

City of Eden
Regular Session

The city council of the City of Eden met in regular session on Tuesday November 9, 2010 in the council chambers of City Hall.

Mayor & City Council Members

Mayor Eugene Spann
Councilmember Eddy Markham
Councilmember Butch Williams
Councilmember Sylvia West
Councilmember Ray Torres
Councilmember Russell Roberts

City Staff/Appointed Officials

City Administrator Celina Hemmeter
Police Chief Ricky Thomas -*Absent*
Parks & Recreation Manager Mike Turner
Public Works Supervisor Rodney Castleberry
Economic Development Coordinator Kathy Keane
Sewer Plant Supervisor Tommy Wright
Court Clerk Lisa Evans
Utilities Clerk Esther Gryniwicz -*Absent*

Mayor Spann called Council Meeting to order.

WORKSHOP

Public Works Supervisor Rodney Castleberry reported that they have been working on the caliche pit at the dump. TCEQ came in and did a sewer inspection week before last and everything looks good. TCEQ only found 6 concerns and 1 violation. Rodney and his crew have been working on the larger pot holes in town.

Parks & Recreation Manager Mike Turner reported rounds were up from last month. They have filled up 2 sand traps so far and are working on a third. TCEQ came out and questioned if the course has any water standing or any water runoff which was a concern for TCEQ. Mike, Tommy and TCEQ talked about getting a permit to allow some the water to runoff into the creek. Mike said they have painted all the picnic tables red out at Green Park and they are working on painting the sign.

City Administrator Celina Hemmeter reported that Charles McDonald is getting letters out to the businesses regarding the grease traps.

Chief of Police Ricky Thomas is out sick, but provided Council with a written report.

Economic Development Coordinator Kathy Keane provided Council with a written report. Kathy has been working with the new owners of the Mueller property; they have a couple of companies interested in buying the property. Also the Leggett's are looking for expansion room for their business. Sales Tax receipts were up 10% this month.

Sewer Plant Supervisor Tommy Wright informed council that he has created a log of Operating and Maintenance schedules and has been keeping up with it. He is working on resolving the TCEQ issues.

Mayor Spann called a recess

Mayor Spann called the meeting back to order at 7:30; Joe Hodges from the Baptist Church gave the invocation.

Mayor Spann read a proclamation, declaring October 2010 as Chamber of Commerce month in Eden, Texas and applauds its members for working to make our city the best place to live, work, learn and play.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Sheriff Richard Doane reported 476 traffic stops, served 5 warrants, 113 calls for service, 8 or 12 indicted on the Grand Jury and several assaults, they have been very busy. Comp time has become a problem, Richard would like for the Council to assign Aaron Hess to the Sheriff's office to help alleviate the problem. Aaron would still be on the City's payroll, he would just work shifts for the Sheriff's department.

REPORTS OF AGENCIES, COMMISSIONS & STAFF

Chris Wickham is with the Engineering Firm RW Armstrong in Austin, and deals with municipalities on grants and certain programs. Mr. Wickham would just like to see if his firm would be able to help the City with any problems we may have.

Fire Chief Jason Medders reported several brush fires, car fires, and they are working with the sheriff's department on an arson investigation. Jason said he is working with the Forestry Service on grant to get new gear for 8 volunteers. The Fire department is looking to recruit some new volunteers.

Joyce Cornelius could not make it tonight, she will reschedule for next City Council Meeting.

CONSENT ITEMS

Councilperson Markham made a motion to approve consent items A, B, C, and F seconded by Councilperson Williams, motion carried. Councilperson Markham made a motion to defer action on consent items D and E, seconded by Councilperson West, motion carried.

- A. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes, October 12, 2010
- B. Approval of Financial Statement Month Ending October 31, 2010
- C. Approval of City of Eden Investment Report Month Ending October 31, 2010
- D. Approval of 2009-2010 Annual Audit Report
- E. Approval of Permanent Fund Transfers
 - a. \$175,000 from Water Fund to General Fund
 - b. \$71,000 from Water Fund to Golf Fund
 - c. \$10,266.76 from General Fund to Cemetery Fund
- F. Ratification of permanent transfer from CD 36433 \$101,075.39 to Pool Cash Account to avoid future bank charges

BUSINESS

Councilperson West made a motion to approve business item A. October 2010 bills, seconded by Councilperson Williams, motion carried.

Councilperson Markham made a motion to approve business item B. Rates and Regulations for Citizen's Collection Station (Dumpsters), seconded by Councilperson Williams, motion carried.

Councilperson Markham made a motion to approve business item C. Authorization of Eden Historical Preservation Association to request funding from the Eden Economic Development Corp. to paint the North Side of the Museum with turn of the century brands used by early rancher's in Concho County and perhaps a mural in the center depicting a ranch scene as it is a City owned building, seconded by Councilperson West, motion carried.

Councilperson West made a motion to approve business item D. Rental/lease of the property located at 13 South Main (former Frontera Health Clinic) for a community thrift store and authorizing the Mayor to execute a formal agreement, seconded by Councilperson Williams, motion carried.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Eugene Spann

Celina Hemmeter, City Administrator