
The Garden Ridge City Council will meet in a regular session on Wednesday, September 4, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas. This is an open meeting, open to the public, subject to the Open Meetings Law of the State of Texas, and as required by law, notice is hereby posted providing time, place, date, and agenda thereof. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are provided. Requests for accommodations or interpretative services must be made to the City Secretary 48 hours prior to this meeting.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call**2. Pledge of Allegiance****3. Citizen Comment Period – limited to 30 minutes total**

Rules for Citizens' Participation: The City Council welcomes citizen participation and comments at all City Council Meetings. If you speak, you must follow these guidelines:

a) Respect and courtesy:

1. Direct your comments to the entire City Council, not to an individual member, nor to the audience.
2. Show the City Council the same respect that you would like to be shown.
3. End your speaking at the time allotted below.

b) Speaking:

1. First citizen comment period.

- 1.1. You are required to sign up to speak and you are limited to one 3-minute period.

2. Second citizen comment period.

- 2.1. You are not required to sign up and you are limited to one 2-minute period.

3. State your name and address before your comments begin.

4. 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.

4. 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 30, 2024, City Council Special Meeting.

b) Approval of Minutes for the August 7, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting.

c) Financial Statement, Summary Report, and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations – July 31, 2024.

5. Staff Reports

a) City Manager Monthly Activity Report.

- City/employee recognitions, *Volunteer Garden Ridge!*, Community and Event Center report, building permits, citizen concern/input, upcoming events, personnel updates, and continuity of operations.

- b) Finance/HR Monthly Activity Report.
 - Financial reporting, audits, employee benefits, communication efforts, upcoming events, personnel updates, and continuity of operations.
- c) City Secretary Monthly Activity Report.
 - Administrative operations and projects, records management, communication efforts, citizen concern/input, upcoming events, personnel updates, and continuity of operations.
- d) Police Department Monthly Activity Report.
 - Traffic/code compliance enforcement, criminal activity, upcoming events, personnel updates, and continuity of operations.
- e) Public Works Department Monthly Activity Report.
 - Public Facilities: Street/right-of-way maintenance, drainage facility/easement maintenance, City facilities maintenance, animal services, personnel updates, and continuity of operations.
 - Utilities: Water pumping/usage from City wells, system infrastructure maintenance/repairs/projects, leak adjustments, water/drought management, personnel updates, and continuity of operations.
- f) Library Monthly Activity Report.
 - Upcoming events and continuity of operations.

6. City Engineer Projects Status Reports

- a) FM 2252 TxDOT Project: receive report and provide direction, as needed.
- b) Land Development Projects: receive report and provide direction, as needed.

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

- a) Planning and Zoning Commission:
 - 1. An amendment to the City of Garden Ridge Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 13-032023) Section 2.04.02. Natural Features Overlay (NFO) District and Section 2.06.15. Development in the Natural Features (NFO) District related to the boundaries and location of the District, development within the District, and other matters in connection therewith.
 - 1.1. Receive recommendation from Planning and Zoning Commission.
 - 1.2. Hold a public hearing.
 - 1.3. Discuss and take action.
 - 2. Expiring Terms (September 30, 2024) of Commissioners.
 - 2.1. Receive recommendation to reappoint Commissioner Jacaman, Commissioner Diaz, and Commissioner Bates to serve another term with terms expiring September 30, 2026.
 - 2.2. Discuss and take action.
 - 3. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.
- b) Water Commission:
 - 1. Water Rate Structure.
 - 1.1. Receive recommendation from Water Commission.
 - 1.2. Discuss and take action.
 - 2. Expiring Terms (September 30, 2024) of Commissioners.
 - 2.1. Receive recommendation to reappoint Commissioner Pohl, Commissioner Stone, Commissioner Stedman, and Commissioner Dorsey to serve another term with terms expiring September 30, 2026.
 - 2.2. Discuss and take action.
 - 3. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

8. Approvals and Authorizations

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

- a) 2024 Tax Rate.
 - 1. Review and discuss the 2024 Tax Rate Proposal of \$0.255156.
 - 2. Hold a public hearing.
 - 3. Approve \$0.193423 as the 2024 Maintenance and Operation Rate for the City of Garden Ridge.
 - 4. Approve \$0.061733 as the 2024 Debt Service Rate for the City of Garden Ridge.
 - 5. Take action on Ordinance No. 242-092024 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, adopting a Tax Rate of \$0.255156 per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) consisting of the approved Maintenance and Operation Rate and Debt Service Rate of assessed valuation for the City of Garden Ridge to be effective for the 2024 Tax Year (Fiscal Year 2025).
- b) Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool Board of Trustees Election.
- c) Selection of Executive Recruitment Services and related communications on procurement of service.

9. Updates

- a) City Council Projects.
 - 1. Aggregate Production Operations (APO) impacting Garden Ridge (Swint and Arvidson).
 - 2. Mitigation of growth and encroachment impacts on Garden Ridge (Swint and Erickson).
 - 3. Economic Development (Smith and Swint).
 - 4. Council Liaison to the Water Company/Utilities Department (Valdez and Erickson).
 - 5. Council Liaison to Comal ISD (Arvidson and Reyes).

10. Discussion of Future Agenda Items

11. Citizen Comment Period – limited to 20 minutes total

See “Rules for Citizens’ Participation” under Item 3.

