

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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AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

<u>Mayor and Council Members</u> Mayor Agapito Torres Mayor Pro Tem Jennifer Martinez Council Member Renea Rodgers

Council Member Grover Hall Council Member Randy Dunaway Council Member Bradley Gandy

<u>Staff</u>

Priscilla Aguirre, City Secretary/Administrator Victoria Ramirez, Assistant to City Administrator

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

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.
- **B.** Discussion and possible action regarding the hiring of the Code Enforcement position and adding its wages to the City of Eden budget
- <u>C.</u> Discussion and possible action regarding WTP WWTP Support Services Agreement between EHT and the City of Eden

5. ADJOURN

Notice is posted in accordance with Chapter 551 Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, Annotated. I certify that the above notice of meeting was posted on the bulletin board located at City of Eden City Hall September 22 by 6:00 pm.

Priscilla Aguirre, City Secretary/Administrator

All agenda items listed above are eligible for discussion and action unless otherwise specifically noted. This facility is wheelchair accessible. Accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for auxiliary aids and services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting by calling (325) 869-2211. 11675 Jollyville Road Suite 300 Austin, Texas 78759



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August 9, 2023

Ms. Priscilla Aguirre City Secretary/City Administrator City of Eden Email: <u>cityadmin@edentexas.com</u>

REGARDING: Potential Engagement of our Legal Services

Ms. Aguirre:

On behalf of the Firm, I wish to thank you for your interest in engaging our team to represent the City of Eden. It is my understanding that you are considering retaining us to serve as *City Attorney*. That is a service we provide often for cities statewide.

The firm was founded 20 years ago specifically to serve Texas cities. Our emphasis is primarily on Municipal Law. We are based in Austin but have 25 lawyers officing in 8 regions of the state. The breadth of our expertise ranges from Budgets to Elections, Human Resources to Purchasing, Real Estate Acquisition to Utilities and Zoning. For more information about our team, our values, and our capabilities you are encouraged to visit our website.

Lawyers at our firm advise clients over the phone, by email, in online meetings, and in person. We help draft ordinances, review contracts, and develop policies. Our clients rely upon us to advocate in municipal courts, trial courts, and administrative tribunals.

Our standard policy is to bill our clients only for the time actually spent working on client projects. Our hourly rates for attorneys range from \$175 for routine municipal law issues to \$350 for highly specialized endeavors (e.g., Litigation, Real Estate Acquisition). The smallest increment in which we bill is the 10th of an hour (i.e., every 6 minutes). We charge for travel time and expenses. Typically, retainers are not required, and we do not mandate a monthly minimum. Clients pay as they go and are invoiced monthly.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Krista Evans Chief Administrative Officer

cc: Alan Bojorquez, Managing Partner

- c. Retainers & Minimums: Typically, we do not require retainers in advance from public entities. We do not charge monthly minimums unless the client negotiates a flat monthly fee.
- **d.** Estimates: When asked by a client to provide an estimate of the fees that will be charged for completing a particular task or providing representation on a specific matter, that estimate is an approximation based on the anticipated amount of time and expected degree of difficulty. An estimate is not a guarantee. If a client seeks a flat fee that is a not-to-exceed figure, we can calculate such an amount upon request.
- e. Invoices: We provide detailed monthly billing statements. Our invoices include only projects requested or authorized by the client. Invoices are submitted after services have been performed. All invoices specifically set forth the services performed, the name of the person performing such services, and the hourly labor charge rate for such person. Payment shall be made by the client within 30 days of receipt of the invoice.
- f. Expenses: Our firm is to be reimbursed by the client for these standard, customary outof-pocket expenses incurred in the course of representing the client.

Faxes: \$1 / pg

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Expenses: Actual

Postage: Actual Copies / Scans: \$.033 / pg Color Copies: \$1 / pg

Associate Attorney: Junior Associate Attorney: Municipal Court Prosecutor: Consulting City Planner: Law Clerk Paralegal / Legal Assistant: Developer Reimbursed Projects: Litigator (Trial Lawyer/Appellate Attorney) Real Estate Acquisition/Eminent Domain Water/Sewer/Utilities Attorney:	\$226.00 per hour \$210.00 per hour \$200.00 per hour \$191.00 per hour \$125.00 per hour \$113.00 per hour \$108.00 per hour \$285.00 - \$350.00 per hour
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To schedule an interview or receive more information, please contact: Krista Evans, Chief Administrative Officer Phone: (512) 250-0411



