

City of Eden
Regular Session

The city council of the City of Eden met in regular session on Tuesday, December 11, 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

City Staff/Appointed Officials

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

WORKSHOP

Parks and Recreation Manager Mike Turner provided Council with a written report. Things are still slowing down out at the Golf Course. Mike is working on getting everyone to take their vacation days before they lose them. Gary Schrieber will be retiring at the end of the year. Celina and Mike are discussing hiring options for the Golf Course.

Economic Development Coordinator Kathy Keane provided Council with a written report. The sales tax report came in and the good news is it is up 21% and we are 4% up from where we should be. The unemployment rate is down. Kathy participated in a Legislative call with Representative Drew Darby and Jim Keffer. The call was focused on issues of West Texas as well as key matters which will be discussed in great detail in the upcoming Session- water and transportation. Delivery of the new 2013 TMCN Guide is in progress now with copies to be delivered locally before Christmas.

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

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS

None

REPORTS OF OTHER AGENCIES, COMMISSIONS & STAFF

Sheriff Doane-Absent

Jason Medders – Nothing to report

Sage Diller-An email from the Texas Water Development Board states that our Environmental document for our project currently scheduled for review in January. They are working on finalizing the plans and should be able to advertise in March or April. The Well and for the Treatment Plant, we are planning on making them one bid set, this will save a lot of paperwork and headache. This will be a more efficient way of getting this done. A publication with the Water Development Board has approached us, wanting to do a report or highlight on our project.

CONSENT ITEMS

Councilperson Hyles made a motion to approve the consent items A through D, Councilperson Williams seconded that motion with the removal of Consent Item B., the Financial Statement Month (to be discussed), motion carried.

- A. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes, November, 2012.
- B. Approval of Financial Statement Month Ending November, 2012
- C. Approval of City of Eden Investment Report Month ending November 2012.
- D. Closing Bank Account # 277253-ORCA Disaster Grant.

Councilperson William made a motion to approve Consent Item B., seconded by Councilperson Hyles, motion carried.

BUSINESS

Councilperson Hyles made a motion to not accept West Texas Gas as a client into the City of Eden Business Incubator Facility and authorizing the Mayor to execute related agreement, seconded by Councilperson Hall, motion carried.

Councilmember Hall made a motion to approve Livestock permit-211 Baygent-Ernest Gomez, seconded by Councilperson Gierisch, motion carried.

Councilperson Hyles made a motion to approve rescinding contract authorization with Tara Energy and choosing another electricity contract based on current lowest bid pricing, seconded by Councilperson Hall, motion carried.

Councilperson Hall made a motion to fill vacancy of Councilperson Sanders with special election in May 2013, seconded by Councilperson Williams, motion carried.

Councilperson Hyles made a motion to make an Amendment to the Engineering Services Agreement with eHT for the Rural Development Project, seconded by Councilperson Gierisch, motion carried.

Councilperson Hyles made a motion to let the Municipal Court handle the Code Enforcement Violations at 301 Maddox, 619 McCall, 112 Drinkard, and 920 McCall, seconded by Councilperson Hall, motion carried. Councilperson Gierisch opposed

Councilperson Hyles made a motion to let the Municipal Court handle the Code Enforcement/Zoning Violations at 801 E. Broadway, seconded by Councilperson Hall, motion carried.

Councilperson Hall made a motion to approve Maintenance and mowing of Fire Station property by Ruben Robles, seconded by Councilperson Hyles, motion carried.

Councilperson Hall made a motion to authorize disposal of old ambulance parked at Well#2 site for scrap, seconded by Councilperson Gierisch, motion carried.

Councilperson Hall made a motion to approve November 2012 bills, seconded by Councilperson Hyles, motion carried.

Councilperson Hyles made a motion to approve authorizing dispersal of budgeted one time merit increases based on annual reviews, seconded by Councilperson Williams, motion carried.

Councilperson Hall made a motion to approve authorizing Spirit of Eden Fund Grant Applications, seconded by Councilperson Hyles, motion carried.

- a. Beautification- Cemetery Entrance Improvements

- b. Beautification- Painting and Repair to Gazebo
- c. Public Works- Pipe Saw
- d. Green Apple- Matching grant for additional improvements

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Eddy Markham

Celina Hemmeter, City Administrator