

City of Eden  
Regular Session

The city council of the City of Eden met in regular session on Tuesday, November 8, 2011 in the council chambers of City Hall.

**Mayor & City Council Members**

Mayor Eugene Spann  
Councilmember Eddy Markham  
Councilmember Butch Williams  
Councilmember Jenifer Gierisch  
Councilmember Shelley Hyles  
Councilmember Russell Roberts

**City Staff/Appointed Officials**

City Administrator Celina Hemmeter  
Code Enforcement Ricky Thomas  
Parks & Recreation Manager Mike Turner  
Public Works Supervisor Rodney Castleberry  
Economic Development Coordinator Kathy Keane  
Sewer Plant - Tommy Wright **Absent**

Court Clerk Lisa Evans  
Utilities Clerk Esther Gryniewicz

**WORKSHOP**

Public Works Supervisor Rodney Castleberry reported several water leaks sometimes up to two a day. Well number one is up and running again but it is pumping erratically there is something wrong.

Parks and Recreation Manager Mike Turner provided Council with a written report. Things have slowed down at the course. The Certified Pool Operators class was cancelled because he was the only one who signed up to get the license. Everyone at the golf course is starting to take their vacations. Mike did not put sod on the tee boxes because it has been so dry.

Economic Development Coordinator Kathy Keane provided Council with a written report. Everything is going well with the Foster building; we have bids out for the heating and cooling. The bids should be in on Monday and a decision will be made. The electrician is almost done with the electrical work. Kathy thanked Ricky Thomas for the use of his tractor in the cleaning of the building, and Rodney and his crew for working on the water lines. There are a couple of businesses are interested in moving into the business incubator building when LTS moves out. There are a couple of projects Kathy is working on one is a restaurant and a manufacturing business that want to get started. It looks like Concho Valley is not qualified as a hub zone since 2000. Camouflage Cotillion and Christmas on the Square are up coming events.

Code Enforcement, Ricky Thomas provided council with a written report. Ricky reported that he has been overrun by animal control calls, lots of cats, raccoons and skunks. The Vancourt Animal Rescue is full and not taking anymore animals. Ricky is working on getting someone on the Consortium Board so that we can take animals to the Humane Society in San Angelo.

Mayor Spann brought up that the National Weather Service issued a tornado warning last night and since the Sheriff's Office moved out of the old building the siren did not go

off. Councilperson Hyles mentioned that we might want to look into getting a system like San Angelo has in place, she thinks it is called Nixel. Mayor Spann said everyone needs to get in their employee evaluations by next Council meeting.

Mayor Spann called the Council Meeting to order, Eddy Markham gave the Invocation.

### **CITIZENS PARTICIPATION**

No citizens participation

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

Keith Kindle with EHT provided council with a written report. The existing condition section of the EID has been prepared. The alternatives, recommended alternative and the environmental impacts assessment are pending the completion of the preliminary engineering design for the well and WTP. Keith did report that with the completion of the final grant agreement, the total project cost of \$4,675,000 will be fully funded. November 25, 2011(tentative) – Anticipated date for submittal of the EFR Report to the City. January 18, 2012(tentative) – Anticipated date for final WTP drawings review meeting with the City.

Sheriff Doane-**Absent**

Fire Chief Jason Medders- The fire department assisted with the wreck out in Runnels County. He has been working with Kathy Keane on some Grants. The Fire Department received a \$1,000 from the wild fires.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

Councilperson Hyles made a motion to approve consent items A thru C seconded by Councilperson Roberts, motion carried.

- A. Approval of October 19, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes.
- B. Approval of Financial Statement Month Ending October 2011.
- C. Approval of City of Eden Investment Report Month Ending October 2011

### **BUSINESS**

Councilperson Hyles made a motion to approve business item A. October 2011 bills, seconded by Councilperson Williams, motion carried.

Councilperson Hyles made a motion to approve business item B. Budget adjustments for October 2011, seconded by Councilperson Williams, motion carried.

Councilperson Markham made a motion to approve business item C. 40 hours Compensation of Public Works Supervisor for overtime hours as a result of water leaks, seconded by Councilperson Williams, motion carried.

Code Enforcement, Ricky Thomas gave a written report on his findings at 502 Barnett Street. The building is a dangerous structure and he has sent the owners a letter stating they have 30 days to complete the corrective action, to bring the property back into compliance.

Councilperson Hyles made a motion to approve business item E. Ordering of Ordinance Compliance in Case No. 2011-1 of the Dangerous Building or Structure Ordinance via Option #1 as detailed in the DBSO VII (F), seconded by Councilperson Markham, motion carried.

Councilperson Hyles made a motion to approve business item F. City Council to preside at the public hearing for Case No. 2011-1 of the DBSO, seconded by Councilperson Roberts, motion carried.

Councilperson Hyles made a motion to approve business item G. Livestock Permit for 816 Duke Street, seconded by Councilperson Markham, motion carried.

Councilperson Williams made a motion to deny business item H. Livestock Permit for 720 Duke Street, they never turned in the proper paperwork, seconded by Councilperson Markham, motion carried.

Councilperson Hyles made a motion to approve business item I. Assignment of votes to be split between Ricky Thomas and Ben McCulloch for Concho County Appraisal District Board of Directors, seconded by Councilperson Gierisch, motion carried.

Business Item J. Discussion regarding formation of committee, committee members and committee chairperson to research the pros and cons of annexation, alternatives to annexation and water rate restrictions for ETJ as well as other relevant issues related to possible annexation. Daniel Lange has showed interest in joining the committee. Councilperson Gierisch said she wants this committee to be a fact finding committee and not just opinions. The Council made suggestions for different people to serve on the committee, like Steve Woods, Lisa Evans, Linda Markham, David Duwe, Jenifer Gierisch, Tony Aguilar, Russell Roberts, and Pete Torres. Council said we need 2 people from Council, 2 people who live outside the city limits and 2 that live inside the city limits.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor Eugene Spann

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Celina Hemmeter, City Administrator