

City of Eden
Regular Session

The city council of the City of Eden met in regular session on Tuesday February 8, 2011 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-**ABSENT**
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-**ABSENT**
Economic Development Coordinator Kathy Keane
Sewer Plant Supervisor Tommy Wright
Court Clerk Lisa Evans
Utilities Clerk Esther Gryniwicz

WORKSHOP

Kathy Keane Economic Development Coordinator provided Council with a written report. Crown Communications wants to terminate their lease, which will be discussed later in the Council meeting. We are waiting on Foster Charitable Foundation to give us the deed on the building; it is still in their legal department. Kathy has been working with the new owners of the Mueller building they are interested in bringing the manufacturing portion of their business here. They are reviewing different financing programs to help them. A general merchandise store has contacted us and is interested in coming here; Kathy got a packet together and sent to them to review. The Veterans Motor Cycle Group will be coming through on the Fourteenth of March. The Fig Leaf is coming along; things have slowed down with the Stock show going on right now.

Mike Turner Parks and Recreation Manager reported things are slow right now; they have been working on water leaks. The bathroom in the club house had water pipes break under the concrete slab. They have been trimming trees and working on some drain areas around the course. When the weather gets better they will start hauling the dirt and concrete from the water tower over to the golf course to fill up some of the sand traps.

Councilmember Roberts has been working on updating and revising the personnel policy. Celina Hemmeter also made some changes in the personnel policy. Council, City Staff and Appointed Officials had a discussion on Random Drug Testing. There will be a zero tolerance for alcohol use while on duty for the City.

Mayor Spann called Council Meeting to order, Chris Chant with the Church of Christ gave the invocation.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

No Citizens Participation

REPORTS OF AGENCIES, COMMISSIONS & STAFF

Sheriff Doane reported that the sheriff's office would be doing poly graph test on an individual regarding the burglaries. There is new drug that is being sold and used called "K-2". Sheriff Doane said this is worse than marijuana because you don't know what kind of chemicals are in it, everyone produces it differently. You can smoke it just like marijuana, Sheriff Doane brought a purse that was confiscated from someone and it had a pipe and K-2 in it and he showed it to Council.

CONSENT ITEMS

Councilperson Markham made a motion to approve consent items A thru D, seconded by Councilperson Williams, motion carried.

- A. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes, January, 2011
- B. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes, January 4, 2011 & January 18, 2011
- C. Approval of Financial Statement Month Ending January, 2011
- D. Order a General Election.

BUSINESS

Councilperson West made a motion to approve business item A. January 2011 bills, seconded by Councilperson Markham, motion carried.

Councilperson West made a motion to approve business item B. Possible Lease agreement termination by Crown Communications and options available for new tenant leasing of the tower and for Kathy Keane to conduct more research on this issue seconded by Councilperson Williams, motion carried.

Councilperson Markham made a motion to approve business item C. Resubmission of a grant to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department for renovations of Lee Pfluger Park and any action in connection thereto including by not limited to separating the project for the construction of a new pavilion, seconded by Councilperson West, motion carried.

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

Councilperson Roberts made a motion to approve business item E. Award of labor contract for water facility improvements TxCDBG Grant No. R729150 to Housley Communications and to amend the budget to reflect the \$5,600 to be taken out of the water to help cover the cost for this project, seconded by Councilmember West, motion carried.

Councilperson Markham made a motion to approve business item F. Resolution approving 2010 Audit Report with changes, seconded by Councilmember West, motion carried.

Councilperson West made a motion to approve business item G. Resolution conveying ownership interest in an ambulance to Eden EMS, seconded by Councilperson Roberts, motion carried.

Councilperson Markham made a motion to approve business item H. An Ordinance to prohibit the manufacture, use, purchase, possession, and the sale of the synthetic cannabinoid known or sold under such names as "spice," "Genie," DaScents," "Zohai," "Sage," "K-2," "K-2 sex" and "KO Knockout 2" for public health purposes, seconded by Councilperson West, motion carried.

Councilperson Markham made a motion to approve business item I. An inter-local Agreement providing for assistance in enforcement of the K-2 Drug Ordinance of the City of Eden, seconded by Councilperson West, motion carried.

Business item J. Discussion regarding placing stop signs or yield signs on Garden St. at the intersections of Forest and Burleson (near Baptist Church). Council decided on putting stop signs at both ends of Garden St. (Garden and Burleson and Garden and Forest) it will be an agenda item on the next City Council meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Eugene Spann

Celina Hemmeter, City Administrator