

City of Eden  
Regular Session

The city council of the City of Eden met in regular session on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 in the council chambers of City Hall.

**Mayor & City Council Members**

Mayor Eddy Markham

Councilmember Eugene Spann

Councilmember Jenifer Gierisch

Councilmember Shelley Hyles

Councilmember Wendell Moody

Councilmember Grover Hall

**City Staff/Appointed Officials**

City Administrator Celina Hemmeter

Court Clerk Lisa Evans - Absent

Utilities Clerk Esther Gryniewicz

Economic Development Coordinator Laura Bowden

Parks & Recreation Manager Mike Turner

Public Works Supervisor Rodney Castleberry

**WORKSHOP**

Mike Turner provided a written report and stated that everything was going well. They have been working on sprinkler heads and have power washed the pool. It looks like we won't have to paint the entire pool this year as it has just a few bad spots.

Rodney Castleberry reported that there had been several water leaks in the past month. They demolished and removed one trailer house for Code Enforcement on Molloy Street behind Jimmy Escamilla's house.

Laura Bowden reported that there will be a community dance and BBQ to honor Roy Burnes dedicating the Civic Center on May 9<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for volunteers and committee members to help with this event.

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

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

Sage Diller of eHT gave a report on the well project and the water treatment plant construction. Josh Berryhill will be the contact reporting on the WTP as it progresses. A camera was sent back down the new well to inspect the casing after the cement job was completed and all looked good. Another draw down test was done and it was 95 feet, well #1 is pumping 200 gallons with a draw down of 180 ft. Bacterial testing and pressure testing is being done on the lines and the well should be online within a couple of weeks. Sage is recommending that we not install a well enclosure at this time to save some additional monies. The budget item for the enclosure was high and he thinks that we may be able to get new enclosures for all three wells at a later time for a better price. At this time the project is at about \$55,000 under budget which we are going to ask Texas Water Development Board to roll over to the WTP project. He is also recommending that the city not fill in the pit which will also be a savings and it could be used at a later date to sell bulk water if the City wanted to. Councilperson Moody suggested that we think about that because of the liability.

There was not a representative from the Eden VFD or Eden EMS.

## **CONSENT ITEMS**

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

- A. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes, March, 2014
- B. Approval of Financial Statement Month Ending March 2014
- C. Approval of City of Eden Investment Report Month Ending March 2014

## **BUSINESS**

A discussion of Agenda item A- Municipal Judge Position to be named in May) was held. Two persons have sent letters of interest for the position: Scott Spoons and Kay Edwards. Celina gave a recap of the job description which would include working old cases and warrants and trying to close cases and generate revenue from old tickets. Any new cases will be strictly Code Enforcement violations and we have been holding off on several of issues until we have the new Judge in place. Celina stated that she has checked with TML and it is legal for an acting JP to hold the position of Municipal Judge. Celina called and spoke with a county that has this situation and it works well for them. Council spoke with Judge Spoons who was in attendance and he is willing to go to the required training and would request \$300 a month if the job is what has been presented to him. Kay Edwards will be called to attend the May meeting.

Councilperson Spann recused himself from Business Item B. Review and discussion of bids for the HOME program construction. A bid tabulation and analysis of bids was provided to Council. Celina stated that there were issues with two of the three bidders- they did not provide all of the documents requested in the RFP. The only qualified bidder was Brewer Built Homes, LLC. with a total bid of \$110,368 which includes base bid and alternates. Celina explained that the budget for each home is \$85,000 so most of the alternate items will not be afforded. Councilperson Hyles made a motion to reject the bids of S & T Custom Homes, Inc. and Ameriway Construction Company and disqualify them as incomplete because they failed to submit all the required documents to the City and to award the bid to Brewer Built Homes, LLC seconded by Councilperson Gierisch, motion carried.

Business item C. Resolution awarding bid for HOME program construction is not required for the grant- the minutes will suffice- there was no action.

Councilperson Hyles made a motion to approve Business item D. Authorizing Celina Hemmeter to act as the designated/authorized official for Texas Commission on the Arts grant applications, seconded by Councilperson Spann, motion carried.

Councilperson Hyles made a motion to approve Business item E. Adding Vincent Mullins to the employee water rate but to research the tax implications if any, seconded by Councilperson Spann, motion carried.

Councilperson Hyles made a motion to approve Business item F. Installation of a donation box at the Garden of Eden (Butterfly Garden) and all funds collected must be used specifically for the garden at the direction of the Beautification Committee, seconded by Councilperson Spann, motion carried.

Councilperson Hyles made a motion to approve Business item G. March 2014 bills seconded by Councilperson Hall, 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