



SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, September 25, 2023, at 6:00 PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 120 Paint Rock Street, Eden, TX
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MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor and Council Members

Mayor Agapito Torres
Mayor Pro Tem Jennifer Martinez
Council Member Renae Rodgers
Council Member Grover Hall
Council Member Randy Dunaway

Absent

Council Member Bradley Gandy

Staff

Priscilla Aguirre, City Secretary/Administrator
Barbi Watkins, Assistant to City Administrator
Lisa Torrez, Court Clerk

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council for the City of Eden has the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any matter as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices, and 551.086 (Economic Development).

- A. Discussion and possible action regarding the City of Eden, City Attorney's contract

Council went into executive session at 6 p.m. under Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).

Council returned to regular session at 6:09 p.m.

3. CONSENT ITEMS

The following items may be acted upon in one motion. No separate discussion or action is necessary unless requested by a Council Member, in which event those items will be pulled from the consent agenda for separate consideration.

4. BUSINESS

Consideration and Possible Action On:

- A. Discussion, possible action, regarding Bojorquez Law firm's potential engagement of legal services letter for City of Eden City attorney or interim City Attorney services.

Discussion on a law firm for City Attorney for City of Eden. Priscilla recommended Bojorguez Law firm, who provides us with our law books. Bojorguez will assign three attorneys to the City of Eden and additional staff if necessary. Priscilla agreed to continue looking for a permanent law firm. The Mayor wants attorneys that will go to bat for The City of Eden and get things done. Charges for the firm are based on our needs. Bojorguez will request the files from our current city attorney.

Motion made to hire Bojorguez Law Firm as the interim city attorney.

Motion made by Council Member Hall, Seconded by Council Member Dunaway.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, Council Member Rodgers, Council Member Hall, Council Member Dunaway

- B. Discussion and possible action regarding the hiring of the Code Enforcement position and adding its wages to the City of Eden budget

City Council authorized \$30,000 to find a Code Enforcement person. The City currently has 2 applicants for the full-time position. The City is requesting to add the line back to the budget. The city has not had a Code Enforcement employee in over 4 years. Priscilla does not believe it can be done as a part time position. An online course can be taken for the certificate for the Code Enforcement position as well as in-person training. Discussion of salary and terms were discussed. Priscilla states the ordinance were in place in 2011. Many more ordinances need to be put in place. The Code Enforcement person can send out letters and other items until they are certified. The course is 36 hours over a 4-day period in San Antonio. Council member Dunaway asked if the City would pay for the course. Priscilla stated yes, the city will pay, and there can be a contract to make the employee pay for the course back if they choose not to stay employed with the City of Eden. This matter can be asked to the city attorney for further insight. Also, the possibility of the Code enforcement employee can double as a possible property manager or animal control.

Motion to approve the Code Enforcement position to be put back on the City of Eden budget with starting pay of \$17/hour for 6 months plus certification and moved up to \$18/hour after the probationary period.

Motion made by Council Member Hall, Seconded by Council Member Dunaway.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, Council Member Rodgers, Council Member Hall, Council Member Dunaway

- C. Discussion and possible action regarding WTP WWTP Support Services Agreement between EHT and the City of Eden

A service agreement was presented by Sage for an as needed operator for when our licensed operators are out. This adds another resource for the City.

Motion to approve WTP WWTP support service agreement between EHT and the City of Eden

Motion made by Council Member Hall, Seconded by Council Member Rodgers.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, Council Member Rodgers, Council Member Hall, Council Member Dunaway

5. ADJOURN

Adjourn at 7:00 p.m.

Attest:

Mayor Agapito Torres

City Administrator Priscilla Aguirre