

City of Eden
Regular Session

The city council of the City of Eden met in regular session on Tuesday, June 12, 2012 in the council chambers of City Hall.

Mayor & City Council Members

Mayor Eugene Spann
Mayor Pro Tem Eddy Markham
Councilmember Butch Williams
Councilmember Jenifer Gierisch
Councilmember Shelley Hyles
Councilmember Russell Roberts-*Absent*

City Staff/Appointed Officials

City Administrator Celina Hemmeter
Court Clerk Lisa Evans
Utilities Clerk Esther Gryniewicz
Parks & Recreation Manager Mike Turner
Public Works Supervisor Rodney Castleberry
Economic Development Coordinator Kathy Keane

Mayor Spann requested to be paid for the two weeks extra he worked as Mayor. Mayor Spann administered the Oath of Office to Eddy Markham. The newly seated Mayor, Eddy Markham, then administered the Oath to the newly elected Councilmembers, Grover Hall and Ronnie Sanders.

Mayor Markham thanked the citizens of Eden for voting for him, and hopes to make everyone proud. Mayor Markham said that the City has a great staff, and he fully supports the staff.

WORKSHOP

Public Works Supervisor Rodney Castleberry reported the crew was out last night making sure when the power came back on that the wells were still working. On Forest Street an 8 inch main broke and they are still working on the dip on Barnett Street. They discussed the flooding on King Street, not much can be done beside the home owners creating a built up barrier around their properties. Kathy will speak with the Leggetts regarding the Council's preference of keeping the fire works at the Golf Course.

Parks and Recreation Manager Mike Turner provided Council with a written report. Mike reported that the rain has been wonderful, everything is going good. Shan Click is volunteering out at the Golf Course, with mowing and different jobs that need to be done. Everything is going good at the Swimming Pool. The only problem has been two days in a row the water to the pool has been turned on at full blast.

Economic Development Coordinator Kathy Keane provided Council with a written report. Sales Tax up by 8% from this time last year, this puts us about even overall year to date. The unemployment rate as of April is down to 6.8%. The 60 day public comment period comes up on June the 10th for R&G Tanks for the Economic Development incentives. We did get our Brochures in the Texas Travel Centers around this area. Kathy is working with Leggett on the advertising and marketing for the Live in

Eden Event coming up in July. The EDC met last week and closed out the Façade Improvement Program the helped out about 23 businesses, they may try and allocate more money to continue this program.

Mayor Markham called the Council Meeting to order, Mike Turner gave the Invocation.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

No citizens participation

REPORTS OF AGENCIES, COMMISSIONS & STAFF

Sage Diller- Still working on the emergency upgrade of Well #2. Sage presented the Council with Arial maps of the proposed site for Well #3, he gave a quick update to the new councilmembers.

Sheriff Doane-**Absent**

Fire Chief Jason Medders reported that they are sending four firefighters to the A&M Fire School end of July.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

- A. Approval of May, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes.
- B. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes, May 2012 (Canvassing of Votes)
- C. Approval of Financial Statement Month Ending May 2012
- D. Approval of City of Eden Investment Report Month Ending April & May 2012

BUSINESS

Councilperson Hyles nominated Councilperson Williams for Mayor Pro Tem on Business Item A. Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem, seconded by Councilperson Sanders, motion carried

Councilperson Hyles made a motion to approve Business Item B. Approval of May 2012 bills seconded by Councilperson Hall, motion carried

Councilperson Williams made a motion to approve Business Item C. Approval of Grant Application to Spirit of Eden for Consideration of funding matching portion of Downtown Revitalization Grant (ADA Sidewalks) seconded by Councilperson Sanders motion carried.

Councilperson Grover made a motion to approve Business Item D. Resolution establishing the designated downtown area of the City of Eden as blighted, seconded by Councilperson Williams, motion carried.

Councilperson Sanders made a motion to approve Business Item E. Approval of a Client Agreement with the Texas Rural Training Center, LLC for the rental/lease of space at the City of Eden Business Incubator located at 319 Blanchard with a \$2,000.00 credit towards the electricity bill, with the condition that Eddy Beane rewire the building, seconded by Councilperson Gierisch, motion carried.

Councilperson Williams made a motion to approve Business Item F. Approval of the Eden Economic Development Corporation for financial incentives related to the expansion of Jen's Cakes, seconded by Councilperson Gierisch, motion carried. Councilperson Hyles abstained.

Councilperson Hyles made a motion to approve Business Item G. Approval of Budget Adjustments, seconded by Councilperson Sanders, motion carried.

Councilperson Williams made a motion to approve Business Item H. Purchase of pipe to upgrade Well#1, from Abel Water Systems, seconded by Councilperson Hyles, motion carried.

Council decided on June 26, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. for the Budget Workshop

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Eugene Spann

Celina Hemmeter, City Administrator