



# City of Garden Ridge

*"A way of life, not just a place to live"*

## **MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING,** **MARCH 7, 2018**

### **Members Present:**

Mayor Larry Thompson  
Mayor Pro-Tem John McCaw  
Councilmember Todd Arvidson  
Councilmember Kay Bower  
Councilmember Robb Erickson  
Councilmember Bryan Lantzy

### **Member Absent:**

None

### **City Staff Present:**

Nancy Cain, City Administrator  
Cynthia Trevino, City Attorney  
Ron Eberhardt, Police Chief  
Royce Goddard, Water Department Manager  
Linda Crosland, Librarian  
Shelley Goodwin, City Secretary

### **Commission Representative Present:**

Dr. Jim Miller, Vice Chair, Planning and Zoning Commission  
David Krawczynski, Chair, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission  
Cynthia Shanahan-Segovia, Vice Chair, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission

### **Other City Commissioners in attendance:**

Ken Knuepper, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission

### **1. Call to Order**

With a quorum of the City Council members present, Mayor Thompson called the regular meeting of the Garden Ridge City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 7, 2018, in the City Council Chambers of the Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas 78266.

### **2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Thompson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **3. City/Employee Recognitions**

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated she had received 2 thank you's:

- Eric Lowman, Animal Services, for his assistance with a skunk.
- Public Works Department for their hard work at the Library.

Mayor Thompson stated he also received a thank you letter for Dan Mummert, Trihydro Engineer, for his assistance with getting the contractor to correct issues that had occurred during the CIP Project.

**4. Citizen's Participation** – Limited to (30) minutes

Shelby Trial, 21657 Forest Waters Circle, encouraged the City Council to discuss the cost they are willing to spend on the new water tank beautification project. He stated the City Council needs to also decide on how far they want to take this project; painting the tower, utility storage building, landscaping, lighting and several other options that could be considered.

**5. Consent Agenda**

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MAY BE ACTED UPON IN A SINGLE MOTION. NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OR ACTION ON ANY OF THESE ITEMS WILL BE HELD UNLESS REQUESTED BY A MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS MAY BE HEARD DURING CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION, BUT COMMENTS HEARD DURING CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE ITEM WILL BE CONSIDERED OUTSIDE THE CONSENT AGENDA.**

**a) Approval of Minutes:**

- i. February 7, 2018 City Council Regular Meeting**

**b) Financial Statement, Summary Report, and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations – January 31, 2018**

**c) Ordinance 196-032018 amending Ordinance 196-022017 that created a Wildlife Management Advisory Commission for the purpose of studying the feasibility of managing the wildlife populations, particularly white-tailed deer, and tasked with the development of a plan to mitigate impacts caused by wildlife and to reassure the quality of life for residents of Garden Ridge; providing for the purpose and duties of the advisory commission, composition; removing sections of the ordinance duplicated in Ordinance 210 and providing an effective date.**

**d) Consider approval of Resolution 428-032018 of on compliance with annual review and adoption of the Public Funds Investment Policy for the City of Garden Ridge, Texas as required by the provisions of Chapter 2256, the Public Funds Investment Act, as amended, of the Texas Government Code.**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem McCaw, seconded by Councilmember Erickson, to approve the Consent Agenda items 6. a), b), c), and d). The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

**6. Business Items**

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

**a) Action on items pulled from the Consent Agenda**

No items were pulled.

**b) Staff Reports:**

**i. City Administrator Monthly Activity Report**

- **Community Center usage and financial report, Building Permits issued to date for residential, commercial and minor Construction projects, City Council Idea/Suggestions, Communication efforts, Citizen Concern/Input, and upcoming events**

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, reported City staff is currently working on the Personnel Policy. She also reminded City Council that Household Hazardous Waste will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2018, from 8 a.m.-2p.m. and Shred Day will be held on Saturday, May 12, 2018, from 10 a.m.-1p.m.

**ii. Police Department Monthly Activity Report**

- **Traffic Enforcement, Criminal activity within City, and Code Compliance Enforcement**

Ron Eberhardt, Police Chief, reviewed the Outreach Efforts on his report, he thanked everyone who attended the Active Shooter Emergency Care Course and everyone who helped or came out for Lt. Bellinger's fundraiser. He also stated CPS Energy received a ticket for trimming Oak Trees out of the trimming season.

