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CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE WATER COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES

Tuesday, September 25, 2012 at 6:00 P.M.

The City of Garden Ridge Water Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, September 25, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas. This meeting was an open meeting, open to the public, subject to the Open Meetings Law of the State of Texas, and as required by law, notice was hereby posted on Friday, September 21, 2012 before 5:00 p.m., providing time, place, date and agenda thereof. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours in advance of this meeting.

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1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers by Chairman Bower.

2. Roll Call:

Present: Chairman Bower
Commissioner Stegman
Commissioner Heier
Commissioner Ramirez
Commissioner Holloway
Commissioner Powers

Absent: None

Also in attendance were: Mayor Jay F. Feibelman, City Administrator Nancy Cain, Public Works Director Royce Goddard and Administrative Assistant Sandy Edwards.

3. Citizen Comments:

Chairman Bower held Citizen participation to the end of meeting.

4. Approval of Minutes:

a) July 30, 2012 Regular Water Commission Meeting

Motion was made by Commissioner Heier and seconded by Commissioner Holloway to approve the minutes of July 30, 2012 Regular Water Commission Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Business Items:

The City Water Commission may discuss, consider and/or take possible action on recommendation to the City Council on the following:

a) Request by Stan Cobb, 22117 Senna Hills Drive, for variance to water restrictions for watering of new/replacement landscaping.

Stan Cobb, 22117 Senna Hills Drive, came before the Water Commission to request a variance to water restrictions for watering of new/replacement landscaping. He presented a handout to the Water Commissioners, explaining to them what he wanted to accomplish.

Discussion continued with the Commissioners regarding the water restrictions during drought stage conditions under Ordinance 61 and the policy approved concerning watering variances during drought stages.

After a lengthy discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Holloway and seconded by Commissioner Stegman to disapprove the request by Stan Cobb, 22117 Senna Hills Drive, for a variance to water restrictions for watering of new/replacement landscaping during drought stage restrictions. The motion passed unanimously. The recommendation will be presented to City Council on October 3, 2012.

b) Review and possible action on amendments to Ordinance 61 concerning implementation of drought management stages and restrictions on water usage during drought management stages.

Mayor Feibelman began his discussion on proposed amendments to Ordinance 61 by explaining the confusion created with direction to citizens to follow the media with the EAA implementing Stage 3 and SAWS remaining in Stage 2.

A revised copy of Ordinance 61 was given out to the Water Commissioners for their review and discussion. (Attached herewith). After a thorough review, Commissioner Holloway suggested the following additional changes to be made:

Page 2, under Landscape Plant, between vine and herb, add a comma; page 3, under Supplier; remove the 2nd sentence, "Unless specifically provided in these rules."; page 6, under Section 6 – Enforcement, letter a. add at the end of the 1st sentence, "is considered a violation of Ordinance No. 61 by that ***resident person,*** non-resident person, corporation or association."; remove all the asterisks from Appendix A; and completely remove Appendix B.

Motion was made by Commissioner Holloway and seconded by Commissioner Ramirez to recommend the approval to City Council on the amendments to Ordinance 61 concerning implementation of drought management stages and restrictions on water usage during drought management stages, and additional changes hereby stated. The motion passed unanimously. The recommendation will be presented to City Council on October 3, 2012.

c) Discussion on developing and implementing commercial water rates.

Discussion was held at the last meeting. No other discussion was needed.

d) Discuss concept of transfer of 2.139 acre feet of Edwards water rights from Forest Waters Club to City of Garden Ridge.

Mayor Jay Feibelman reported that he recently spoke to the Manager of Forest Waters Club, regarding the 2.139 acre feet of Edwards water rights they are permitted for and use to maintain the upper lake. Mayor Feibelman further discussed the concept of a possible transfer of these water rights to the city, to which the City would acquire any management fees necessary. Any further discussion or decisions regarding a transfer of water rights would need to be presented to the Forest Waters Club Board Members.

e) Appointment of Patricia Ramirez as Water Commissioner, Place 3 for a two year term of office expiring September 30, 2014.

Chairman Bower welcomed Patricia Ramirez as Water Commissioner, Place 3 and recommended appointment for an additional two year term of office, expiring September 30, 2014. She recently replaced Commissioner Anthony Zugay, who resigned as of July 12, 2012.

Motion was made by Commissioner Holloway and seconded by Commissioner Heier to recommend the approval to City Council for the appointment of Patricia Ramirez as Water Commissioner, Place 3, for a two year term of office expiring September 30, 2014. The motion pasted unanimously. The recommendation will be presented to City Council on October 3, 2012.

6. Update on actions taken by the City Council in previous City Council Meetings:

City Administrator Nancy Cain reported the relocation of 12" water line beginning at the FM 3009/FM 2252 intersection and moving in a westerly direction along the north side of FM 3009 and in a southerly direction along the west side of FM 2252 has been completed.

She also updated on the 2010 Storm Water Master Plan for the City of Garden Ridge and as it relates to storm water drainage through the Hickory Bend drainage easement and the Arrowood Subdivision.

7. Water Manager Monthly Activity Report:

a) Water pumping/usage from city wells.

Royce Goddard reviewed the monthly water pumping/usage from the city wells and discussed the water system operations.

b) Water system infrastructure maintenance, repairs and/or projects.

Royce Goddard reported that the old well motor and piping at the Timber Rose plant was removed and replaced with a submissable pump and motor.

c) Static levels, drawdown levels and flow rates on the Trinity Well.

Royce Goddard stated that the drawdown level was 122.4 and that when the well turns off, the water level returns to the current static level of 188.1 within 5 minutes.

Chairman Bower asked Mr. Goddard, by the next meeting, to look back and create a chart showing the water levels for the Trinity well, to present date.

d) Water and/or Drought Management

No discussion was held.

8. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Heier and seconded by Commissioner Holloway. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:50P.M.

Sandy Edwards

Sandy Edwards, Administrative Assistant
Water Commission Secretary

Passed + Approved by Water Commission 10/23/12 @ 6:05pm - SEdwards