

City of Eden  
Regular Session

The City Council of the City of Eden met in regular session Tuesday, November 10, 2020 in the council chambers of City Hall.

**Mayor & City Council Members**

Mayor Agapito Torres

Councilperson Wade Ellison

Councilperson Luz Saavedra - **Absent**

Councilperson Jennifer Martinez

Councilperson Grover Hall

Mayor Pro Tem Eddy Markham

**City Staff/Appointed Officials**

City Secretary/Admin Laura Beeson

Public Works Supervisor Ronnie Winans

**WORKSHOP**

Ronnie Winans, Public Works Supervisor, provided his monthly report. Public works mowed, weed-eated and patched potholes. They cleaned out the drainage ditch from Jay Street to Daniels Street to the pond. They fixed water leaks on Blanchard Street, two on Eaker Street, by the Laundry Mat, on Hwy 87 East, on Dail Street, and on Maddox Street. They pumped out the chlorine contact chamber room, pulled the pumps at the sewer plant on SBR and lift stations and removed the trash. They hauled off brush from the Garden of Eden, greased the backhoe and bobcat, and greased all fittings and changed the belts at the cooling tower. They dug a ditch for the electrical lines at the square, cleaned up the shop at the water plant, read meters, took water and sewer samples, and had a number of animal control calls.

City Secretary/Administrator Laura Beeson provided a monthly update. Work has now been completed on the CDBG Project. We have the Final Completion and Project Acceptance on tonight's agenda. Roberts Construction completed "as built" drawings, and final payments will be sent once the project has been accepted as completed. The City will also pay out the accepted overage of \$12,985. Repairs to the Sewer Plant have been completed. We did have a TCEQ inspection at the Sewer Plant in the middle of the repairs, and there were a number of items that need to be fixed. These have all been remedied, but we will receive formal notifications from TCEQ in regards to the violations. On the USDA Contract, Todd Powell indicated that we should hear back from Rural Development this week on the contract modifications. Sage completed portions of the design work to speed up the process. Bids are expected to go out in the December or January timeframe. Electrician Lynn Smith is working to fix the electricity in the square this month. We are working to get out a new Utility Ordinance coming soon, and Richard and I are working on updating the Zoning Ordinance, city-owned property map, and new zoning map. We filled our opening for a transit site (dump) worker, and we are working to get the repairs done on our front-loader. COVID has hit our staff hard, as we have many public works employees out and quarantined, leaving our staff sorely short-handed.

**INVOCATION**

Councilperson Markham provided the invocation.

### **PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS**

None.

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

Craig Pfluger, Eden Economic Development, presented a proposal from Found Media. Pictures will be needed for the brochure. City staff and Craig have identified and agreed upon a location for the new digital sign. There has been some interest in building new homes in town. Mexico City Café is almost complete and ready to open, and there is additional EDC funding available for low interest loans.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

Councilperson Ellison made a motion to approve Consent Items A, B, C, and D, seconded by Councilperson Markham. Motion carried.

- A. Approval of October 13, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval of October 20, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes
- C. Approval of Financial Statement Month Ending October 2020
- D. Approval of City of Eden Investment Report Month Ending October 2020

### **BUSINESS ITEMS**

Craig Pfluger further discussed the proposal from Found Media for \$1450 per month for 6 months, with the city and Economic Development sharing the costs. The proposal includes a branding package, a billboard design, 12 designs for the digital sign and ongoing sign support, a 3 to 4 page brochure, 12 street banner designs, and updates to the Chamber and Economic Development websites. There will be some additional costs incurred for the billboard and banners, the cost of which would also be split with the city. Motion made by Councilperson Ellison to approve Business Item A, the Found Media Marketing Proposal for \$1450 per month for 6 months, with the City splitting the costs with Economic Development. Motion seconded by Councilperson Markham. Motion carried.

- A. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Found Media Marketing Proposal
- B. Discussion and Possible Action to approve location of new digital sign
- C. Discussion and Possible Action to approve the Final Project Acceptance and Release of Final Retainage to the Construction Contract with Roberts Construction for the TXCDBG (#7219129) Water Line Replacement Project, Contingent Upon Agency Concurrence
- D. Discussion and Possible Action regarding an update to City of Eden cemetery records
- E. Discussion and Possible Action regarding city-owned property located at 316 N. Main, Eden, TX, for possible use by the Eden CISD.
- F. October 2019 bills.

The agreed upon location of the new digital sign along Hwy 83 in front of the gazebo at the square was discussed. Councilperson Markham made a motion to approve Business Item B, location of the digital sign along Hwy 83 in front of the square, and seconded by Councilperson Ellison. Motion carried.

Council discussed the CDBG project completion, and Public Works Supervisor Ronnie Winans noted that the work has been completed satisfactorily by Roberts Construction. Motion to approve Business Item C, the Final Project Acceptance and Release of Final Retainage to the Construction Contract with Roberts Construction for the TXCDBG (#7219129) Water Line Replacement Project, was made by Councilperson Markham and seconded by Councilperson Hall. Motion carried 4-0.

Citizens Ivy Spiller, Phyllis Ellison, and Esther Gryniwicz, all discussed the need to update the city's cemetery records. A pavilion type area with a protected map of the cemetery and location of individual gravesites, such as the one in Paint Rock was discussed, along with the need to update records. Utility Clerk Barbie Watkins discussed some possible software systems that provide this service along with mapping services. Additionally, plaques for those cremated, and an area to commemorate this population was also discussed. No action was taken.

Business Item E, City-owned property located at 316 N. Main, was discussed for possible use by the Eden CISD. The building located on this property does have asbestos, and there will be a considerable cost to conduct the asbestos abatement. A question regarding whether the city could donate the property was raised, and City Administrator Laura Beeson will obtain an answer from the City Attorney. School personnel Shan Click and Misty Gandy discussed the possible use of this location for traffic flow around the new school. By consensus, Council deferred action until more information could be obtained from our City Attorney.

Councilperson Markham made a motion to approve Business Item F, the October 2020 bills, seconded by Councilperson Ellison. Motion carried.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Agapito Torres, Mayor

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Laura Beeson, City Administrator