12. 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:

100 Club of Comal County
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 School/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

13. Executive Session

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

- a) Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071(1) Pending or Contemplated Litigation and 551.071(2) – Consultation with City Attorney on the following items:
 1. Petition for Declaratory Judgment (Eric Fischer v. City of Garden Ridge, Cause #: C2024-1164B).
 2. Notice of Claim Letter pursuant to Texas Tort Claims Act (Craig Dillard v. City of Garden Ridge, Cause #: C2024-1193E).

14. 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.

15. Adjournment

AGENDA NOTICES:

Decorum Required: Any disruptive behavior, including shouting or derogatory statements or comments may be ruled out of order by the Presiding Officer. Continuation of this type of behavior could result in a request by the Presiding Officer that the individual leave the meeting, and if refused, an order of removal.

Action by Council Authorized: The Council may vote or act upon any item within this Agenda. The Council reserves the right to adjourn into closed session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by Title 5, Chapter 551, of the Texas Government Code.

Executive Sessions Authorized: This agenda has been reviewed and approved by the City's legal counsel and the presence of any subject in any Executive Session portion of the agenda constitutes a written interpretation of Texas Government Code Chapter 551 by legal counsel for the governmental body and constitutes an opinion by the attorney that the items discussed therein may be legally discussed in the closed portion of the meeting considering available opinions of a court of record and opinions of the Texas Attorney General known to the attorney. This provision has been added to this agenda with the intent to meet all elements necessary to satisfy Texas Government Code Chapter 551.144(c) and the meeting is conducted by all participants in reliance on this opinion.

Attendance By Other Elected or Appointed Officials: It is anticipated that members of the other city boards, commissions and/or committees may attend the meeting in numbers that may constitute a quorum of the other city boards, commissions and/or committees. Notice is hereby given that the meeting, to the extent required by law, is also noticed as a meeting of the City Council, other boards, commissions and/or committees of the City, whose members may be in attendance. The members of the boards, commissions and/or committees may participate in discussions on the same items listed on the agenda, which occur at the meeting, but no action will be taken by such in attendance unless such item and action are specifically provided for on an agenda for that board, commission, or committee subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act.

This is to certify that I, Marisa Spencer, posted this Agenda at 10:00 a.m. on August 28, 2024, on the bulletin board located at the entrance to Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas.



Marisa Spencer
City Secretary

Councilmembers Present:

Mayor Robb Erickson
Councilmember Kelly Smith
Councilmember Lisa Swint
Councilmember Jesús Valdez
Councilmember Brian Reyes

Councilmembers Absent:

Mayor Pro-Tem Todd Arvidson

City Staff Present:

Nancy Cain, City Manager
Marisa Spencer, City Secretary
Cyndi Simmons, Assistant City Secretary
Robyn Achu, Finance/HR Director
Ron Eberhardt, Police Chief
Steven Steinmetz, Public Works Director
Linda Crosland, Library Director

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

With a quorum of the City Councilmembers present, Mayor Erickson called the special meeting of the Garden Ridge City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 30, 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. Citizen Comment Period:

Rose Gail Leatherberry, 20711 FM 3009, spoke regarding the Garden Ridge Library.

Sarah Bagley, 20815 Glen Cove, spoke regarding the Garden Ridge Library.

4. Business Items

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

Mayor Erickson reordered the agenda as follows:

- e) Discussion and possible action on application of City of Garden Ridge City Charter, Section 4.01 E. related to designating a temporary qualified individual to perform the duties of the office of City Manager.**

Mayor Erickson spoke regarding City Manager Nancy Cain's recent injury and stated the City Attorney advised to include this item on the agenda for City Council to consider if needed. Mayor Erickson stated City Manager Nancy Cain is capable of continuing to perform the duties of the office of City Manager during her recovery; therefore, City Council does not need to consider this item.

- a) Nominations to the Board of Trustees of the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool.**

Mayor Erickson spoke regarding the Board of Trustees of the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool. The City Council discussed the responsibilities of the Board of Trustees and did not make any nominations.

b) Proposed FY2025 Budgets for the City of Garden Ridge.

- 1. General Fund.**
- 2. Water Company Operation and Maintenance Fund.**
- 3. Interest & Sinking Fund.**
- 4. Capital Improvements Fund.**

Finance/HR Director Robyn Achu and City Manager Nancy Cain reviewed the proposed FY2025 Budgets for the City of Garden Ridge and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

Councilmembers provided input related to the proposed budgets and proposed salary increases.

c) File the proposed FY2025 Budgets with the City Secretary.

No action taken.

d) Review Budget and Tax Rate adoption process and schedule.

City Manager Nancy Cain reviewed the Budget and Tax Rate adoption process and schedule.

5. Citizen Comment Period

No one wished to speak.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Tuesday, July 30, 2024, City Council special meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. by Mayor Erickson.

ATTEST

Robb Erickson
Mayor

Marisa Spencer
City Secretary

Councilmembers Present:

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

Councilmembers Absent:

Councilmember Brian Reyes

City Staff Present:

Nancy Cain, City Manager
Marisa Spencer, City Secretary
Cyndi Simmons, Assistant City Secretary
Robyn Achu, Finance/HR Director
Ron Eberhardt, Chief of Police
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 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) Introduction/Swearing in of Police Officers.**

Chief Eberhardt conducted a swearing in ceremony and introduction of Officer Carlos Rivera and Officer Joshua Martinez.