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Engineering Services Work Order No. 02 (Amendment 1) Under Engineering Services Agreement Executed on March 9th, 2021

WTP & WWTP Operational Support Services

Scope of Services:

eHT will supplement the City's licensed water system and wastewater system operators on an as-needed basis until such time as the City notifies eHT that the services as listed below are no longer needed. In this role eHT shall:

Water System Operation:

- a. Provide a TCEQ licensed operator to perform any process control duties to include:
 - i. Making decisions regarding the day-to-day operations and maintenance of PWS production and distribution.
 - ii. Maintaining system pressures.
 - iii. Determining the adequacy of disinfection and disinfection procedures.
 - iv. Taking routine microbiological samples.
 - v. Taking chlorine residuals and microbiological samples after repairs or installation of lines or appurtenances.
 - vi. Operating chemical feed systems, filtration, disinfection, or pressure maintenance equipment; or
 - vii. Performing other duties required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.
- b. eHT will advise and assist City employees with proper water treatment protocols and reporting to State and Federal regulatory agencies as required.
- c. eHT will advise the City's employees or City's contractors or Vendors in completing maintenance activities at City PWS facilities
- d. eHT will provide the City with a list of needed supplies and chemicals for water treatment and testing. Purchase of these supplies and chemicals and having them on hand when needed shall be the responsibility of the City.
- e. eHT will report to City Council in person upon written request made to eHT at least ten (10) days prior to the Council meeting date.

Wastewater System Operation

- a. Provide a TCEQ licensed wastewater operator license to perform any process control duties to include:
 - i. Conducting facility inspections of and making decisions regarding the day-to-day operations and maintenance of the wastewater treatment plant and collection system to include:
 - 1. Plant grounds, basins and power supply to the WWTP.
 - 2. Influent lift stations.
 - 3. Headworks area.
 - 4. SBR basins and blowers.
 - 5. Biological process control.
 - 6. Chlorine disinfection systems.
 - 7. Sludge holding and drying systems.
 - 8. TPDES monitoring and reporting.

- ii. Advise and assist City employees with proper wastewater treatment protocols and reporting to State and Federal regulatory agencies as required.
- iii. Advise the City's employees or City's contractors or Vendors in completing maintenance activities at City wastewater treatment facilities.
- iv. eHT will provide the City with a list of needed supplies and chemicals for wastewater treatment and testing. Purchase of these supplies and chemicals and having them on hand when needed shall be the responsibility of the City.
- v. eHT will report to City Council in person upon written request made to eHT at least ten (10) days prior to the Council meeting date.

Term of Services:

As needed and as directed by City.

Compensation:

Payment is on an hourly basis payable per the attached Schedule of Charges (Exhibit "B"). eHT's standard billing rates may be increased annually, in January of each year, during the term of this agreement.

Upon execution, this Work Order authorizes ENGINEER to proceed with the above-referenced services.

ENPROTEC / HIBBS & TODD, INC.

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<u>9/22/23</u> Date

Signature

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<u>Associate Vice President</u> Title

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Enprotec / Hibbs & Todd, Inc. HOURLY CHARGES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (2023)

Charges include all salaries, salary expense, overhead, and profit.

Principal	\$ 240.00 per hour
Senior Project Manager	200.00 per hour
Project Manager	175.00 per hour
Senior Engineer / Geologist	160.00 per hour
Project Engineer / Geologist	140.00 per hour
Staff Engineer I / Geologist I	120.00 per hour
Staff Engineer II / Geologist II	115.00 per hour
RPLS I	160.00 per hour
Operations Specialist / Regulatory Compliance Specialist	155.00 per hour
Contract Operator (Certified Class A/B Operator)	120.00 per hour
Contract Operator (Certified Class C/D Water Operator)	100.00 per
hour	
Engineering / Field Technician I	140.00 per hour
Engineering / Field Technician II	115.00 per hour
Engineering / Field Technician III	90.00 per hour
Survey Tech I	90.00 per hour
Survey Tech II	70.00 per hour
CAD I	135.00 per hour
CAD II	105.00 per hour
CAD III	70.00 per hour
Administrative	75.00 per hour
Survey Party	per hour - 3 man
	per hour - 2 man
	per hour - 1 man
Expense Items	
Consultants, Contractors & Supplies	Cost plus 10%
Travel (out of town only)Current	IRS rate per mile
Lodging and meals (out of town trips)	Actual cost