

City of Eden
Regular Session

The city council of the City of Eden met in regular session on Tuesday March 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
Councilmember Russell Roberts

City Staff/Appointed Officials

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

WORKSHOP

Sewer Plant Supervisor Tommy Wright reported that the cost of the sludge removal from the plant over a 6 month period to a year is \$433.11 per dumpster that is just for removal not disposal. We have already spent \$23,267.00 year to date and we will spend a total of \$45,043.44 this year. The city staff has been looking to find a solution to cut cost and by purchasing a grapple truck and a roll on roll off, it would cost the city \$2,433.75 a month for 3 years. The first three years you are looking at a savings of \$9,198.00. After the first three years the savings will be around \$38,403.00. It would also help cut man power when doing city cleanups, were we would need several people running different machines you would just need one man to run the grapple. The cost of a used grapple truck is around \$80,000.00.

Parks and Recreation Manager Mike Turner reported that things are picking up at the golf course, greens to mow. The high school had a large tournament this week. Working on the parks and doing some maintenance work. They would like to use large rocks to fill up the tee boxes.

Mayor Spann gave everyone on the Council a copy of the Community Development Work List. It was completed in 2007 by the City Staff. Some of the projects and goals have already been completed since that time.

Councilperson Williams reported that Roy Burnes put up the money to pour the concrete slab out at the Pfluger Park. The slab will be 70 by 100 feet, future plans are to add on to it on the north end adding bathrooms and a kitchen. The slab will be ready for the Spring Stampede dance April 1 and 2.

Councilperson West reported that Ronnie Sanders was back in the hospital for a infection in his foot.

Economic Development Coordinator Kathy Keane reported they have five major projects in the works. A new business is here called Mainstream Auto Clean, a car washing and detailing service behind the old Ford dealership building. There is a house bill in the works that would repeal the City's ability to offer any kind of a sales tax or franchise rebate, Kathy will be following it closely. The City will have an exhibit at Frontier Texas, in Abilene. They are displaying Cities and Counties on the Texas Forts Trail. The Vietnam Veterans will be coming through next Monday, March 14, between three and four. They have resubmitted the Texas Parks and Wildlife Grant, they did remove the slab from the grant and Celina helped redesign the trails around the parks and golf course and also added some open space around the driving range. The Texas Parks and Wildlife will begin reviewing the applications early summer with a reward announcement in August.

City Administrator Celina Hemmeter reported on the Spirit of Eden Grants, we did receive a little of everything we asked for which was great. Code enforcement received \$4,500.00 to purchase a sickle bar mower which will help get closer to the fences when mowing and help mow around the ponds at the sewer plant. The Public Works department received a \$20,000.00 matching grant for a renewable energy grant. We have made an application to go green with Texas Department of Rural Affairs to put two 40 mega watt wind power generators down at the sewer plant to generate electricity to operate the plant. It is a \$500,000.00 Grant the city has to put up \$35,000.00 and the Spirit of Eden Fund is matching \$20,000.00 towards it. The Golf Course received \$2,500.00 to help repair the tee boxes. Parks and Recreation received \$7,300.00 and for rewiring the lighting and electricity at the Gazebo Park. Beautification Committee received \$1,500.00 for 6 metal art signs for downtown on the light poles. The previously awarded \$25,000.00 to renovate the Foster building is still outstanding and we are waiting on the deed to begin renovating.

Mayor Spann read the Proclamation of April as Fair Housing Month.

Mayor Spann called Council Meeting to order, Pastor Land from the Eden First United Methodist Church gave the invocation.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Bruce Yancy spoke on behalf of everyone who volunteers for committees and organizations.

Shawn Scruggs spoke regarding plumbing codes.

Brock Vessell and Brian Wilson spoke on behalf of the youth in Eden regarding getting a skate park in Eden.

REPORTS OF AGENCIES, COMMISSIONS & STAFF

Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief Jason Medders reported that it would cost \$1,882.72 to replace the packing on the pumper truck. Jason reported only a few grass fires. The ice machine was repaired last year but the bill was not paid. Celina said the VFD had it fixed without prior approval from council and it was not budgeted.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

- A. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes, February, 2011
- B. Approval of Financial Statement Month ending February 2011
- C. Approval of City of Eden Investment Report Month ending February 2011
- D. Budget adjustments- Increasing auditing expense by \$1,000.00 decreasing legal expense by \$1,000.00
- E. Closing of Lee Pfluger Park for Spring Stampede Ranch Rodeo & Cook-Off

BUSINESS

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

Councilperson West made a motion to approve business item B. anything with a title or motor be brought before City Council before it is sold for scrap seconded by Councilperson Williams, motion carried.

Councilperson West made a motion to defer action on business item C. Placing the Eden Police Department under direct control of the City Administrator, seconded by Councilperson Torres, motion carried.

Councilperson Markham made a motion to approve business item D. Accepting Resignation of Aaron Hess, seconded by Councilperson West, motion carried.

Councilperson Torres made a motion to approve business item E. Advertising to hire an officer with a hire date no sooner than May 1, seconded by Councilmember West, motion carried.

Councilperson Markham made a motion to approve business item F. Trading police vehicle with sheriff's department, seconded by Councilmember Roberts, 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.

Council went into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

Council Returned from executive session and Councilperson Markham made a motion to approve business item G. Accepting resignation of Gracie Salazar following FMLA leave, seconded by Councilperson Williams, motion carried.

Councilperson Williams made a motion to approve business item H. accrued benefits (vacation, sick leave) to Gracie Salazar, seconded by Councilperson Roberts, motion carried.

City Council adjourned into executive session as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.072 regarding business item R- discussion of real property. Council returned from executive session and Councilperson West made a motion to defer action on business item R. Planning and Zoning report to Council regarding the property located at 316 N. Main; such amendment would propose to rezone said property from "A" Single-Family Residential District to "D" Light Industrial District, seconded by Councilperson Roberts, motion carried.

Councilperson Markham made a motion to approve business item I. Rates and Regulations for Citizen's Collection Station (Dumpsters)(see attachment "Convenience Center Fees"), seconded by Councilperson West, motion carried.

Councilperson West made a motion to approve business item J. Ordinance revising/replacing Garbage and Trash Ordinance, seconded by Councilperson Roberts, motion carried.

Councilperson Markham made a motion to approve business item K. Ordinance placing stop signs or yield signs on Garden Street at the intersections of Forest and Burleson (Near Baptist Church), seconded by Councilperson West, motion carried.

Councilperson Markham made a motion to approve business item L. Grease Trap Ordinance-allowing exceptions for Church kitchen facilities, seconded by Councilperson Roberts, motion carried.

Councilperson West made a motion to approve business item M. approving Resolution for Program Amendment No. 3 for TxCDBG R729150, seconded by Councilperson Williams, motion carried.

Councilperson West made a motion to approve business item N. Approving transmittal letter-Performance statement modification for Program Amendment No. 3 for TxCDBG R729150, seconded by Councilperson Markham, motion carried.

Councilperson West made a motion to defer action on business item O. Approving eHT work order No. 02-25-2011 in the amount of \$4200.00 to survey WWTP, seconded by Councilperson Williams, motion carried.

Councilperson West made a motion to approve business item P. Approving Livestock permit for Jerry McDonald, seconded by Councilperson Williams, motion carried.

Councilperson West made a motion to approve business item Q. Purchase of two used pickups for public works department, seconded by Markham, motion carried.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Eugene Spann

Celina Hemmeter, City Administrator