4. Citizen Comment Period

Thomas Klimas, 9610 Meadow Rue, spoke regarding garbage and recycling services.

5. Consent Agenda

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a) Approval of Minutes for the July 9, 2024, City Council Special Meeting.**b) Financial Statement, Summary Report, and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations – June 30, 2024.**

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Swint, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to approve Consent Agenda items a)-b). The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Staff Reports

a) City Manager Monthly Activity Report.

City Manager Nancy Cain reviewed employee recognitions and employee anniversaries. She stated there were 229 *Volunteer Garden Ridge!* hours for the month of July and spoke regarding First Friday.

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 Hank Krippen 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:

1. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

Mayor Erickson stated the Commission did not meet in July.

b) Water Commission:

1. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

Mayor Erickson stated the Commission did not meet in July.

9. Approvals and Authorizations

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

a) Unified Development Code (UDC) Comparative Analysis presented by THE SILVAS GROUP.

Kate Silvas, THE SILVAS GROUP, presented the Unified Development Code (UDC) Comparative Analysis and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

b) Tri-County Chamber of Commerce Membership.

Mindy Paxton, Tri-County Chamber of Commerce, spoke regarding the Tri-County Chamber of Commerce. The City Council discussed continuing membership as a City Partner with Tri-County Chamber of Commerce.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Swint, to approve the renewal of the Tri-County Chamber of Commerce City Partner Membership. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

c) Request from Buckley Powder Co., for a Partial Exemption Permit to conduct blasting activities at Heidelberg Materials Servtex Quarry for the period of October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025, and set annual permit fee.

City Manager Nancy Cain spoke regarding the request from Buckley Powder Co. for a Partial Exemption Permit and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Valdez, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Arvidson, to approve the request from Buckley Powder Company for a Partial Exemption Permit to conduct blasting activities at Heidelberg Materials Servtex Quarry for the period of October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025, with an annual permit fee of \$33,026.22. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

d) 2024 Tax Rates.

1. Review the 2024 No-New-Revenue, Voter-Approval, and De Minimis Tax Rate Calculations.

City Manager Nancy Cain reviewed the 2024 No-New-Revenue, Voter-Approval, and De Minimis Tax Rate Calculations and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

2. Propose, by record vote, a tax rate for the 2024 tax year.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Valdez, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Arvidson, to propose the Voter-Approval rate of \$0.255156 for the 2024 tax year. The City Council voted by roll call:

Councilmember Smith, Place 1	aye
Councilmember Swint, Place 2	aye
Councilmember Valdez, Place 3	aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Arvidson, Place 4	aye
Councilmember Reyes, Place 5	absent

The motion carried unanimously.

3. Announce date, time, and place of 2024 Tax Rate Public Hearing and Adoption.

Mayor Erickson stated the 2024 Tax Rate Public Hearing and Adoption will be held on Wednesday, September 4, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

e) Interview Panel Recommendation for Appointment to Water Commission.

Mayor Erickson and City Manager Nancy Cain spoke regarding interviewing a candidate to fill the vacancy on the Water Commission and stated the Interview Panel recommends the appointment of Nathan Dorsey to the Water Commission Place 7 with a term of office expiring September 30, 2024.

Motion: A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Arvidson, seconded by Councilmember Valdez, to approve the Interview Panel Recommendation and appoint Nathan Dorsey to the Water Commission Place 7 with a term of office expiring September 30, 2024. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

f) Proposal for Executive Recruitment Services.

Mayor Erickson presented an overview of Proposals for Executive Recruitment Services and addressed questions from Councilmembers. The City Council discussed the Proposals for Executive Recruitment Services from Strategic Government Resources (SGR), Baker Tilly, Clear Career Professionals, and Lunt Consulting.

Motion: A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Arvidson, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to hire Strategic Government Resources (SGR) to conduct recruitment services for a new City Manager for the City of Garden Ridge. The City Council voted three (3) for and one (1) opposed (Councilmember Swint). The motion passed by a vote of 3-1 (Councilmember Swint).

g) Republic Services Annual Rate Adjustment.

City Manager Nancy Cain spoke regarding the Republic Services Annual Rate Adjustment and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Valdez, seconded by Councilmember Swint, to approve the Republic Services Annual Rate Adjustment as presented. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

h) Davenport High School Homecoming Parade.

Mayor Erickson spoke regarding the Davenport High School Homecoming Parade.

The City Council agreed by consensus to continue supporting the Davenport High School Homecoming Parade.

i) Proposed FY2025 Budgets for the City of Garden Ridge.

1. Discuss proposed FY2025 Budgets: General Fund, Water Company Operation and Maintenance Fund, Interest & Sinking Fund, Capital Improvements Fund.

Finance/HR Director Robyn Achu reviewed the proposed FY2025 Budgets for the City of Garden Ridge and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

The City Council discussed the proposed FY2025 Budgets for the City of Garden Ridge and the budget process.

