

City of Eden  
Regular Session

The city council of the City of Eden met in regular session Tuesday December 13, 2016 in the council chambers of City Hall.

**Mayor & City Council Members**

Mayor Eddy Markham

Councilmember Victoria Ramirez- **ABSENT**

Councilmember Jenifer Gierisch

Mayor Pro Tem Eugene Spann

Councilmember Wade Ellison

Councilmember Grover Hall

**City Staff/Appointed Officials**

City Admin Celina Hemmeter

Court Clerk Lisa Evans

Utilities Clerk Esther Gryniewicz

Public Works Supervisor Rodney Castleberry

Parks & Recreation Manager Mike Turner

**WORKSHOP**

Mike Turner provided a written report to Council and reported that they are working on trimming trees and doing winter maintenance. Play has been down. Staff will be finishing up vacations for the end of the year.

Rodney reported one main water line break last month. The Water line project from Baygent Street on Hwy 87 is complete. This improvement did not increase the pressure at the end of the line as we had hoped. There was at least one line in that area that we weren't aware of and we are working on digging up and researching how all the lines are tied together.

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

**PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS**

None

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

None

**CONSENT ITEMS**

Councilperson Hall made a motion to approve the consent items A-C Councilperson Ellison seconded, motion carried.

- A. Approval of November 9, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval of Financial Statement Month Ending November 2016
- C. Approval of City of Eden Investment Report Month Ending November 2016

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

Councilperson Spann made a motion to defer action on Business Item A. West Texas Gas Franchise Agreement, seconded by Councilperson Gierisch, motion carried.

Councilperson Spann made a motion to approve Business Item B. Resolution for Procurement of engineering services associated with the 2017/2018 Community Development Block Grant Program Fund for engineering services necessary to carry out an eligible activity project. The City will enter into a contract with EHT Engineering, the contract will be contingent upon receiving grant funds from the Texas Department of Agriculture, seconded by Council person Gierisch, motion carried.

Councilperson Spann made a motion to approve Business Item C. Resolution for Procurement of professional services associated with the 2017/2018 Community Development Block Grant Program Fund to include preparation of the application and grant management necessary to carry out an eligible activity project. The City will enter into a contract with A & J Howco Services, Inc. contingent upon receiving grant funds from the Texas Department of Agriculture. Motion was seconded by Councilperson Gierisch, motion carried.

Councilperson Gierisch made a motion to approve Business Item D. Dispersal of budgeted one time annual merit increases, seconded by Councilperson Spann, motion carried.

Councilperson Ellison made a motion to approve Business Item E. November 2016 bills, seconded by Councilperson Hall, motion carried.

Council Discussed Business Item F. Economic Development Coordinator Position and considerations regarding funding in open session. Cam Kleibrink, EEDC President was also involved in the discussion. Councilperson Spann voiced concern that the Council is in the dark when it comes to this position and requested that information be provided showing the benefit of this position. Councilperson Gierisch brought up that now is the time to consider this position in regards to the City Budget. Mayor Markham stated that he believes there is benefit to having this position. This item will be placed on a future agenda for a vote.

Council Discussed Business Item G. Sewer Plant Personnel and issues with high CBOD levels. Celina informed Council that Cody Scott had resigned from the City Wastewater Plant. Rodney is licensed in sewer as well as water so the City has a licensed operator but we need to look at hiring a replacement. It was suggested that an ad be placed in the paper as well as consider hiring from within. Celina and Rodney also explained that we have had an ongoing problem and have entered into an agreed Order with TCEQ for high CBOD levels. Celina suggested that the City bring in assistance from eHT (Dave Baker) to help train the new wastewater staff as well as to help diagnose the CBOD problems. The City was awarded a SEP agreement in lieu of a fine from TCEQ but we only have a certain amount of time to correct the problem. Celina will make arrangements for the training with eHT if it isn't cost prohibitive.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor Markham

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Celina Hemmeter, City Administrator