The City Council discussed the Police Department's Report, purchase of AR-15 suppressors, and deer crossing signs.

Mayor Thompson thanked everyone for making the fundraiser for Lt. Bellinger a huge success.

**iii. Public Works Monthly Activity Report**

- **Street and Right-Of-Way Maintenance, Drainage Facility and Easement Maintenance, Animal Control (domestic and wild), Oak Wilt and Public Works Projects**

Steven Steinmetz, Public Works Director, reviewed his report and stated a loft is being added to the storage room at the Community Center to assist with storage issues. He also reported other issues at the Community Center are being addressed as well.

The City Council discussed other issues at the Community Center that need to be addressed.

**iv. Water Manager Monthly Activity Report**

- **Water pumping/usage from city wells, Water system infrastructure maintenance, repairs and/or projects, and Water and/or Drought Management (current Watering Stage)**

Royce Goddard, Water Manager, reported as of March 7, 2018, Garden Ridge has used 14,000,088 gallons (37.70 acre feet) from Edwards and none from the Trinity.

**v. Library Monthly Activity Report**

- **Upcoming events**

Linda Crosland, Librarian, reported Wednesday, March 14, 2018, is a Lunch and Learn about recycling. She also reported the Library had 52+ people attend the Family Night. She reminded residents to stop by and see the memorial statue for Karen Bishop.

**c) City Engineer Projects Status Reports:**

Dan Mummert, P.E., Trihydro, City Engineer, reviewed the City Engineer Report and PowerPoint (see attached).

- i. CIP Project for 2013**
- ii. CIP Project for 2015**
  - a. Phase I**
  - b. Phase II**
    - i. Receive a status report on Ulrich claim for unpaid invoices.**
    - ii. Take action on Change Order #3 reducing the Qro-Mex contract in the amount of \$1,711.42 for reimbursement of cleanup at 922 Gloxinia Dr.**

Dan Mummert reported the required documentation was received from the resident.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Councilmember Lantzy, seconded by Councilmember Erickson, to approve Change Order #3 reducing the Qro-Mex contract in the amount of \$1,711.42. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

- c. Trinity Wells #9 and #10 Project**
  - i. Take action on Change Order #1 for Pesado Construction for fencing, site change, and miscellaneous items.**

Dan Mummert reported he was unable to get the information and total dollar amount needed for this Change Order, so he will bring this back to City Council in April. He also stated Wells #9 and #10 are on track to be completed on schedule.

- ii. Receive update on request for TCEQ exceptions for well project.**

Dan Mummert reported TCEQ has conditionally approved Well #9 and is requesting additional information on Well #10.

- d. Naco-Loop Water Line Project**
  - iii. Sewer System (FM 2252)**

Dan Mummert reviewed these items in his PowerPoint.

**d) City Commission and Committee Reports/Recommendations/Possible Actions**

- i. Planning and Zoning Commission Recommendation and Possible Action:**
  - a. A petition by Gary Miller to replat Lot 1, and Lot 2, Miller Estates, Comal County, Texas to establish Lot 1RA, Lot 1RB and Lot 2R. The property is located in the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas and further located on the northeast side of F.M. 3009 and northwest side of Schoenthal Road at the intersection of F.M. 3009 and Schoenthal Road.**

**i. Receive a recommendation from Planning and Zoning Commission on the petition.**

Dr. Jim Miller, Vice Chair Planning and Zoning Commission, reported the Commission received a petition from Gary Miller to replat Lots 1 and 2 into 3 lots. He stated the lot size and set back issues had been addressed and the Planning and Zoning Commission voted unanimously to recommend the City Council approve the replat.

**ii. Conduct a public hearing to receive comments for or against the petition.**

Mayor Thompson opened the public hearing at 6:26 p.m. and asked if anyone wished to speak. No one did, so Mayor Thompson closed the public hearing at 6:26 p.m.

