

City of Eden  
Regular Session

The city council of the City of Eden met in regular session on Tuesday, October 9, 2012 in the council chambers of City Hall.

**Mayor & City Council Members**

Mayor Eddy Markham  
Councilmember Butch Williams  
Councilmember Jenifer Gierisch  
Councilmember Shelley Hyles  
Councilmember Grover Hall- **Absent**

**City Staff/Appointed Officials**

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

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Proposed Water Treatment Plant Improvements Public Hearing.  
Sage Diller of eHT called the public hearing to order at 7:03 pm. A description of the project was read and the audience was asked for any questions or input on the environmental impacts of the project. There were no comments or questions regarding the project. The public hearing was closed at 7:07 pm.

**PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Markham read a proclamation designating October 7-12, 2012 as National 4-H Week in Texas. The officers of the local 4-H program were present to accept the framed proclamation.

**WORKSHOP**

Public Works Supervisor Rodney Castleberry reported there had been several water leaks, they worked last week on replacing street signs that were missing and they are still working on patching pot holes and pavement where water leak repairs had been made.

Parks and Recreation Manager Mike Turner provided Council with a written report. He reported there was no major damage due to the large rain but that the culverts under some of the cart paths had become clogged.

Economic Development Coordinator Kathy Keane provided Council with a written report. She also reported that she is working on the CVCOG Hazard Mitigation plan and with Eden CISD on a school work program and there are about 10 businesses that may want to participate.

Mayor Markham called the Council Meeting to order, and Mayor Markham also gave the Invocation.

**PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS**

None

## **REPORTS OF OTHER AGENCIES, COMMISSIONS & STAFF**

Representative Mr. JJ King spoke to Council regarding West TX Gas rate increase. He stated that there is an option to settle with West Texas Gas for 50% which would stop the rate negotiations and save money on legal fees. Celina noted that this option was not on the agenda and could be considered at a special called meeting.

Jason Medders - Volunteer Fire Department- Fire Chief informed Council that there haven't been may calls for service and that the firemen had completed their training.

Sage Diller- eHT gave Council an engineering update on the three current projects. First, the Water Development Board project is under environmental review and should be on the TWDB agenda in either December or January to approve. Once this is done the plans will be submitted to TCEQ and TWDB for review. Bidding and contracting could be started in March if there are no delays. Second, Celina and Rodney have been working with the firm on a CDBG project for water lines; this would be a \$200,000 grant. Finally, the Rural Development PER has been submitted and questions have been asked and responded to USDA. Hopefully by next months meeting we will have the PER approved by USDA.

## **CONSENT ITEMS**

Councilperson Hyles made a motion to approve the consent items A through E, seconded by Councilperson Williams, motion carried.

- A. Approval of September 4, 2012 Special Meeting Minutes.
- B. Approval of September 11, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes
- C. Approval of Financial Statement Month Ending September 2012.
- D. Approval of City of Eden Investment Report Month Ending September 2012.
- E. Approval of contract renewal between City of Eden and Concho Valley Transit District for continuation of the Rural Public Transportation bus operator position

## **BUSINESS**

Councilperson Hyles made a motion to defer the Resolution suspending West TX Gas Rate Increase until a special called meeting can be held to discuss the West TX Gas compromise settlement, seconded by Councilperson Williams, motion carried.

Council had a discussion regarding setting new water rates and Cleina provided information in a written report with options on different rate increases and usage of the reserve funds to pay the TWDB loan obligation. Council would like to see option number 4 brought back in an ordinance form and Celina will have it reviewed by legal to make sure the increases will not conflict with any agreements the City may have.

Councilperson Hyles made a motion to defer action on the ordinance setting new water rates until the special called meeting, seconded by Councilperson Williams, motion carried.

Councilperson Gierisch made a motion to authorize Celina to open a bank account titled "City of Eden, Texas, Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds Debt Service Fund" , seconded by Councilperson Hyles, motion carried.

Councilperson Gierisch made a motion to authorize the transferring Water revenues generated by rate increase and or reserve funds into COE Debt Service Fund account on a monthly basis seconded by Councilperson Hyles, motion carried.

Councilperson Hyles made a motion to rename account 155555 to "City of Eden,

Texas, Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds Reserve Fund” seconded by Councilperson Williams, motion carried.

Councilperson Hyles made a motion to authorize the application for a grant(s) through the TxDOT Enhancement Program seconded by Councilperson Williams, motion carried.

Councilperson Hyles made a motion to allow the use of Rudder Park and surrounding streets for an October 31<sup>st</sup> Truck or Treat with local churches and the closure of the roads necessary to make it a safe event for the children seconded by Councilperson Gierisch, motion carried.

Councilperson made a motion to designate Butch Williams as the representative for the Concho Valley Council of Governments General Assembly seconded by Councilperson Gierisch, opposed by Councilperson Williams and motion carried with the tie vote being broken by Mayor Markham.

Councilperson Hyles made a motion to approve the Interlocal agreement with Concho County for Law Enforcement Services without the proposed revision of automatic renewal seconded by Councilperson Gierisch, motion carried.

Councilperson Hyles made a motion to approve/pay the September 2012 bills seconded by Councilperson Williams, motion carried.

Councilperson Hyles made a motion to change the date and or time of November 2012 regular Council meeting to November 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm because Mayor Markham and Celina will be attending the TML annual conference in Grapevine, seconded by Councilperson Williams, motion carried.

Mayor Markham asked for nominations of individuals who might fill the term of Councilperson Sanders. Mayor Markham said he had spoken to Trooper Cody Allen and to Blake Leggett. Both individuals would be interested if nominated. Councilperson Williams made a motion to appoint Blake Leggett, motion died for lack of a second. After a brief discussion, Councilperson Hyles made a motion to defer action until the special called meeting seconded by Councilperson Gierisch, motion carried.

Councilperson Gierisch made a motion to approve Livestock Permit- Maria Fraga 403 Lover’s Lane seconded by Councilperson Hyles, motion carried.

Councilperson Hyles made a motion to Adoption of Solicitation Ordinance with the deletion of section 4.15 regarding the bonding requirement, seconded by Councilperson Williams, motion carried.

Councilperson Hyles made a motion to adopt the Flood Protection Ordinance and permit required seconded by Councilperson Gierisch, motion carried.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor Eddy Markham

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Celina Hemmeter, City Administrator