

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
Michelle Hinojosa, Utility Clerk
Ron Eberhardt, Chief of Police
Steven Steinmetz, Public Works Director
Linda Crosland, Library Director
Charlie Zech, 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, February 7, 2024, 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. Presentations/Proclamations

a) Presentation from Garden Ridge Lions Club.

Members from the Garden Ridge Lions Club presented a \$15,000 check to the City of Garden Ridge for sidewalk repairs for accessibility at Paul Davis Park.

4. Citizen Comment Period

Cheryl Bither, 9925 Trophy Oaks Drive, spoke regarding the Garden Ridge Women's Club Valentine's Day Fundraising Event.

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 January 3, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting.**
- b) Financial Statement, Summary Report, and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations – December 31, 2023.**
- c) 2023 Garden Ridge Police Department Racial Profiling Report.**
- d) Ordinance No. 241-022024 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, ordering a General Election on May 4, 2024, for the purpose of electing City Council Place One, City Council Place Four, and City Council Place Five; making provisions for the conduct of such election; and resolving other matters related to the conduct of such election.**



Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Valdez, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Swint, to approve Consent Agenda items a)-d). 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. She stated there were 306 *Volunteer Garden Ridge!* hours for the month of January and spoke regarding First Friday, FM 2252 City Sign, and Administrative Staff.

b) Finance/HR Monthly Activity Report.

City Manager Nancy Cain 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 January.

b) Water Commission:

1. Request for water loss adjustment for 20950 Klein Circle for the billing period of July 21, 2023 – August 23, 2023.

1.1. Receive recommendation from Water Commission.

Chair Mueller stated the Water Commission recommends approval of a water loss adjustment for 20950 Klein Circle for the billing period of July 21, 2023 – August 23, 2023 in the amount of \$1,244.20.

City Council discussed the water loss adjustment as it relates to requirements contained in Ordinance No. 54.

1.2. Take action on request.

City Council agreed by consensus to table the request for water loss adjustment for 20950 Klein Circle for the billing period of July 21, 2023 – August 23, 2023, until next month and request the customer to be in attendance to address questions and concerns.

2. Request for appeal on water loss adjustment denial for 9497 Cinchona Trail for the billing period of November 21, 2022 – December 22, 2022.

2.1. Receive recommendation from Water Commission.

Chair Mueller stated the Water Commission recommends denial of the appeal on a water loss adjustment for 9497 Cinchona Trail for the billing period of November 21, 2022 – December 22, 2022.

2.2. Take action on request.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Bower, seconded by Councilmember Valdez, to approve the Water Commission's recommendation and deny the appeal on a water loss adjustment for 9497 Cinchona Trail for the billing period of November 21, 2022 – December 22, 2022. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

Chair Mueller provided City Council with an update on topics discussed at the Commission's meeting.

9. Approvals and Authorizations

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

a) Fiscal Year 2023 Audit Report (period ending September 30, 2023).

Karl Goering with Armstrong, Vaughan & Associates, P.C. presented the Fiscal Year 2023 Audit Report and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

Motion: A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Swint, seconded by Councilmember Bower, to approve the Fiscal Year 2023 Audit Report (period ending September 30, 2023) as presented. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

b) Resolution No. 515-022024 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, finding that the statement of intent of CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Entex and CenterPoint Energy to change rates filing within the City should be denied; finding that the City's reasonable rate case expenses shall be reimbursed by the Company; finding that the meeting at which this Resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; requiring notice of this Resolution to the Company and legal counsel.

City Manager Nancy Cain spoke regarding Resolution No. 515-022024 and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Bower, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to approve Resolution No. 515-022024 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, finding that the statement of intent of CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Entex and CenterPoint Energy to change rates filing within the City should be denied; finding that the City's reasonable rate case expenses shall be reimbursed by the Company; finding that the meeting at which this Resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; requiring notice of this Resolution to the Company and legal counsel. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Updates

a) City Council Projects.

1. Aggregate Production Operations (APO) impacting Garden Ridge (Swint and Erickson).

Mayor Erickson and Mayor Pro-Tem Swint provided updates related to Aggregate Production Operations (APO) impacting Garden Ridge.

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

Mayor Erickson and Mayor Pro-Tem Swint provided updates related to mitigation of growth and encroachment impacts on Garden Ridge.

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/Council Liaison to Tri-County Chamber of Commerce.

4. Council Liaison to the Water Company/Utilities Department (Valdez and Erickson).
Mayor Erickson and Councilmember Valdez stated there are no additional updates at this time.

5. Council Liaison to Comal ISD (Arvidson and Erickson).
Mayor Erickson and Councilmember Arvidson provided updates related to Comal ISD.

11. Discussion of Future Agenda Items

Councilmember Valdez requested to add 100 Club of Comal County to future agendas under agenda item 13. Reports and Comments from Mayor and City Councilmembers.

12. Citizen Comment Period

Roxann Dzur, 9207 Blazing Star Trail, spoke regarding the Bulk Dumpster fee.

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/Technical Advisory Committee, 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 and Garden Ridge Women's Club, Garden Ridge Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association/Citizen Patrol, Great Springs Project, Greater Bexar County Council of Cities, Hill Country Alliance, Northeast Partnership, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Tri-County Chamber of Commerce.

Councilmember Valdez spoke regarding the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee. Mayor Pro-Tem Swint spoke regarding the Great Springs Project. Councilmember Smith spoke regarding Garden Ridge Elementary School Choir and Davenport High School Booster Bash. 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, February 7, 2024, City Council regular meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m. by Mayor Erickson.

ATTEST


Marisa Spencer
City Secretary


Robb Erickson
Mayor