**iii. Take action on the recommendation.**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Councilmember McCaw seconded by Councilmember Arvidson, to approve the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to approve the petition by Gary Miller to replat Lot 1 and Lot 2, Miller Estates, Comal County, Texas to establish Lot 1RA, Lot 1RB and Lot 2R. The property is located in the ETJ of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas and further located on the northeast side of F.M. 3009 and northwest side of Schoenthal Road at the intersection of F.M. 3009 and Schoenthal Road. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

**b. Planning and Zoning Commission Place 3 vacancy (term expiring September 30, 2018)**

**i. Receive a recommendation from Planning and Zoning Commission on the appointment of Mark Hausheer as Commissioner Place 3.**

Dr. Jim Miller stated the Planning and Zoning Commission had a vacancy with the passing of Sam Stocks. He stated the Commission interviewed two great candidates and recommended City Council appoint Mark Hausheer.

**ii. Meet the candidate and conduct possible question and answer session.**

Mr. Hausheer was introduced, but the City Council chose not to ask him any questions.

**iii. Take action on the recommendation.**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Councilmember Lantzy, seconded by Councilmember Erickson, to approve the Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation to approve the appointment of Mark Hausheer as Commissioner Place 3 (term expiring September 30, 2018). The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) against. The motion passed unanimously.

**c. Receive monthly activity update.**

Dr. Jim Miller stated Shawn Willis was appointed Chair and he was appointed Vice Chair.

**ii. Quarry Commission Recommendations and Possible Action:**

No report.

**iii. Water Commission recommendations and Possible Action:**

No report.

**iv. Wildlife Management Advisory Commission:**

**a. Wildlife Management Advisory Commission vacancy (term expiring September 30, 2018)**

**i. Receive a recommendation from Wildlife Management Advisory Commission on the appointment of Dawn Hatch as Commissioner.**

David Krawczynski, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Chair, stated the Commission interviewed two candidates for the vacancy on the Commission. He stated the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission voted to recommend to City Council the appointment of Dawn Hatch to fill the vacancy.

Councilmember Erickson stated the Commission interviewed two great candidates.

**ii. Meet the candidate and conduct possible question and answer session.**

The City Council interviewed Dawn Hatch, they inquired to the number of Wildlife meetings she attended before the Commission was formed and her past behavior on Social Media. They also inquired to the fact that Texas Parks & Wildlife has stated the City's deer are overpopulated and would she be able to accept the results.

Ms. Hatch stated she feels she can bring a lot to the Commission with her being a Texas Naturalist and her working in the past with Texas Parks and Wildlife and Agriculture Wildlife. She stated she is also a Legal Assistant and has ability to research. She stated she is no longer on Social Media. She stated she is unaware of the City being overpopulated with deer.

**iii. Take action on the recommendation.**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Councilmember Lantzy, seconded by Councilmember Bower, to not approve the recommendation of the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission to appoint Dawn Hatch to fill the vacancy. The City Council voted the following:

Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw - nay  
Councilmember Erickson - nay  
Councilmember Lantzy - aye  
Councilmember Arvidson - nay  
Councilmember Bower - aye  
The motion failed.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McCaw, to approve the recommendation of the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission to appoint Dawn Hatch to fill the vacancy. The City Council voted the following:

Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw - aye  
Councilmember Erickson - aye  
Councilmember Lantzy - nay  
Councilmember Arvidson - aye  
Councilmember Bower - nay  
The motion passed.

**b. 2018 Wildlife Survey**

**i. Review the process, expenses and volunteer hours for conducting Survey.**

David Krawczynski Wildlife Management Advisory Commission reviewed the process, expenses and volunteer hours incurred for conducting the survey. He stated there were over 100 hours of volunteered time dedicated to the survey. He thanked the volunteers, especially Peggy Campbell and Marilyn Winters, as well as City staff for organizing and developing the process.

**ii. Receive tabulation totals of Survey.**

David Krawczynski, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission, reported 1,159 total surveys were submitted and 1,140 were tabulated. He reviewed the Wildlife Survey Totals spreadsheet. He stated the Commission held a Special Meeting to review the comments submitted on the surveys and to make recommendations to the City Council. He stated some of the comments were made in one sentence while others were two and three pages. He reported the top comments with the City Council.

He also stated the Commission discussed the process for Trap, Transport and Transplant and the realistic possibility of finding a ranch to transplant the deer. They also discussed the darting process and hog issues in Trophy Oaks. They also discussed the process of Trap, Transport and Process.