2. File the proposed FY2025 Budgets with the City Secretary.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Valdez, seconded by Councilmember Swint, to file the proposed Water Company Operation and Maintenance Fund Budget Option B as presented with the City Secretary. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Swint, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Arvidson, to file the proposed Interest and Sinking Fund Budget Option B as presented with the City Secretary. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Arvidson, seconded by Councilmember Valdez, to file the proposed Capital Improvements Fund Budget Option B as presented with the City Secretary. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Swint, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to file the proposed General Fund Budget Option B as presented with the City Secretary. The City Council voted four (4) 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 Arvidson).

Councilmember 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 Councilmember Swint provided updates related to mitigation of growth and encroachment on Garden Ridge.

3. Economic Development (Smith and Swint).

Councilmember Smith and Councilmember Swint provided updates related to Economic Development.

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

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

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Arvidson provided updates related to Council Liaison to Comal ISD.

6. Grant Writing and Grant Opportunities (Reyes and Erickson).

Mayor Erickson stated there were no updates at this time.

11. Discussion of Future Agenda Items

Councilmember Smith requested to add Tri-County Chamber of Commerce to the list under Reports and Comments from Mayor and City Councilmembers.

Councilmember Swint requested to discuss personnel titles related to City Staff.

12. Citizen Comment Period

Sharon Stripling, 21729 Forest Waters Circle, spoke regarding Tri-County Chamber of Commerce, Davenport High School Homecoming Parade, Republic Services, and the Unified Development Code Comparative Analysis.

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:

100 Club of Comal County, 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).

Mayor Pro-Tem Arvidson spoke regarding Davenport High School. Mayor Erickson spoke regarding Northeast Partnership for Economic Development.

14. Executive Session

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

a) Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071(1) Pending or Contemplated Litigation and 551.071(2) – Consultation with City Attorney on the following items:

- 1. Notice of Claim Letter (Daniel Post).**
- 2. Petition for Declaratory Judgment (Eric Fischer v. City of Garden Ridge).**
- 3. Notice of Claim Letter pursuant to Texas Tort Claims Act (Craig Dillard v. City of Garden Ridge, Cause #: C2024-1193E).**

Mayor Erickson announced the City Council will recess at 8:57 p.m. and reconvene into Executive Session at 9:05 p.m., to discuss and seek legal advice on the items stated above.

Mayor Erickson adjourned the Executive Session and reconvened back into Regular Session at 9:16 p.m.

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, August 7, 2024, City Council regular meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m. by Mayor Erickson.

ATTEST

Robb Erickson
Mayor

Marisa Spencer
City Secretary

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE**MONTHLY ACCOUNT BALANCES & INTEREST RATES**

PERIOD ENDED AS OF 7/31/2024

CITY FUNDS	BALANCE	CURRENT INTEREST RATE
GF OPERATING ACCOUNT	396,469.95	0.40%
GF MONEY MARKET	1,310,292.69	3.66%
PEG CAPITAL FEES	49,154.46	3.66%
TEXPOOL INVESTMENTS	3,269,115.83	5.32%
2017 I&S	2,318.39	3.66%
2012 I&S	29,230.86	3.66%
2012 REFI	14,853.86	3.66%
2015 I&S	48,368.55	3.66%
TEXPOOL WATER IMPACT FEES	187,920.80	5.32%
TEXPOOL STREET IMPACT FEES	65,035.94	5.32%
AMERICAN RECOVERY ACCT	5,461.43	3.66%
TEXPOOL AMERICAN RECOVERY ACCT	346,789.85	5.32%
ASSET/FORFEITURE - STATE	3,701.74	0.10%
ASSET/FORFEITURE - FED	284,557.11	3.66%
TOTAL CITY FUNDS	\$ 6,013,271.46	

WATER FUNDS	BALANCE	CURRENT INTEREST RATE
OPERATING ACCOUNT	866,839.94	3.66%
WATER SURCHARGE	159,153.37	3.66%
TEXPOOL WATER INVEST	1,308,449.51	5.32%
SIB LOAN I&S	3,203.28	3.66%
SIB RESERVE	46,056.85	3.66%
TOTAL WATER FUNDS	\$ 2,383,702.95	
TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS	\$ 8,396,974.41	

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE
CASH & INVESTMENTS STATEMENT
PERIOD ENDED AS OF 07/31/2024

GENERAL FUND	BALANCE
GF Operational Checking	\$ 396,469.95
GF Money Market	1,310,292.69
GF Peg Capital Fund	49,154.46
TexPool Investments	3,269,115.83
Restricted Amounts: (Including GF Peg Capital Fund)	(207,425.69)
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS	\$ 4,817,607.24

WATER FUND	BALANCE
Operational Checking	\$ 866,839.94
TexPool Water Invest	1,308,449.51
Water Surcharge	159,153.37
Restricted Amounts	(165,155.21)
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS	\$ 2,169,287.61

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
PERIOD ENDING AS OF 07/31/2024

GENERAL FUND	Jul-24	YTD	FY 2024 BUDGET	% OF BUDGET	BUDGET BALANCE
REVENUES	\$ 183,998.90	\$ 3,574,522.30	\$ 3,759,432.00	95.1%	\$ 184,909.70
EXPENDITURES					
ADMINISTRATION	57,122.84	646,156.51	846,833.00	76.3%	200,676.49
COURT	8,203.36	84,400.04	112,858.00	74.8%	28,457.96
POLICE	95,805.65	1,052,825.29	1,464,945.00	71.9%	412,119.71
PUBLIC FACILITIES	62,126.21	678,521.93	806,052.00	84.2%	127,530.07
COMMUNITY CENTER	8,550.90	56,604.43	170,656.00	33.2%	114,051.57
LIBRARY	11,862.79	110,564.87	145,464.00	76.0%	34,899.13
FUND CHANGES/XFER	-	-	-	0.0%	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	243,671.75	2,629,073.07	3,546,808.00	74.1%	917,734.93
NET POSITION	\$ (59,672.85)	\$ 945,449.23	\$ 212,624.00		\$ (732,825.23)

