

City of Eden
Regular Session

The city council of the City of Eden met in regular session Tuesday April 11, 2017 in the council chambers of City Hall.

Mayor & City Council Members

Mayor Eddy Markham
Councilmember Victoria Ramirez
Councilmember Jenifer Gierisch

Mayor Pro Tem Eugene Spann
Councilmember Wade Ellison
Councilmember Grover Hall

City Staff/Appointed Officials

City Admin Celina Hemmeter Public Works Supervisor Rodney Castleberry
Court Clerk Lisa Evans Parks & Recreation Manager Mike Turner
Utilities Clerk Esther Gryniewicz-**Absent**

WORKSHOP

Rodney reported that they completed the installation of the replacement line on HWY 87; it now has 60 pounds of pressure at the end. Staff has torn down the old barn next to the Concho Feed Mill.

Mike Turner reported that he wanted to get the greens aerated before May. They have someone coming in that is going to paint dolphins on the bottom of the pool at no charge to the City. The golf course also has a few tournaments planned.

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

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS

Shelley Hyles voiced her concerns regarding the closing of the prison.

REPORTS OF OTHER AGENCIES, COMMISSIONS & STAFF

None

CONSENT ITEMS

Councilperson Ellison made a motion to approve the consent items A thru E, Councilperson Spann seconded, motion carried.

- A. Approval of February 14, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval of March 14, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes
- C. Approval of Special Called Meeting Minutes March 13, 2017
- D. Approval of Financial Statement Month Ending March 2017
- E. Approval of City of Eden Investment Report Month Ending March 2017

BUSINESS ITEMS

Councilperson Ellison made a motion to approve Business Item A. Consider and act upon the City of Eden's continued participation in funding an Economic Development Coordinator position sharing salary, benefits and budgetary expenses with the Eden Economic Development Corporation and the Spirit of Eden Fund for the remainder of the 2016-2017 budget year and continued participation for the 2017-2018 budget year (one year commitment) with possible funding from the Economic Development Corporation in helping with the Cities portion of the Salary, seconded by Councilperson Spann, motion carried.

Craig Pfluger gave a report regarding the Eden Detention Center. We hired Lobbyist Mario Castillo from Washington D.C.; he has been working very hard for the City of

Eden. Mario is in constant contact with Celina and Craig; getting them in touch with the right people in Washington and our representatives here in Texas. Celina and Craig will be flying to Washington D. C. next week and will be meeting with several people that can help and possible offer solutions for our town.

Council set April 18, 2017 at 5pm for a budget meeting regarding budgetary cuts and or increase in water/sewer rates to make up the loss of revenue from the Eden Detention Center closure.

Councilperson Gierisch made a motion to approve Business Item E. Approval of engagement letter with Merritt, McLane & Hamby for auditing services in the amount of \$12,500.00, seconded by Council person Ellison, motion carried.

Councilperson Hall made a motion to approve Business Item F. March 2017 bills, seconded by Councilperson Spann, motion carried.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Markham

Celina Hemmeter, City Administrator