Cynthia Shanahan-Segovia, Vice Chair, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission reported the comments were reviewed in the packets by subdivisions. She stated she felt subdivisions' tally and comments told a story within itself about where the herds of deer are.

**iii. Receive a recommendation from Wildlife Management Advisory Commission on the Wildlife Survey regarding Wildlife Management Plan.**

David Krawczynski, Chair, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission, reported the Commission made several recommendations. He stated the Commission unanimously voted to recommend to City Council the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission research ways to reduce the overpopulation of deer. The Commission also unanimously voted to recommend that the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission continue to research ways to handle other wildlife issues including wild hogs. He stated this would give the Commission time to develop a plan for procedures to reduce the herd and educate residents on the need to maintain a healthy herd.

The City Council discussed oppositions for reducing the overpopulation of deer.

Mayor Thompson stated all options need to be reviewed, however, because someone feels the deer herd needs to be managed for their own health, this does not mean they hate deer. He stated it means they believe they want to maintain a healthy herd.

David Krawczynski also stated the Commission voted unanimously to recommend to City Council to enforce the "no feeding Ordinance 186".

The City Council agreed by consensus to have Ordinance 186 enforced.

David Krawczynski also stated the Commission voted unanimously that a necropsy be conducted on any deer that has been killed or injured that displays the appearance of Bottle Neck. This should be done in order to determine exactly what disease the local deer has.

The City Council agreed by consensus to have the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission bring back more information and cost for a necropsy of a deer showing signs of Bottle Neck.

**iv. Take action on the recommendation.**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Councilmember Arvidson, seconded by Councilmember Lantzy, to approve the recommendation from the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission to research ways to reduce the overpopulation of the deer herds. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) against. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Thompson thanked Peggy Campbell and Marilyn Winters, as well as all the other volunteers who helped with the survey. He also stated everything was done on camera and the tallying was conducted by certified Election Workers.

**c. Receive monthly activity update.**

David Krawczynski also announced at the next Regular Meeting on March 19, 2018, at 6 p.m. an education session will be conducted on Wildlife (other than deer) that live in Garden Ridge.

**v. Garden Ridge Parks Committee:**

**a. Receive update on activities.**

Shelby Trial, Garden Ridge Parks Committee Chair, stated at every Council Meeting he introduces Parks Committee members. He stated this month he is introducing Dianna Scott. He stated Dianna doesn't attend meetings but helps at events and donated the sled this year.

He reviewed the location of the nine trees that will be planted in the Park. He stated these trees will be donated by Parks Committee Members and the holes will be dug by the City. Next year tree donations will be opened to the public and a plaque will be placed by each one. He also announced on May 26, 2018, the Parks Committee will hold a Park Work Day.

Shelby Trial stated he has been working on the amendments to Ordinance 123, which will allow the Scouts to have a fire pit during their campouts at Paul Davis Park. He stated Councilmember Lantzy donated a fire pit ring and once City staff and the City Attorney have reviewed the Ordinance, then the City Council can take action. He also stated the Parks Committee is currently working on Park Rental Fees, which he hopes to have done before July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Thompson thanked Shelby Trial and his committee for their hard work and for coordinating the Parks Work Day.

**vi. Volunteer Garden Ridge!**

**a. Receive update on activities.**

Shelby Trial introduced John Andrews and stated he will be running the *Volunteer Garden Ridge!* program now. John Andrews provided the City Council with a report on the breakdown of time the volunteers have served (see attached report). He also reported the Comal Master Gardeners, through Jan Martin and Linda Valdez, are willing to help the City with the landscaping around the Library. Mr. Andrews stated they will be presenting a plan to the City Administrator. He also stated Ken Lowrie has volunteered to do a video for the Library.

Mayor Thompson stated John Andrews met with City staff today regarding their needs, taking care of volunteers and a volunteer card. He thanked Mr. Andrews for taking on the project and his hard work thus far.