WATER FUND	Jul-24	YTD	FY 2024 BUDGET	% OF BUDGET	BUDGET BALANCE
REVENUES	\$ 217,466.92	\$ 1,676,561.62	\$ 2,308,844.00	72.6%	\$ 632,282.38
EXPENDITURES					
BOND PRINCIPLE PMTS	-	532,000.00	533,502.00		1,502.00
ALL OTHER EXPENDITURES	221,763.59	1,306,339.50	1,727,598.00		421,258.50
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	221,763.59	1,838,339.50	2,261,100.00	81.3%	422,760.50
REVENUE +/- EXPENDITURES	(4,296.67)	(161,777.88)	47,744.00		209,521.88

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - COMMUNITY CENTER

PERIOD ENDING AS OF 07/31/2024

REVENUES	YTD	Budget
RENTALS	\$ 77,465.00	70,000.00
DEPOSITS	(2,650.00)	4,700.00
CLEAN-UP FEES	8,855.00	9,000.00
DONATIONS	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES	83,670.00	83,700.00
EXPENDITURES		
PAYROLL/TAXES/RETIREMENT	4,679.89	4,876.00
MANAGER FEES	28,108.75	33,000.00
COMPUTER/INTERNET	1,436.70	1,680.00
TELEPHONE	500.00	600.00
UTILITIES	7,333.24	12,000.00
MAINTENANCE	5,584.56	7,000.00
SUPPLIES	2,254.60	2,000.00
CLEANING	6,120.00	7,200.00
EQUIPMENT	586.69	6,000.00
MARKETING	-	-
DEPOSITS REFUNDED	-	21,300.00
DONATION EXPENDITURES	-	-
FACILITY ENHANCEMENTS	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	56,604.43	95,656.00
NET POSITION	\$ 27,065.57	\$ (11,956.00)

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations – 7/31/2024

GENERAL FUND

Cash

Total available funds as of July 31, 2024, are \$4,817,607

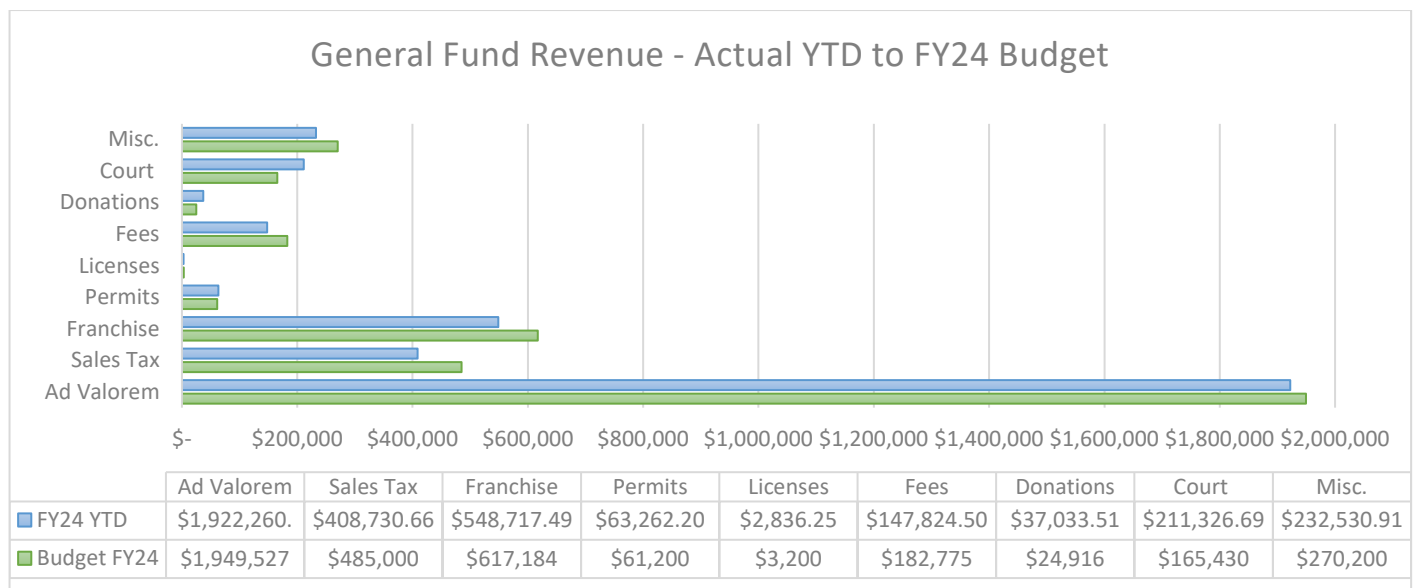
Revenue

Ad Valorem Tax received for July totals \$16,913. YTD collections total \$1,922,260 or 99% of the FY24 budget of \$1,949,527

Sale Tax Revenue received during the month of July totals \$47,989 for FY24. YTD totals \$408,731 or 84% of the \$485,000 budgeted for FY24.

