

City of Eden
Special Called Meeting

The city council of the City of Eden met in Special session on Tuesday April 18, 2017 at 5:00 pm in the council chambers of City Hall.

Mayor & City Council Members

Mayor Eddy Markham	Councilmember Wade Ellison
Mayor Pro Tem Eugene Spann	Councilmember Grover Hall
Councilmember Jenifer Gierisch	Councilmember Victoria Ramirez - ABSENT

City Staff/Appointed Officials

City Administrator Celina Hemmeter
Public Works Supervisor Rodney Castleberry
Parks & Recreation Manager Mike Turner

BUSINESS

Mayor Markham called the meeting to order at 5:10.

Mayor Markham informed Council that there would be a need to revise the budget to make up for an approximate \$95,000 budget shortfall to get us through the end of this fiscal year of July 31, 2017. The loss of revenue at the detention center is the cause of the deficit.

Mr. Steve Wood approached Council regarding the water line work on Highway 87. Rodney informed Council that the line has been replaced except for the newer PVC line going through the Gierisch property. Mr. Wood said that Councilperson Gierisch had been to his home and had witnessed continued low pressure issues especially when the neighbors down the line are using water. Mr. Wood asked that the PVC line which is 1" be replaced with the 2" line. It was decided that staff would replace the 1" PVC to make a continuous 2" line starting at the 4" line, previously installed by Darnell construction, and ending at Mr. Wood's meter.

Celina had prepared for Council a projected budget which included budget adjustments for projected year-end balances. There was discussion regarding various additional budget cuts needed, increase in water rates and use of reserve funds to amend the budget.

The following cuts were approved in addition to the already projected adjustments:

- Professional Fees Engineer (2,800)
- Professional Fees Legal (1,274)
- Swimming Pool Expense (5,617)
- Swimming Pool Salary (5,797)
- Golf Equipment Reserve (2,586)
- Beautification Committee (636)
- Golf Fertilizer Expense (1,500)
- Total (20,210)

There are approximately 525 water accounts/connections with a minimum base charge. It was decided that \$20 would be added to each base charge for the next four months which would result in approximately \$42,000 in additional revenue.

It was decided that the Golf Course Equipment Reserve Fund would be utilized for the difference. Current balance of GC Reserve fund is \$34,500.

Councilperson Ellison made a motion to implement the above budgetary cuts which include use of reserve funds and increase in water rates to make up for the loss of revenue from the Eden Detention Center Closure, seconded by Councilperson Hall, motion carried.

Councilperson Gierisch made a motion to approve the budget adjustments prepared on the spreadsheet for the projected year end budget seconded by Councilperson Spann, motion carried.

Councilperson Hall made a motion to approve the Ordinance to increase water rates which would increase base rates by \$20 for each account for the next 4 billing periods beginning with April 2017, seconded by Councilperson Spann, motion carried.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Eddy Markham

Celina Hemmeter, City Administrator