

City of Eden
Regular Session

The City Council of the City of Eden met in regular session Tuesday, May 18, 2021 in the council chambers of City Hall.

Mayor & City Council Members

Mayor Agapito Torres
Councilperson Don "Butch" Williams
Councilperson Luz Saavedra

Councilperson Jennifer Martinez
Councilperson Angela Quiroz-Regalado
Mayor Pro Tem Eddy Markham-**Absent**

City Staff/Appointed Officials

City Secretary/Admin Laura Beeson
Public Works Field Supervisor Todd Welch

QUALIFY NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

City Administrator Laura Beeson then administered the Oath of Office to the newly-seated Councilmembers: Grover Hall, Luz Saavedra and Jennifer Martinez. A Certificate of Election was issued, and all newly-seated members completed a Statement of Officer. The meeting continued with the newly-seated members.

WORKSHOP

Todd Welch provided a monthly report for Public Works. Public Works employees performed daily monitoring and maintenance of the water plant maintaining filters, a healthy residual, good flow rates, and maximum water storage levels. The sewer plant was also maintained on a daily basis including preventative maintenance on pumps at the SBR, lift stations, and sludge bins. Lift stations were also cleaned out to avoid damage to our pumps. There were three water leaks: Hwy 87 East, West Bryan Street, and Hwy 83 North. The city crew also hauled off numerous loads of illegally dumped mulch from behind the Butterfly Garden, patched roads, and completed some cosmetic repairs to City Hall. Staff also responded to 23 animal control calls.

City Secretary/Administrator Laura Beeson provided a monthly update. USDA documents were submitted for TCEQ approval on March 26th, and we are awaiting TCEQ approval. Bids are expected to be up for consideration around mid-July, with a closing date around the first week in August. The overflow of the sludge bins and resulting sludge spillage last month was found to be due to wiring in the electrical system at the Sewer Plant being bypassed by the electrician causing the SCADA system alarms not to function or send out the proper alarms. A new electrician, K&K Electric out of Cisco, TX, was contacted to make the necessary repairs. The open Public Works position was filled, as was the Pool Manager and Lifeguard positions. We plan to open the Swimming Pool on May 29, 2021. We will set a schedule for Long-Term Planning and Budgeting Sessions tonight. The City Office will be closed this Wednesday 5/19/21 from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM, so staff can attend the funeral. The City Office will also be closed this Friday 5/21/21 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM for an incident debriefing session with staff counselors.

INVOCATION

EEDC Coordinator Craig Pfluger provided the invocation.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS

Citizen Sarah Burnes expressed concern regarding the condition of the cemetery, and questioned who had the cemetery mowing contract. Burnes noted that the cemetery needs to be better taken care of, and she questioned what is allowed at the cemetery. Citizen Becky Grupe also asked about cemetery hours, as well as, which grave adornments are allowed. Mayor Torres suggested that both visit the City Office staff who are available during working hours to assist with these questions and provide the information and/or documentation requested.

REPORTS OF OTHER AGENCIES, COMMISSIONS & STAFF

Economic Development Director Craig Pfluger provided a monthly report. The City is currently in the process of selling the Industrial Park property to EEDC, and EEDC is also working with a new business looking to buy several of these Industrial Park tracts. EEDC approved a grant to the child care facility, and they will hold a meeting on Monday for public comment. This grant of \$1,000/month for 12 months is to help the child care facility to find a permanent Director. The digital sign has been installed and Pfluger is learning how to operate it. The digital resolution of the sign is not as good as anticipated, but is still good overall. Pfluger is working to gather content and to develop a content policy possibly allowing for business advertisements. Pfluger presented two possible logo designs and a tagline developed through the work with Found Media. Pfluger noted that he had received a new contact inquiring about new lodging offerings. He is seeing an uptick in interest in Eden. There is a renewed interest in small towns and rural communities due to the less expensive cost of living in these areas. The new business interested in the Industrial Park tracts liked Eden for the primary reason of location and the intersection of two major highways.