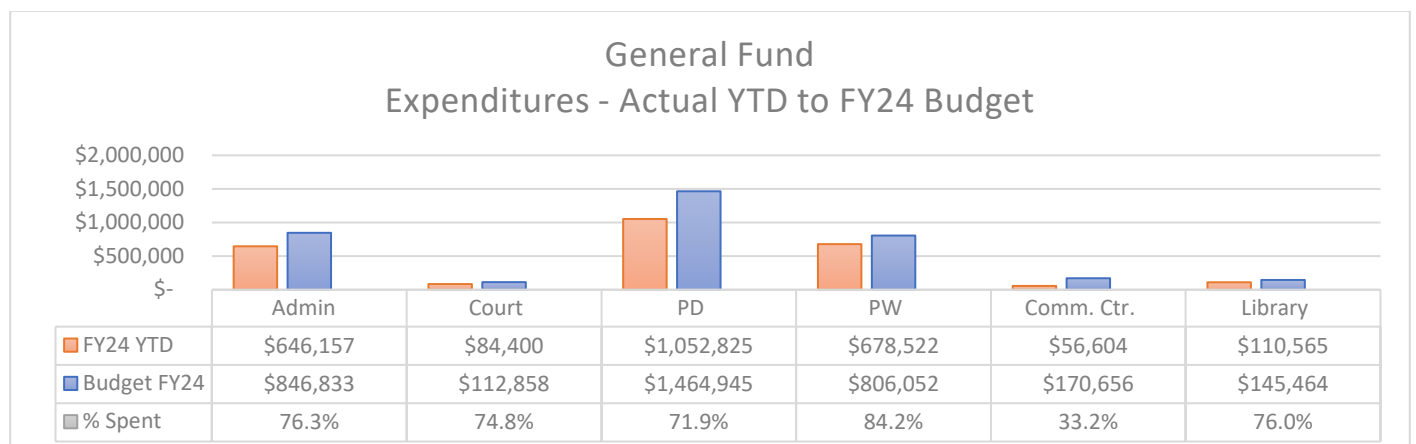
Annual Building Permits revenue totals \$60,647 or 101% of the \$60,000 budgeted for FY24.

Trash Collection YTD totals \$154,619 or 132% of the \$117,120 budgeted for FY24.



Expenditures

Expenditures for the month total \$243,672. YTD expenditures for FY24 total \$2,629,073 or 74% of the \$3,546,808 budget. All departments are operating within the FY24 budget.



WATER FUND

Meters

Current meters for July 2024 total 1694 vs 1690 for July 2023.

Cash

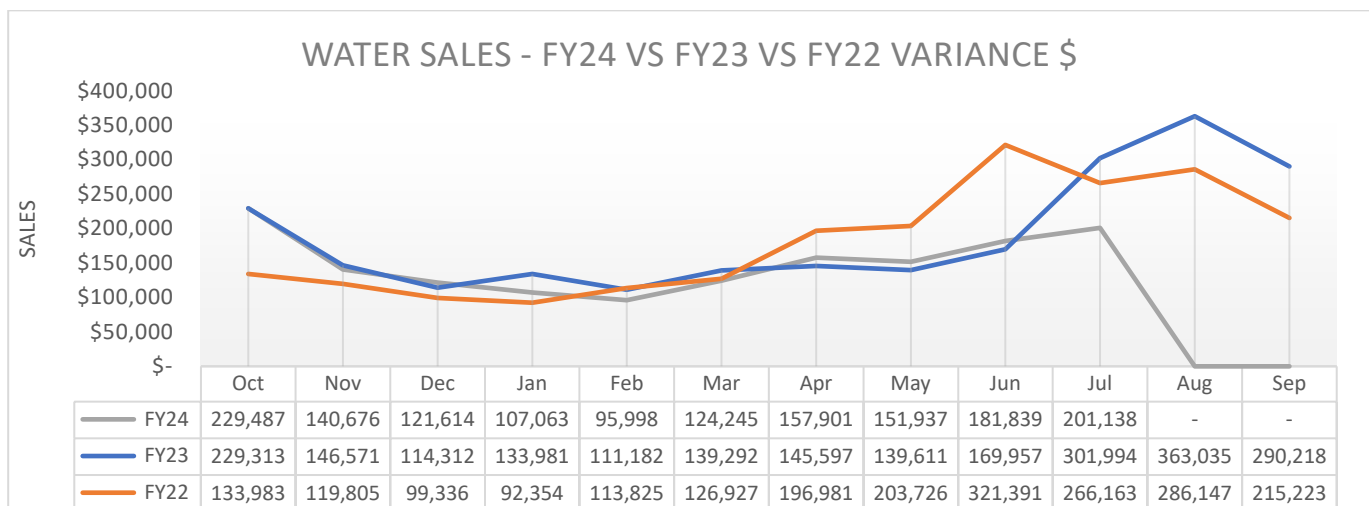
Total available funds as of July 31, 2024, are \$2,169,288.

Revenue

Revenue YTD totals \$1,676,562 or 73% of the \$2,308,844 budgeted for FY24. Total revenue for the same period last year was \$1,775,406.

