

Councilmembers Present:

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

Councilmembers Absent: None**City Staff Present:**

Nancy Cain, City Manager
Marisa Spencer, City Secretary
Courtney Billi, Assistant City Secretary
Robyn Achu, Finance/HR Director
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 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 2, 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) **Eagle Scout Dalton Lacy Certificate of Recognition**
- b) **Eagle Scout Noah Bliss Certificate of Recognition**
- c) **Eagle Scout Kaden Scribner Certificate of Recognition**
- d) **Eagle Scout Ty McAuley Certificate of Recognition**

Mayor Erickson and Councilmember Arvidson presented a Certificate of Recognition to Kaden Scribner and Ty McAuley for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

4. Citizen Comment Period

Sharilyn Krauss, 19522 Creekview Oaks, spoke regarding development in the City of Garden Ridge.

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 July 11, 2023, City Council Special Meeting.**
- b) **Approval of Minutes for the July 17, 2023, City Council Special Meeting.**
- c) **Financial Statement, Summary Report, and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations – June 30, 2023.**

Motion: A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Swint, seconded by Councilmember Valdez, to approve Consent Agenda items a)-c). The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.



6. Staff Reports

a) City Manager Monthly Activity Report.

City Manager Nancy Cain reviewed employee anniversaries and a thank you note recognizing City Staff. She stated there were 570 *Volunteer Garden Ridge!* hours for the month of July and spoke regarding Hog Wild Local Government Seminar, First Friday, and the FY2024 Budget and Tax Rate Schedule.

b) Finance/HR Monthly Activity Report.

Finance/HR Director Robyn Achu spoke regarding continuity of operations related to the Finance/HR Department.

c) City Secretary Monthly Activity Report.

City Secretary Marisa Spencer reviewed the monthly activity report and spoke regarding continuity of operations related to the Administrative Department.

d) Police Department Monthly Activity Report.

Chief Eberhardt reviewed the monthly activity report and spoke regarding continuity of operations related to the Police Department.

e) Public Works Department Monthly Activity Report.

Public Works Director Steven Steinmetz reviewed the monthly activity report and spoke regarding continuity of operations related to the Public Works Department.

f) Library Monthly Activity Report.

Library Director Linda Crosland reviewed the monthly activity report and spoke regarding continuity of operations related to the Library.

7. City Engineer Projects Status Reports

City Engineer Sam Johnson reviewed the City Engineer monthly activity report and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

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

a) Planning and Zoning Commission:

Mayor Erickson stated the Commission did not meet in July and there are no updates at this time.

b) Water Commission:

Mayor Erickson stated the Commission did not meet in July and there are no updates at this time.

c) Parks Committee:

Rod Chamberlain, Parks Committee, provided City Council with an update on the committee's projects.

9. Approvals and Authorizations

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

- a) Ordinance No. 143-082023 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, granting an exclusive Municipal Materials Management Agreement between the City of Garden Ridge and BFI Waste Services of Texas, L.P., dba/Republic Services of San Antonio a Texas Limited Partnership, for the collection and disposal of solid waste and recycling service; setting forth general specifications establishing rates for collections and disposal of solid waste and recycling services; providing for enforcement and the collection of established rates; providing a penalty for violations of this ordinance of a fine of not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$500.00 and making each day a separate offense; providing a cumulative and savings clause; providing for severability; and declaring an effective date.**

Mayor Erickson and City Manager Nancy Cain spoke regarding Ordinance No. 143-082023.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Valdez, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Swint, to approve Ordinance No. 143-082023 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, granting an exclusive Municipal Materials Management Agreement between the City of Garden Ridge and BFI Waste Services of Texas, L.P., dba/Republic Services of San Antonio a Texas Limited Partnership, for the collection and disposal of solid waste and recycling service; setting forth general specifications establishing rates for collections and disposal of solid waste and recycling services; providing for enforcement and the collection of established rates; providing a penalty for violations of this ordinance of a fine of not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$500.00 and making each day a separate offense; providing a cumulative and savings clause; providing for severability; and declaring an effective date. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

b) Request from Buckley Powder Co., for a Partial Exemption Permit to conduct blasting activities at the Hanson Quarry for the period of October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024, and set annual permit fee.

City Manager Nancy Cain spoke regarding the request from Buckley Powder Co., for a Partial Exemption Permit to conduct blasting activities at the Hanson Quarry and stated she recommended the annual permit fee be set at \$31,453.55.

Motion: A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Swint, seconded by Councilmember Arvidson, to approve the request from Buckley Powder Co., for a Partial Exemption Permit to conduct blasting activities at the Hanson Quarry for the period of October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024, and to set the annual permit fee at \$31,453.55. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

c) 2023 Texas Legislative Session.

Mayor Pro-Tem Swint and Councilmember Valdez provided updates related to the 2023 Texas Legislative Session.

10. Updates

a) City Council Projects.

1. Mitigation of growth and encroachment impacts on Garden Ridge (Swint and Erickson).

Mayor Erickson stated there are no updates at this time.

2. Great Springs Project (Swint and Valdez).

Mayor Pro-Tem Swint and Councilmember Valdez provided updates related to the Great Springs Project.

3. Economic Development/Council Liaison to Tri-County Chamber of Commerce (Smith and Bower).

Councilmember Smith and Councilmember Bower provided updates related to Economic Development and Tri-County Chamber of Commerce.

4. Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee Update (Valdez and Erickson).

Councilmember Valdez provided updates related to the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee.

5. Council Liaison to the Water Company/Utilities Department (Valdez and Erickson).

Councilmember Valdez provided updates related to the Water Company/Utilities Department.

6. Council Liaison to Comal ISD (Arvidson and Erickson).

Mayor Erickson and Councilmember Arvidson provided updates related to Comal ISD.

7. City Welcome Signage (Bower and Erickson).

Councilmember Bower provided updates related to City Welcome Signage.

11. Discussion of Future Agenda Items

Councilmember Bower requested to discuss a possible City event for April 2024.

12. Citizen Comment Period

Kevin Pierce, 19531 Creekview Oaks, spoke regarding development in the City of Garden Ridge.

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.

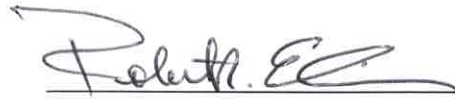
Councilmember Smith spoke regarding Tri-County Chamber of Commerce events. Councilmember Valdez spoke regarding the Garden Ridge Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association Annual Car show. Councilmember Arvidson spoke regarding Comal ISD. Mayor Erickson spoke regarding Families of Garden Ridge Adopt-A-Highway Program and Northeast Partnership for Economic Development.

14. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Wednesday, August 2, 2023, City Council regular meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m. by Mayor Erickson.

ATTEST


Marisa Spencer
City Secretary


Robb Erickson
Mayor