

City of Eden  
Regular Session

The City Council of the City of Eden met in regular session Tuesday March 12, 2019 in the council chambers of City Hall.

**Mayor & City Council Members**

Mayor Agapito Torres  
Councilmember Wade Ellison  
Councilmember Luz Saavedra

Mayor Pro-Tem Eugene Spann  
Councilmember Grover Hall  
Council Member Jeffrey Bunger

**City Staff/Appointed Officials**

City Admin Celina Hemmeter  
Public Works Supervisor Rodney Castleberry  
Court Clerk Lisa Evans - ABSENT

**WORKSHOP**

Public Works Supervisor Rodney Castleberry gave Council a report stating that they have been busy and short-handed with illness and the flu going around. They have been working on spraying weeds around city properties, hauling waste dirt from city shop area, and several water leaks. Well #2 is still out of service and we are waiting on a pulling unit to put it back in the hole. The maintainer and forklift were picked up by Mr. Dodds who purchased them through sealed bid.

Mayor Torres called the Council Meeting to order and Councilperson Ellison gave the Invocation.

Mayor Torres swore in newly appointed Council Member Jeffery Bunger

**PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS**

None

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

None

**CONSENT ITEMS**

Councilperson Spann made a motion to approve Consent items A thru C, seconded by Councilperson Ellison, motion carried.

- A. Approval of February 12, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes.
- B. Approval of Financial Statement Month Ending February 2019
- C. Approval of City of Eden Investment Report Month Ending February 2019

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

Councilperson Ellison made a motion to approve Item A. Livestock permit for Dorothy Barnett of 1101 E. Broadway for 20 weaned lambs, seconded by Councilperson Bunger, motion carried.

Councilperson Ellison made a motion to approve business item B. Letter of Engagement for Bond Counsel Services with Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, seconded by Councilperson Spann, motion carried.

There was discussion and clarification made by Celina and City Attorney Betty regarding Business item C. Discussion regarding short term financing for the USDA pre-construction costs. Because of the Texas Constitution and laws regarding cities borrowing monies as well as the extraordinary costs involved to proceed with additional bond issuances to fund the preconstruction engineering fees, approximately \$300,000, it was recommended that the City utilize existing fund balance that will be reimbursed when the USDA loan closes. If the City has a disaster or other crisis during this time, there are other funding mechanisms that could be sought. Celina suggested that a separate bank account be set up for funds to be deposited into and for invoices to be paid out of so it will be easily monitored. The entire amount will not be needed up front as invoices will be paid out over the next 18 months. Celina will have the bank account prepared for the next Council meeting for approval.

Councilperson Spann made a motion to approve business item D. February 2019 bills, seconded by Councilperson Hall, motion carried

Council adjourned into Executive Session at 8:16 p.m. as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.071- Consultation with Attorney. Council returned to regular session at 8:45 p.m.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor Torres

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Celina Hemmeter, City Administrator