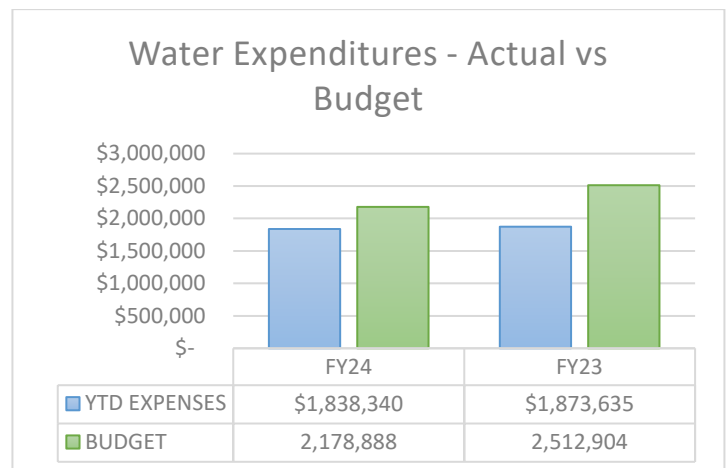
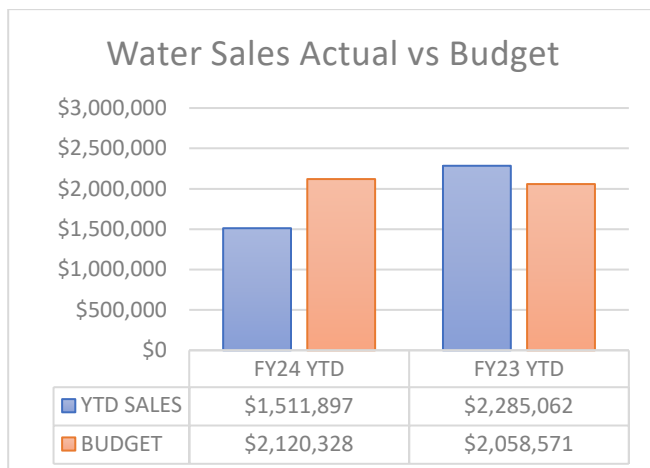
Water Sales for the month total \$201,138. YTD water sales total \$1,511,897 or 71% of the \$2,120,328 budgeted for FY24.

Meter installation revenue YTD totals \$3,975 or 40% of the \$10,000 budgeted for FY24.



Expenditures

Expenditures for the month total \$221,764. YTD expenditures for FY24 total \$1,838,340 or 81% of the \$2,261,100 budget.



Interest & Sinking Fund

Revenue

Ad Valorem Tax collections YTD total \$646,887 of the \$660,137 budgeted for FY24.

Expenditures

No expenditures for the month. Next bond payments are due in August 2024.

Capital Improvements Fund – (all accounts are restricted)

Cash Balance

Water Impact Fee Balance is \$187,921.

Street Impact Balance is \$65,036.

American Recovery Acct. Balance is \$352,251.

Revenue

No new revenue other than monthly interest which is included in the balances above to report for the month.

Asset Seizure Fund

Cash Balance

The Restricted Fund Balance is \$288,259.

Revenue

Total revenue received for the month is \$196,349.

Expenditures

Month expenditures to report is \$-71

Summary

The City of Garden Ridge is financially sound and operates within the Budget set forth by City Council.

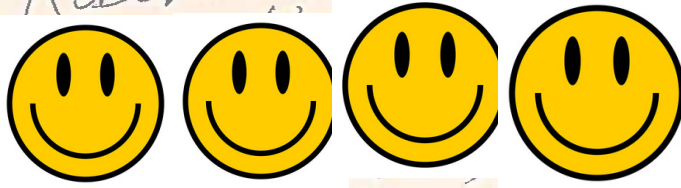
TO: GARDEN RIDGE POLICE DEPT.

THANK YOU FOR LOOKING
AFTER OUR HOME WHILE WE WERE
ON VACATION LAST WEEK.

THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO
FOR OUR COMMUNITY

GOD BLESS

ROBERT & LOU SIMMONS



PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES
CONTAINS NUTS

From: [jmaloney](#)
To: [City Administrator](#)
Cc: [City Secretary](#);
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter of Appreciation
Date: Friday, August 16, 2024 11:12:25 AM

Good morning Nancy,

Please pass on my appreciation to Duane Scogino, Utilities Foreman, Steven Steinmetz, Public Works Director and Steven's team that mowed the Cul-De-Sac Islands in Garden Ridge Estates.

These Cul-De-Sac's were looking shabby and Steven's team moved swiftly to mow and remove the clippings.

Our Water Department and Public Works Department's work very hard to keep our city looking beautiful and help preserve the city's excellent reputation.

I thank them for a job well done!

Sincerely,

Joe Maloney
20019 Hickory Bend
Garden Ridge, TX

Garden Ridge Community and Event Center
Monthly Report
August 1st thru August 31st,2024

Utilization (by Days)

FY 23-24	FY 22-23	FY 23-24	FY 22-23
(Current Month)	(Current Month)	(Year to Date)	(Year to Date)
18	16	230	286

Wildflower (Booked Current Month)	Bluebonnet (Booked Current Month)
11	7

Category Count (by Events)	(Current Month)	(Year to Date)
1. Resident / Non-Resident	6	64
2. City Chartered Non-Profit Organizations	0	17
3. Non-Profit Service Organizations	2	57
4. Non-Profit Associations	5	50
5. City Use	5	42

Administrative Operations and Upcoming Events

City Hall Office Hours

- Monday/Wednesday/Thursday: 8am-5pm, Tuesday: 8am-6pm, and Friday: 8am-4pm.
- After hours emergency phone number: 210-651-6831.

