

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2023, 6:00 P.M.

**Councilmembers Present:**

Mayor Robb Erickson  
Mayor Pro-Tem Lisa Swint  
Councilmember Kelly Smith  
Councilmember Jesse Valdez  
Councilmember Todd Arvidson  
Councilmember Kay Bower

**Councilmembers Absent:** None

**City Staff Present:**

Nancy Cain, City Administrator  
Marisa Spencer, City Secretary  
Courtney Billi, Assistant City Secretary  
Tina Ynfante, Finance/HR Assistant  
Ron Eberhardt, Police Chief  
Steven Steinmetz, Public Works Director  
Linda Crosland, Library Director  
Cynthia Trevino, City Attorney

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

With a quorum of the City Councilmembers present, Mayor Erickson called the regular meeting of the Garden Ridge City Council to order at 9:36 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5, 2023, in the City Council Chambers of the Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas 78266.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Erickson led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

**3. Proclamations/Presentations**

**a) Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation.**

Mayor Erickson presented a Proclamation to representatives from the Crisis Center of Comal County declaring April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Jennifer Hinojosa, Crisis Center of Comal County, thanked the community for their support and spoke regarding the services provided by Crisis Center of Comal County.

**b) Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month Proclamation.**

Mayor Erickson presented a Proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month.

**c) National Library Week Proclamation.**

Mayor Erickson presented a Proclamation to Library Director Linda Crosland and the Garden Ridge Library declaring April 23-29, 2023, as National Library Week.

**4. Citizen Comment Period**

No one signed up to speak.



## **5. Consent Agenda**

**THESE ITEMS MAY BE ACTED UPON IN A SINGLE MOTION. NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OR ACTION ON THESE ITEMS WILL BE HELD UNLESS REQUESTED BY A COUNCILMEMBER. PUBLIC COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS MAY BE HEARD DURING CITIZENS' PARTICIPATION; HOWEVER, THAT DOES NOT MEAN THE ITEM WILL BE CONSIDERED OUTSIDE THE CONSENT AGENDA.**

- a) Approval of Minutes for the March 1, 2023, City Council Regular Meeting.**
- b) Financial Statement, Summary Report, and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations – February 28, 2023.**
- c) Destruction of City records in accordance with the City of Garden Ridge Records Retention Plan.**
- d) Accept the resignation of Joe Haltaman from the Water Commission.**
- e) Resolution No. 499-042023 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, joining with the State of Texas and political subdivisions of the state as a party in the Texas Opioid Settlement Agreements secured by the Office of the Attorney General; authorizing the City Administrator to execute settlement participation forms; and establishing an effective date.**
- f) Resolution No. 500-042023 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, suspending the CenterPoint Energy 2023 Annual GRIP Adjustment for the South Texas Division in the City of Garden Ridge for a period of forty-five (45) days from May 1, 2023.**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Councilmember Bower, seconded by Councilmember Arvidson, to approve Consent Agenda items a)-f). The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

## **6. Staff Reports**

Mayor Erickson stated that in the interest of time Staff Reports will be deferred to next month.

## **7. City Engineer Projects Status Reports**

City Engineer Sam Johnson reviewed the City Engineer monthly activity report.

## **8. City Commission and Committee Reports/Recommendations/Possible Actions**

Mayor Erickson stated the Planning and Zoning Commission, Water Commission, Charter Commission did not meet in March and the Parks Committee report will be deferred to next month.

## **9. Approvals and Authorizations**

**The following items are for discussion, consideration, and action.**

- a) Ordinance No. 143-042023 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, granting a one hundred twenty (120) day extension of an existing exclusive franchise agreement known as Ordinance No. 143-012020 between the City of Garden Ridge and BFI Waste Services of Texas, LP/DBA Republic Services of San Antonio for the collection and disposal of solid waste and recycling service which expires on March 31, 2023, and authorizing the City Administrator to continue negotiations and development of an exclusive franchise agreement between the two parties during said extension period.**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Councilmember Bower, seconded by Councilmember Valdez, to approve Ordinance No. 143-042023 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, granting a one hundred twenty (120) day extension of an existing exclusive franchise agreement known as Ordinance No. 143-012020 between the City of Garden Ridge and BFI Waste Services of Texas, LP/DBA Republic Services of San Antonio for the collection and disposal of solid waste and recycling service which expires on March 31, 2023, and authorizing the City Administrator to continue negotiations and development of an exclusive franchise agreement between the two parties during said extension period. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

- b) Aggregate Mining Operations adjacent to the City of Garden Ridge.**

Mayor Erickson spoke regarding aggregate mining operations adjacent to the City of Garden Ridge.

- c) 2023 Texas Legislative Session.**

Mayor Erickson spoke regarding attending the 2023 Texas Legislative Session.



## **10. Updates**

### **a) City Council Projects.**

Mayor Erickson stated that in the interest of time City Council Projects will be deferred to next month.

## **11. Discussion of Future Agenda Items**

None at this time.

## **12. Citizen Comment Period**

Dr. Jim Miller, 9910 Marie Meadow, spoke regarding the proposed City Charter.

## **13. Reports and Comments from Mayor and City Councilmembers**

**The Mayor and/or City Councilmembers may comment, make general announcements, and/or provide progress reports on events, activities and/or committees/board meetings concerning the following:**

**Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, Boy Scouts and/or Girl Scouts, City of Garden Ridge sponsored events and outreach efforts, Comal ISD (Garden Ridge Elementary/Danville Middle School/Davenport High School), Counties (Bexar/Comal/Guadalupe), Families of Garden Ridge, Garden Ridge Lions Club, Garden Ridge Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association/Citizen Patrol, Garden Ridge Women's Club, Greater Bexar County Council of Cities, Hill Country Alliance, Northeast Partnership, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Tri-County Chamber of Commerce.**

Councilmember Arvidson spoke regarding the upcoming Comal ISD public meeting. Councilmember Smith spoke regarding Tri-County Chamber of Commerce events. Mayor Erickson spoke regarding Families of Garden Ridge Adopt-A-Highway Program, First Friday, Northeast Partnership, and Comal County Luncheon.

## **14. Executive Session**

**The City Council will recess its open meeting and reconvene in Executive Session:**

### **a) Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071(1) and 551.071(2) – Consultation with Attorney.**

- 1. On a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter: Guadalupe Readymix Permit Applications.**

Mayor Erickson cancelled the Executive Session, stating there is no update at this time.

## **15. Business Items**

**The City Council will reconvene into Regular Session upon conclusion of the Executive Session and may recall any item posted for Executive Session for action, as necessary.**

No action taken.

## **16. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Wednesday, April 5, 2023, City Council regular meeting was adjourned at 10:08 p.m. by Mayor Erickson.

ATTEST

  
Marisa Spencer  
City Secretary

  
Robb Erickson  
Mayor