

City of Eden
Regular Session

The city council of the City of Eden met in regular session on Tuesday, August 13, 2013 in the council chambers of City Hall.

Mayor & City Council Members

Mayor Eddy Markham
Councilmember Shelley Hyles
Councilmember Eugene Spann
Councilmember Wendell Moody-*ABSENT*
Councilmember Jenifer Gierisch
Councilmember Grover Hall

City Staff/Appointed Officials

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

WORKSHOP

Parks and Recreation Manager Mike Turner provided Council with a written report. Mike said there was not a lot to report, it has been very hot, and very busy. They have had to mow a lot. The pumps are still working well. The swimming pool is running good.

Public Works Supervisor Rodney Castleberry-We are still using a lot of water right now. We have had a few water leaks around town to fix. Someone put several large rocks down a man hole at the Housing Authority. Public Works has hired two new employees; Matthew Damron and David Valdez.

Economic Development Coordinator Kathy Keane--**ABSENT**

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

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS

There were no citizen comments

REPORTS OF OTHER AGENCIES, COMMISSIONS & STAFF

Sage Diller with eHT gave an update on the Groundwater Well Project. Bids for the referenced project were opened on July 23, 2013. A total of two bids were received and the bid tabulation was sent to the City of Eden. Sage will discuss further later in the meeting when it comes up on an action item. Josh Berryhill stated that they had finished the design plans and specs for the water treatment plant and sent them to TCEQ. Last week we got preliminary review comments from TCEQ which is ahead of schedule. It is possible that we may be going out for bids in late September.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

- A. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes July 9, 2013.
- B. Approval of July 16, 2013 Special Called Meeting minutes
- C. Approval of July 22, 2013 Special Called Meeting minutes (Budget Public Hearing)
- D. Approval of Financial Statement Month ending July 2013.
- E. Approval of City of Eden Investment Report Month Ending July 2013.
- F. Approval of Budget Adjustments Month Ending July 2013.
- G. Approval of Transfer of Funds from General fund to Golf fund-\$73,000

BUSINESS

Sage Diller of eHT read aloud the engineering recommendation of award letter. Councilmember Spann made a motion to approve Business Item A. Award of the Groundwater Well Project funded by TWDB **Project No. 10416** to Leonard Water Well Services, Ltd., in the amount of \$1,591,053.25 seconded by Councilperson Gierisch, motion carried.

Councilperson Hyles made a motion to approve Business Item B. Execution of Work Order No. 7 to the General Services Agreement for Construction Phase Services (Well Project) with eHT, seconded by Councilperson Hall, motion carried.

Council discussed Business item C, USDA Rural Development letter of conditions. Celina informed council that the letter did not include any grant component and was all loan in the amount of \$4,347,000. This is in part due to the prison and how USDA calculated the users of the system. Celina suggested that a special meeting to discuss this project be called after the rate study is completed. The mayor has signed the paperwork with USDA locking in the funds and the City has two years to comply with the letter of conditions and utilize the funds. The rate study should be completed within a month.

Business item D, Setting the tax rate was discussed. Councilperson Hyles made a motion to set the tax rate at the Effective tax rate of .657543/100, seconded by Councilperson Hall, motion carried.

Did not have to take action on Business Item E. Take record vote and schedule public hearings (if proposed tax rate will exceed the rollback rate or the effective tax rate- whichever is lower)

Councilperson Hyles made a motion to approve Business item F. July 2013 Bills, seconded by Councilperson Spann, motion carried.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Eddy Markham

Celina Hemmeter, City Administrator