a motion to approve the July 22, Special Session minutes, seconded by Councilperson West, motion carried.

Councilperson Markham made a motion to approve the July 26, Special Session minutes, seconded by Councilperson West, motion carried.

Councilperson Markham made a motion to approve the July 27, Special Session minutes, seconded by Councilperson West, motion carried.

Councilperson West made a motion to approve the August 10, Regular Session minutes, seconded by Councilperson Roberts, motion carried.

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

Councilperson West made a motion to approve City of Eden Investment Report Month ending 8/31/2010, seconded by Councilperson Williams, motion carried.

Mayor Spann discussed with council, meeting formats and possible changes to include staff briefing prior to Council agenda. Council and Mayor decided to begin the workshop segment at 7:00 p.m. and the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m., if the department head reports take a little longer, we will play it by ear and adjust the time accordingly.

Chief of Police Ricky Thomas gave a written report on the Code Enforcement Cases and Activity report for the month of August 2010.

Economic Development Coordinator Kathy Keane gave a written report. Kathy reported that the "Gateway to Eden Project" has been denied. Mayor Spann said Ethan Horne was denied for lack of experience and having no one on his staff with experience. Leggett Tactical Solutions have another contract under their belt and have sent out their first order. Kathy did submit a nomination for the City through Partnerships we had in bringing Leggett Tactical Solutions to Eden through the Texas Economical Development Council, and we have won in our category. The Nature Tourism Workshop went very well, eighteen land owners attending the meeting. Texas Midwest Community Network's annual meeting is October 20, 2010. Facade Improvement Grant Program has six businesses going through renovations right now, with two or three more that will be going back to the board. Kathy stated that they are still planning on starting the Eden Leadership Project but that right now our kids are very busy with other school related projects.

Golf Course Manager Mike Turner gave a written report to Council. Mike said he does not think they have had any decline in play since the rate change. Golf Course used a lot of water this month over 5 million gallons. The Scada system is having problems with the overflow and it is flooding hole number two.

Public Works Superintendent Rodney Castleberry reported that they received the road repair mix in last week and has started patching some roads. They put in the sewer tap at the Pfluger Park last week.

Fire Chief Jason Medders reported they are still having county wide meetings on the Special Services District. Reported some grass fires here and in Menard. The Hill Country Firemen's Association will have there meeting here October 2, 2010.

Councilperson Williams made a motion to enter into a contract with Concho County for the Provision of Sanitation Services to provide on-site sewage facility services through the Designated Representative Program, seconded by Councilperson Markham, motion carried.

Councilperson Markham made a motion to allow Mayor Spann to enter into a contract with Charles McDonald for grease trap inspection program and enforcement of FOG Ordinance with \$600 as the monthly rate for services, seconded by Councilperson West, motion carried.

Councilperson Williams made a motion to develop an easement option for land located at Lot 10 Joe and Ethel Clifford Add (Duke Street) with the expense of the survey to be the responsibility of Mr. Rogers, seconded by Councilperson Markham, motion carried.

Councilperson West made a motion to appoint Ricky Thomas as Police Chief, seconded by Councilperson Torres, motion carried.

Councilperson Williams made a motion to approve a Spirit of Eden request for a sickle bar mower, seconded by Councilperson Roberts, motion carried.

Councilperson Markham made a motion to approve a Resolution authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program Application to the Texas Department of Rural Affairs, seconded by Councilperson West, motion carried.

Councilperson Roberts made a motion to defer action on a livestock permit for 2 horses located at 406 Barnett, Diane Lewis-Meek, seconded by Councilperson Williams, motion carried, Councilperson Torres opposed.

Councilperson West made a motion to authorize the City to participate in a partnership with Lee Pfluger to construct a new cart barn on land owned by Mr. Pfluger near the Concho Springs Golf Course, seconded by Councilperson Torres, motion carried.

Councilperson West made a motion to authorize the use of property located at 13 South Main (former Frontera Health Clinic) for a community thrift store, seconded by Councilperson Markham, motion carried.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Eugene Spann

Celina Hemmeter, City Administrator