**b. Receive update and discuss the Water Tank Beautification Project.**

Shelby Trial stated at the last City Council meeting that the Council agreed by consensus to let the *Volunteer Garden Ridge!* handle the Water Tank Beautification Project, but after considerable research, he discovered murals on water towers can be expensive. He felt the Council should provide some direction, particularly on how much they expect to pay for the project. He stated part of the tower is covered with trees and felt that some of those should be removed; however, the large generator isn't very attractive and should be disguised.

Mayor Thompson stated the Beautification Project isn't just the tank it also includes the entire well site. He felt the tank looked fine as it is, but the generator building and other areas would need to be addressed. He recommended the research be done to find out the cost for a mural, landscaping, and welcome sign. He also recommended contacting the City Engineer to assist with getting cost estimates.

The City Council agreed by consensus to move forward with the cost estimate for putting the City Seal on the water tank and beautification of the entire area.

The City Council also discussed the pond, the pier at the pond and adding No Trespassing Signs.

**e) Ordinances**

- i. Consider approval of amendments to Ordinance 71-112016 dated November 2, 2016, identifying a potentially severe problem in the maintenance of health among the thousands of Oak Trees within the City of Garden Ridge, Texas; identifying the disease of threat to those trees as Oak Wilt; establishing procedures for control and disposition of diseased trees within the City; keeping of property free from diseased trees; regulating removal and disposal; prohibiting nuisances; providing for notice and abatement; providing for cost recovery; defining terms; providing for enforcement; providing for penalties for this Ordinance; and providing for severability and publication.**

Mayor Thompson stated Ordinance 71 needs to be amended to allow the City Administrator to approve the cutting of Oak limbs during out of season special circumstances.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Councilmember Lantzy, seconded by Councilmember Erickson, to approve amending Ordinance 71-112016 dated November 2, 2016, identifying a

potentially severe problem in the maintenance of health among the thousands of Oak Trees within the City of Garden Ridge, Texas; identifying the disease of threat to those trees as Oak Wilt; establishing procedures for control and disposition of diseased trees within the City; keeping of property free from diseased trees; regulating removal and disposal; prohibiting nuisances; providing for notice and abatement; providing for cost recovery; defining terms; providing for enforcement; providing for penalties for this Ordinance; and providing for severability and publication. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) against. The motion passed unanimously.

**ii. Consider adoption of Ordinance 211-032018 declaring Unopposed Candidates in the May 5, 2018, General City Election elected to office; canceling the election; providing a severability clause and providing an effective date.**

**a. Set the date for a Special Meeting to canvass the May 5, 2018 General City Election, Administer Oath of Offices and issue Election Certificates (proposed date is Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.)**

Mayor Thompson stated that at his request, staff provided an analysis of the cost of a City Election. The estimate for conducting a City Election is over \$10,000, so the City will be saving this expense this year.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem McCaw, seconded by Councilmember Lantzy, to adopt Ordinance 211-032018, declaring Unopposed Candidates in the May 5, 2018, General City Election elected to office; canceling the election; providing a severability clause and providing an effective date and to set a Special Meeting to canvass the May 5, 2018 General City Election, Administer Oath of Offices and issue Election Certificates on Thursday, May 10, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) against. The motion passed unanimously.

**iii. Consider approval of amendment to Ordinance 18-032018 establishing regulations for the control and care of animals in the City; establishing related service fees; establishing a penalty; providing that this Ordinance shall be cumulative of all Ordinances; providing a severability clause; providing a savings clause; and providing an effective date.**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Councilmember Lantzy, to hold a Workshop within 45 days to discuss Ordinance 18-032018.

The City Council discussed holding a Workshop to brainstorm, get clarifications and make additional changes. Mayor Thompson reminded Council this Workshop would be in the form of a Special Council Meeting and special meeting quorum requirements would apply.

The City Council then voted five (5) for and none (0) against. The motion passed unanimously.

**f) Approvals/Authorizations/Reports**

**i. Fiscal Year 2017 Audit Report (period ending September 30, 2017).**

**a. Receive a presentation and review.**

Debbie Frasier, Armstrong, Vaughn & Associates, P.C., provided a presentation regarding the 2017 Audit Report for the period ending September 30, 2017 (presentation attached).

She pointed out the City has nine months of operating expenses in reserves and is financially healthy.

