



SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, June 06, 2023 at 7:00 PM

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 120 Paint Rock Street, Eden, TX

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MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Agapito Torres
Jennifer Martinez
Priscilla Aguirre
Grover Hall
Randy Dunaway
Bradley Gandy

2. BUSINESS

Consideration and Possible Action On:

A. 2023-2024 Budget Workshop

Mayor Torres asked Laura Beeson to join the 2023-2024 Budget Workshop to help answer any questions the City Council may have. Laura Beeson stated that the budget is starting in the red and that Council needs to focus on bringing the budget in the black. Mrs. Beeson stated that the budget showed a three percent (3%) employee raise and that a wage for the new cemetery employee has not been set, as of today. Laura Beeson stated that some grants can be changed on the budget to absorb some monies, she also stated that the budget does not show anything for the Golf Course. Mayor Torres discussed the Code Enforcement Officer needs to be hired.

B. Consider approval of the final project acceptance and release of retainage for the USDA North Water System Improvements project

Mayor Torres read consideration for approval, and after Council looked over the paperwork for USDA North Water System Improvement Project, Council Member Bradley Gandy motioned the acceptance and release of retainage. Council Member Grover Hall seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion made by Gandy, Seconded by Hall.

Voting Yea: Martinez, Aguirre, Hall, Dunaway, Gandy

C. Discussion and possible action on potential road developments at Industrial Park

Mayor Torres stated that he has spoken to Mark Osborn and asked for a bid regarding the road going East to West on Warehouse Road. Mark Osborn quoted a price of seven (7) loads at four hundred dollars (\$400.00) a load. The Council recognized Travis Whitney. Mr. Whitney stated that the road stopped short of his property and the temporary road they had put in had been dug up for drainage to

be installed. This was a concern of his being the water would drain into and around his property. Mayor Torres wants to continue monitoring the situation while work is ongoing.

No action taken.

- D. Consideration and possible action on appointing candidate for vacant City Council position to include swearing in of said candidate

Council Member Priscilla Aguirre gave her verbal resignation of Council. Council Member Bradley Gandy motioned to accept resignation. Council Member Jennifer Martinez seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Motion made by Gandy, Seconded by Martinez.

Voting Yea: Martinez, Aguirre, Hall, Dunaway, Gandy

The Council called City Attorney, Jeff Betty, to discuss what Priscilla Aguirre can and cannot do, after resigning. Mr. Betty stated that due to the holdover provision, she is allowed to act on budget until the seat is filled. Council Members then discussed all people willing to take the vacant seat. Council Member Gandy suggested Renae Rodgers. Council Member Aguirre suggested Roxy Watkins and Mayor Torres suggested John Hernandez. Upon further discussion, Roxy Watkins removed herself so not to have a conflict of interest. Council Member Bradley Gandy motioned that Renae Rodgers be the new City Council Member. Council Member Randy Dunaway seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-1. Renae Rodgers stated that she was ready to take seat and sign the Statement of Office. She took the oath given by Mayor Torres and was named the new Council Member.

Motion made by Gandy, Seconded by Dunaway.

Voting Yea: Martinez, Hall, Dunaway, Gandy

- E. Discussion and possible action on new hire candidate for City Administrator/Secretary position

Before moving on to discussion and possible action regarding hiring a candidate for City Administrator/Secretary, Mayor Torres explained to new Council Member Renae Rodgers that this item can be held over if she would like time to think about hiring. Council Member Rodgers stated that she understands and agrees with all previous offers and discussions. Council Member Hall re-stated the pay scale approved by Council and discussed the benefits package to be offered. Laura Beeson explained the benefits in detail to the Council.

- F. Discussion and possible action on making hiring offer and filling vacant City Administrator/Secretary position

Upon completion of benefits and pay scale discussion, Council Member Randy Dunaway motioned for pay of seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000.00) annually plus benefits package for City Administrator/Secretary vacancy and to offer the position to Priscilla Aguirre. Council Member Grover Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Dunaway, Seconded by Hall.

Voting Yea: Martinez, Rodgers, Hall, Dunaway, Gandy

Priscilla Aguirre requested time to crunch numbers and give her answer the morning of June 7, 2023. The City Council agreed to her request. Item was tabled.

Mayor Torres stated that he had been in contact with vendors to get estimates for the flagpole lights, the Club House meter pole, and the softball field at Lee Pfluger Parkin reference to repairing the lights. The estimates he had received, so far, were for the Club House meter pole of two thousand, eight

hundred and fifty dollars (\$2,850.00) and a bid on lights for the softball field from L&M for twenty-six thousand, four hundred dollars (\$26,400.00). Mayor Torres inquired about the status of the City Swimming Pool. Administrative Assistant Barbi Watkins stated we have five (5) to six (6) applicants for lifeguards. Mayor Torres approved to go forward with Certification of lifeguards and opening the pool. Mayor Torres also opened the floor for discussion of the Business Incubator building. It was unanimously agreed that the City should not fund the building. If we move the Emergency Siren from the Business Incubator building to the Multi-Purpose Center, the Incubator can be put up for auction, alleviating the City of the cost.

Mayor Torres recognized Paula Duwe. Mrs. Duwe mentioned that the Cemetery Committee is in the process of applying for a two hundred and twenty thousand dollar (\$220,000.00) grant from San Angelo and has spoken to The Spirit of Eden regarding a donation of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) and would like the City of Eden to donate monies, which will show a hometown involvement towards the San Angelo grant.

3. ADJOURN

The Council will schedule another City Council meeting for June 13, 2023 at 7:00 PM to further discuss any tabled items and 2023 monthly reports.

Agapito Torres, Mayor

Barbi Watkins, Acting City Administrator