

City of Eden
Regular Session

The city council of the City of Eden met in regular session on Tuesday, February 12, 2013 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 Grynowicz
Public Works Supervisor Rodney Castleberry
Economic Development Coordinator Kathy Keane
Code Enforcement Eric Saiz-*Absent*
Court Clerk Lisa Evans
Parks & Recreation Manager Mike Turner

WORKSHOP

Parks and Recreation Manager Mike Turner provided Council with a written report. They have not been watering a lot lately. Mike has hired a part-time employee, George Ramirez. Also Shayla Short a student from the high school has been hired part-time.

Public Works Supervisor Rodney Castleberry reported that they have been working on a few water leaks and several sewer calls around town. They will begin road repair when the weather gets warmer.

Economic Development Coordinator Kathy Keane provided Council with a written report. Brownfield Grant that we are doing on the property on the highway, sonar was inconclusive and TCEQ has hired a contractor to come in and do some trenching. They should be calling in the next 30 days to set up a time to come and do that. TCEQ does not believe they will find anything but they do need to confirm that. Family is coming, they have three different properties that they have been looking at, but all the data they have collected warrant them putting a store here. Also there have been rumors regarding LTS and White Wing leaving the community. They are not leaving; they are very loyal to our community. LTS actually needs to hire more people to work.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing to discuss the published finding of No Significant Impact(FONSI) associated with proposed Water & Wastewater System Improvements to be funded by USDA Rural Utilities Service (RUS). Sage Diller read the publication aloud.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS

Wendell Moody voiced concerns over Kathy Keane's employment future with the City of Eden. Also concerned about where we are on the new Water Treatment Plant.

REPORTS OF OTHER AGENCIES, COMMISSIONS & STAFF

Sheriff Doane-Absent

Jason Medders – Absent

Josh Berryhill-gave the eHT Engineering monthly report

CONSENT ITEMS

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

- A. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes, January, 2013.
- B. Approval of Financial Statement Month Ending January, 2013
- C. Approval of City of Eden Investment Report Month ending January 2013.
- D. Ordering of General Election for May 11, 2013
- E. Appointing Peter Chernick to the Beautification Committee

BUSINESS

Councilperson Hyles made a motion to approve Amendment to Engineering Professional Services Agreement for the USDA RD project seconded by Councilperson Gierisch, motion carried.

Councilmember Gierisch made a motion to approve Contract with Republic Services, seconded by Councilperson Hyles, motion carried.

Councilperson Hall made a motion to approve giving notice to Eden EMS Inc. to vacate Fire Station Building, seconded by Councilperson Gierisch, motion carried.

Councilperson Williams made a motion to approve sending a letter to inform the Eden EMS Inc., that they must start paying for City utilities, seconded by Councilperson Hall, motion carried.

Councilperson Williams made a motion to appoint Wendell Moody to fill vacancy on the Council until the May Election, seconded by Councilperson Gierisch, motion carried.

Councilperson Williams made a motion to authorize advance payments to Ameriway Construction (3 draws) for HOME project at 905 E. Broadway, seconded by Councilperson Hall, motion carried.

Update on Green Apple Project and Funding—Celina provided a spreadsheet on the breakdown of money spent on the Green Apple. We did get the San Angelo Area Foundation Grant for \$10,000 and Eden Economic Development Corporation-Façade Program for \$2,000. The weekend of March 9, 2013 is the first of the Market Days there at the Green Apple. The bathrooms have been delivered and installed and we will be building a ramp for them.

Councilperson Williams made a motion to name the new building out at Lee Pfluger Park, Roy Burnes Civic Center, seconded by Councilperson Hyles, motion carried

Councilperson Hall made a motion to purchase and install gas heaters for the Roy Burnes Civic Center and utilizing rental fees received thus far to fund the project, seconded by Councilperson Williams, motion carried

Councilperson Hyles made a motion to defer action on setting a date and time for a dedication/grand opening ceremony for the Roy Burnes Civic Center, seconded by Councilperson Hall, motion carried.

Councilperson Gierisch made a motion to approve authorizing City Administrator to designate an individual from current city staff, including herself, to clean the City Hall building after hours with pay, seconded by Councilperson Hyles, motion carried

Councilperson Hyles made a motion to approve the January 2013 bills, seconded by Councilperson Hall, motion carried

Councilperson Hyles made a motion to approve Spirit of Eden Fund Applications

- a. Electrical work at new Roy Burnes Civic Center Building
- b. Roof repair at warehouse building where Beautification Committee stores Christmas items.

Seconded by Councilperson Williams, motion carried

Personnel Matters relating to Economic Development Director Position, City Council went into executive session

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Eddy Markham

Celina Hemmeter, City Administrator