**b. Consider approval of the Fiscal Year 2017 Audit Report.**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Councilmember McCaw, seconded by Councilmember Erickson, to approve the Fiscal Year 2017 Audit Report. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) against. The motion passed unanimously.

**ii. Oak Wilt**

**a. Receive an update on new case of Oak Wilt.**

Steven Steinmetz, Public Works Director, reported the containment of Oak Wilt at Sumac Cove should be completed by mid-March.

**b. Receive an update on City Park breakout and mitigation.**

Mr. Steinmetz also stated the Oak Wilt mitigation at the City Park has been completed.

**c. Discussion on communication and education.**

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated there will be an educational session public meeting regarding Oak Wilt on May 1, 2018 at 6 p.m.

**g) City Administration Project Updates:**

**i. Building Codes Update**

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated the Building Code Ordinance needs to be updated to the 2018 International Codes. She stated the amendments to the Ordinance will come to City Council for approval in May.

**h) City Council Discussions/Project Updates:**

**i. Mayor's communication efforts**

Mayor Thompson stated he has received Primary Election results and Pct. 205 (Garden Ridge) has one of the highest voter turn outs. He stated candidates come to Pct. 205 on Election Days because our residents vote. He stated it doesn't matter how you vote, just vote. Garden Ridge is the second largest turnout in Comal County with 1450 votes cast and with the County having a 23% turnout, Garden Ridge had 28.6%.

**ii. Postal mail issues occurring within the City (Lantzy)**

Councilmember Lantzy stated he hasn't received any input from residents regarding postal mail issues within the City.

Mayor Thompson stated a statement can be placed on the City website and social media to contact City Hall if they have experienced an issue with the Postal service.

**iii. Vulcan Construction Materials, LLC Update (Thompson)**

Mayor Thompson stated out of all the letters that were sent out regarding Vulcan Construction Materials, LLC., the City has received 4 responses and the latest one is from Governor Abbott's Office.

Councilmember Arvidson stated he attended the TCEQ public hearing along with 500 other people. He stated the same issues were brought up that the City Council have heard and discussed. He stated he felt there could possibly be an upcoming lawsuit regarding property values, air quality, and health issues.

The City Council asked that this agenda item remains on future agendas.

**iv. City website (Erickson)**

Councilmember Erickson stated the new website has been up and running for at least six months and he wanted to get input on people's opinions of what they like and do not like. He stated the City is also looking for high-resolution pictures. He stated he would like to take the opportunity to showcase the City in the TML Recognition Programs.

The City Council agreed by consensus to allow Councilmember Erickson the opportunity to showcase the City in the annual TML Recognition Programs.

**v. Adopt a Highway Program (Erickson)**

Councilmember Erickson stated he has been researching the Adopt a Highway Program and discovered that the City only has one highway that can be adopted which is F.M. 2252. He stated with the strict guidelines of the program he could only apply as "Family of Garden Ridge." He stated he is looking for families to volunteer to help. Texas Department of Transportation will provide the vest, tools, and trash bags and after the cleaning occurs then they will pick up the filled trash bags.

**vi. Future Agenda Items**

- External lights-nuisance (Erickson)
- Acquiring Bat Cave Road-including pros and cons of acquiring the road (Bower)
- Signs-including monuments and electronic signs (Bower)
- Discussion on the pond located at Wells 9 & 10 (earlier in the meeting)

**7. Citizen's Participation – Limited to twenty (20) minutes**

Dawn Hatch, 8377 Twisted Oaks, stated on Earth Day April 21, 2018 Texas Naturalist is giving away 1,200 trees at Woodlawn Lake. She encouraged the City Council to create an Earth Day next year.

Pastor Robert Dennard, High Point Church, thanked the City for their Volunteer program and stated he will help find ways for their Church to Serve. He also thanked the City of their safety measures around Wells #9 and 10 and the pond. He also thanked the Police Department for hosting Coffee with a Cop.

Dr. Jim Miller, 9910 Marie Meadow, encouraged the City Council to investigate ways to offer a beautiful gateway into Garden Ridge. He also encouraged them to purchase the land around the water tower located at F.M. 2252 and F.M. 3009, or at least purchase rights for signage on the tower.

Shelby Trial, 21657 Forest Waters Circle, encouraged the City Council to update Ordinance 123.

