

City of Eden  
Regular Session

The City Council of the City of Eden met in regular session Tuesday November 13, 2018 in the council chambers of City Hall.

**Mayor & City Council Members**

Mayor Agapito Torres  
Councilmember Wade Ellison  
Councilmember Jenifer Gierisch

Mayor Pro-Tem Eugene Spann  
Councilmember Luz Saavedra  
Councilmember Grover Hall

**City Staff/Appointed Officials**

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

**WORKSHOP**

Public Works Supervisor Rodney Castleberry told council that they have been doing a lot of weed eating and mowing of the cemetery. TCEQ's inspection of the wastewater treatment plant went well, no problems reported other than an air gap is needed at the infill point at the swimming pool. The new line on Merino Row has two more water samples that need to be taken before it can be put on line. There have also been several water leaks around town, Barnett Street, Green Street and behind the Fitness Center.

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

**PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS**

None

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

Michael Hamby presented the Annual Audit Report to Council and said the Audit was a good clean audit with no findings.

Craig Pfluger-Econ Dev.-**Absent**

eHT Engineering-Sage Diller and Todd Powell with USDA explained the USDA Rural Development Project the City was awarded. There will be a grant component of about 60% as well as a loan portion. The City will need to work with Communities Unlimited to do a rate study. The rate study will determine what the rates will need to be set at to repay the loan. There is also a way to repay the loan through taxes in conjunction with a rate increase. The amount of the letter of conditions is total project \$6,645,000 with a loan amount of \$2,768,000 and grants totaling \$3,877,000. If the City scales back the project, the grant portion would be decreased first. Mr. Powell will meet with the Mayor to go over paperwork and to sign a letter of intent to meet conditions if Council so approves. This will not hold the City liable for the funds but it will allow USDA to set the funds aside.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

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

- A. Approval of October 9, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes.
- B. Approval of October 18, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes.
- C. Approval of Financial Statement Month Ending October 2018
- D. Approval of City of Eden Investment Report Month Ending October 2018

### **BUSINESS ITEMS**

Council did not have any further discussion regarding Business Item A. Discuss the USDA Letter of Conditions for the City's water and sewer project, project scope and possible financing options available.

Councilperson Hall made a motion to approve Business Item B. Approval for Mayor to receive and review required paperwork for the letter of Conditions and sign obligation paperwork for USDA water and sewer project, seconded by Councilperson Ellison, motion carried.

Councilperson Hall made a motion to approve Item C. Citizen Participation Plan for CDBG Program, seconded by Councilperson Spann, motion carried.

Councilperson Gierisch made a motion to approve business item D. Citizen Participation Plan Complaint System for the CDBG Program, seconded by Councilperson Saavedra, motion carried.

Councilperson Gierisch made a motion to defer action on business item E. Firearms/Hunting Ordinance, seconded by Councilperson Spann, motion carried.

Councilperson Spann made a motion to defer business item F. Approval of proposed changes to the personnel policy, seconded by Councilperson Gierisch, motion carried.

Councilperson Hall made a motion to defer business item G. Contract with Melody's Southwest Consortium for Drug Testing Program, seconded by Councilperson Ellison, motion carried.

Councilperson Ellison made a motion to approve business Item H. Adoption of Procedures for placing an item on the Agenda, seconded by Councilperson Gierisch, motion carried.

Councilperson Hall made a motion to defer business Item I. AEP easement for transmission facilities, seconded by Councilperson Spann, motion carried.

Councilperson Ellison made a motion to approve business Item J. Agreement to participate in the Senior Companion Program of the Concho Valley, seconded by Councilperson Gierisch, motion carried.

Councilperson Hall made a motion to approve Business Item K. Moving the Environmental fee into the Base Rate for water charges, seconded by Councilperson Saavedra, motion carried.

Councilperson Spann made a motion to defer Business Item L. AEP golf passes, seconded by Councilperson Ellison, motion carried.

Councilperson Saavedra made a motion to approve Business Item M. Changing the dates of the December and January Meetings to the second Mondays in those months to enable support of the Basketball Teams at Eden CISD, seconded by Councilperson Spann, motion carried.

Councilperson Hall made a motion to approve Business Item N. October Bills, seconded by Councilperson Spann, motion carried.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor Torres

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Celina Hemmeter, City Administrator