CONSENT ITEMS

Councilperson Williams made a motion to approve Consent Items A through H, seconded by Councilperson Regalado. Motion carried 5-0.

- A. Approval of March 9, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval of March 31, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes
- C. Approval of April 5, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes
- D. Approval of April 13, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes
- E. Approval of April 13, 2021 Executive Session Minutes
- F. Approval of April 29, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes
- G. Approval of Financial Statement Month Ending April 2021
- H. Approval of City of Eden Investment Report Month Ending April 2021

BUSINESS ITEMS

Motion to appoint Councilperson Angela Regalado as Mayor Pro Tem, Business Item A, seconded by Councilperson Martinez. Motion carried 5-0.

Craig Pfluger presented Business Item C, the new logo and tagline design, and provided Council with two options. It is recommended to change and refresh logos and taglines about every 5 years to continue to create interest. Questions such as what would make someone stop and shop in Eden, what kind of person are we trying to attract, were all considered when developing the new logo and tagline. The blue and green colors are representative of the community itself. A vote was taken and there was 1 vote for design A, and 4 votes for design B (showing the roads from start to finish from North to South and West to East).

Council discussed Business Item D, a Memorandum of Understanding with Jeff Vogelpohl for Information Technology services. Due to computer installation updates needed this next year, as well as, the development and placement of the new sign content, additional IT hours will be necessary. Instead of an hourly rate, Vogelpohl provided different options of a monthly retainer, and subsequent hourly rates. Motion to approve Business Item D and authorize the Mayor to sign, a Memorandum of Understanding with Jeff Vogelpohl for Information Technology Infrastructure services at a monthly rate of \$375 for 8 hours with each additional hour to be charged at \$25, was approved by Councilperson Hall, and seconded by Councilperson Williams. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilperson Williams approved Business Item E, A Resolution Nominating Councilperson Grover Hall as Appraisal District Board Member, seconded by Councilperson Martinez. Motion carried 5-0.

Council discussed Business Item F, a Resolution Creating an Eden Cemetery Committee, and the purpose of this committee. Motion to approve Business Item F, A Resolution Creating an Eden Cemetery Committee was made by Councilperson Williams, and seconded by Councilmember Regalado. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilperson Williams made a motion to adopt a Resolution Approving and Authorizing Publication and Posting of Notice of Intention to Issue Certificates of Obligation and Matters Related Thereto, Business Item G, seconded by Councilperson Regalado. Motion carried 5-0.

Council discussed the information gathered by Code Enforcement Officer Richard Doane for the City of Eden Health and Safety Ordinance test property, Business Item H. This information is helpful in determining the costs of cleaning up properties and developing the costs and fee schedule to charge for services in order to recoup some of these costs. No action was taken.

Business Item I, is an updated Fee Schedule which includes the new Health and Safety Fees. Additionally, it corrects the costs of Swimming Pool Parties to \$75. Motion to pass Business Item I, First Reading of an updated Fee Schedule Ordinance Adopting Fees, Rentals, Licenses, and Permits for the City of Eden, Texas; Designating and Effective Date; and Repealing Prior Ordinances in Conflict Herewith, and move it to the

2nd reading and adoption, was made by Councilperson Martinez, and seconded by Councilperson Hall. Motion carried 5-0.

Council discussed dates for Long-Term Planning and Budgeting sessions, Business Item J, and directed City Administrator to set dates and bring back to Council at the next meeting.

Motion to approve Business Item K, April 2021 bills, was made by Councilperson Hall, and seconded by Councilperson Regalado. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion to approve Business Item B, a Proclamation Proclaiming May 10, 2021, as Stephen Jones and Samuel Leonard Day was made by Councilperson Hall, and seconded by Councilperson Martinez. Motion carried 5-0. Mayor Torres then read the Proclamation aloud and proclaimed May 10, 2021 as Stephen Jones and Samuel Leonard Day. Framed Proclamations will be sent the officers' families and to the Concho County Sheriff's Office.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Agapito Torres, Mayor

Laura Beeson, City Administrator