Ken Kneupper, 8891 Schoenthal Rd., stated the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission will hold an education session on Wildlife in Garden Ridge at their March 19, 2018, Regular Meeting. He also encouraged residents to come out and watch or help with the Bike Rodeo on March 8, 2018.

**8. 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 (“AAMPO”)**

**Boy Scouts and/or Girl Scouts**

**City Commissions (Planning and Zoning, Quarry, Water, and Wildlife Management Advisory)**

**Comal ISD/Garden Ridge Elementary  
Counties (Bexar, Comal and Guadalupe)**

**Garden Ridge Lions Club**

**Garden Ridge Police Academy Alumni Association/Citizen Patrol**

**Greater Bexar County Council of Cities**

**Joint Base Land Use Study-Randolph**

**Northeast Partnership**

Councilmember McCaw stated he attended the Cub Scout Blue and Gold Banquet which was well attended and it was great to see City Officials attending and participating in the ceremony. He also stated longtime resident and volunteer Mary Caton passed way and her services will be held on Monday, for more information you can check the City website.

Councilmember Arvidson stated as a parent of a scout and as an Assistant Scout Master, these children really look forward to the Cub Scout Blue and Gold Banquet. He stated he also encourages people to attend the Bike Rodeo being held tomorrow at the Garden Ridge Elementary. He stated arrangements for the ground breaking of the new high school are being finalized and once the date is set he will let everyone know.

Mayor Thompson stated April 14<sup>th</sup> is the Car Show and Model Car Show. He stated the Garden Ridge Library will also be holding another Model Car Workshop on March 24<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. He stated the Coffee with a Cop has provided opportunities for City Officials to meet residents and residents to meet us and others. He stated this is where he met Ken Lowrie, who has volunteered to do some video work for the City.

**9. Adjournment**

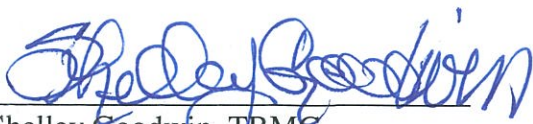
There being no further business, the Wednesday, March 7, 2018, Garden Ridge City Council regular meeting was adjourned at 10:09 p.m. by Mayor Thompson.



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Larry Thompson  
Mayor

ATTEST

  
Shelley Goodwin, TRMC  
City Secretary

# **SIGN IN TO SPEAK AT THE MARCH 7, 2018 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD**

## **Rules for Citizen's Participation:**

The City Council welcomes citizen participation and comments at all of their Meetings. The City Council offers citizens the opportunity to address them by signing up to speak prior to the meeting. As a courtesy to your fellow citizens and out of respect for our elected officials, we request that if you speak, you follow these guidelines:

- a) Respect and courtesy:
  - i. Direct your comments to the entire City Council, not to an individual member, nor to the audience.
  - ii. Show the City Council the same respect that you would like to be shown.
  - iii. Show the City Council courtesy by ending your speaking at the time allotted below.
- b) Speaking:
  - i. First citizen comment period
    - a. You are required to sign up to speak.
    - b. You are limited to one three (3) minute period.
  - ii. Business item period
    - a. You are required to sign up to speak.
    - b. You are limited to one three (3) minute period.
  - iii. Second citizen comment period
    - a. You are not required to sign up.
    - b. You are limited to one two (2) minute period.
  - iv. State your name and address before your comments begin.
  - v. You are only allowed to speak once per topic, unless also speaking during a posted Public Hearing.

NOTE: The Texas Open Meetings Act permits a member of the public or a member of the governmental body to raise a subject that has not been included in the notice for the meeting. However, any discussion of the subject **must be limited** to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda for a future meeting and any response to a question posed to the City Council is limited to either a statement of specific factual information or a recitation of existing policy. TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.042

| NAME                   | ADDRESS                         | SUBJECT                         |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. <u>SARAH J RIAK</u> | <u>21657 FOREST WATERS CIR.</u> | <u>WELL SICK BEAUTIFICATION</u> |
| 2. _____               | _____                           | _____                           |
| 3. _____               | _____                           | _____                           |
| 4. _____               | _____                           | _____                           |
| 5. _____               | <u>LAST ITEM</u>                | _____                           |
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