Training/Professional Development

- Assistant City Secretary Cyndi Simmons is working towards obtaining the Texas Registered Municipal Clerk (TRMC) designation. In August, she passed 2 exams and attended 1 seminar.
- City Secretary Marisa Spencer and Assistant City Secretary Cyndi Simmons attended the Texas Municipal Clerk's Association Alamo Chapter Meeting/Training.

First Friday

- There will be no First Friday in September but mark your calendars for October First Friday on Friday, October 4th from 5:30pm-7:30pm. First Friday is a great opportunity for the community to come together, and we truly hope to see you there!

Communication Efforts

Water Alerts/Customer Portal: Gain a greater understanding of your water usage by signing up for the customer portal, which allows you to see your water usage 24/7/365! Access your water usage information and configure notification preferences easily and securely from the Get My Meter Info web portal (<https://getmymeter.info>) and integrated smart phone apps. See the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) page on the City's Website for more details (<https://www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us/557/Advanced-Metering-Infrastructure-AMI>).

Garden Ridge Emergency Alert System: G.R.E.A.S. enhances the City's ability to communicate with residents during an emergency by sending direct notifications to your phone. Go to the City's website and click on the "Emergency Alerts" graphic button on the homepage to SIGN UP/MODIFY your communication preferences.

Notify Me: Stay up-to-date with general news and information from the City by subscribing to Notify Me email and text notifications. By signing up, you can receive automatic notifications for agenda postings, calendar events, general announcements, and other website updates. Go to the City's website and click on the "Emergency Alerts" graphic button on the homepage to SIGN UP/MODIFY your communication preferences.

Streaming of Meetings: City Council - 201 views / City Commissions - 68 views

Public Information Act Summary	
Year	Number of Requests
2024	75
2023	124
2022	166
2021	146
2020	207
2019	276
2018	225

Social Media Summary	
Social Media Platform	Number of Posts
Facebook	39
Instagram	35
NextDoor	37
X (Twitter)	37
Total for Month	148





POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY BREAKDOWN

August 1 to August 31

Calls for Service

Dispatched: 125 City Ordinance: 13 (2 Water) False Alarms: 2

Arrests

- * 1 – warrant for Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity

Traffic Enforcement

Crashes: 8 Citations: 77 Warnings: 83 Total: 160

Training

- * Officers completed mandated SABA Training (Self Aid / Buddy Aid)
- * Ofc Rivera has started Phase II
- * Ofc Martinez still in Phase I
- * Ofc Brown's training suspended due to injury

Outreach Efforts

- * Coffee with the Cops (Monthly)
- * GRCPAAA Volunteer hours: 54 hrs
- * CPR Class held for new hires as well as some GRCPAAA Members
- * GRCPAAA held their social dinner at Bubba 33 in Live Oak, attended by approx. 25 members

Administrative Comments

- * School started / traffic flowing well in mornings
- * Pizza w/ Police on 12 September
- * Officers performed updated walkthroughs for Active Shooter Threats at both campuses



City of Garden Ridge

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

MONTHLY PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

August 2024

Activities for the month

Public Works Tasks Completed: 435

Steven Steinmetz
Public Works
Director

Eric Lowman
Public Facilities
Foreman

Stanley Georg
Manuel Troncoso
Ryan Ferguson
Andrew Klein

Ongoing Responsibilities

- Parks maintenance
- Facilities maintenance
- Streets
- All public facilities grass and right-of-way's
- Storm water Drainage
- Animal Control
- Oak Wilt monitoring

Upcoming Events

September Dumpster
Schedule

Sept 14, 8am to 5pm

Sept 15, 12pm to
4pm

Sept 21, 8am to 5pm

Sept 22, 12pm to
4pm

Storm Water Drainage Facility and Easement Maintenance

- Inspected 10 outfalls.
- Inspected 18 detention ponds.
- Stormwater Public Outreach: 2 messages displayed during bulk dumpsters.
- Trash removed from right of ways: 12lbs
- Rain fall total: 0.44 in.

Street/Sign Maintenance

- New City Hall Reserved parking signs.
- Continue to replace old street signs.
- Replace stop sign on Tonkawa Pass and Comanche Path.

Parks Maintenance

- Dragged the ballfield three times.
- Ongoing dead tree removal at Davis Park.
- Repaired Pavilion 1 water fountain.
- Repaired water leak by the ballfield.
- Replaced Davis Parks sign landscape light timer.
- Installed Davis Park restroom fan thermostat switch.

City Facility/Property Maintenance

- Continue to perform preventive maintenance on the chiller system.
- Installed new outdoor entrance lights for the Library and City Hall.

Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance

- Replaced transmission on Flatbed truck.
- Replace steering tires on Mahindra tractor.
- Replace drive tires on the older Scag mower.
- Replace the wiper fluid pump on the Foreman truck and the old Director truck.

Class/Continuing Education

- Eric attended Stormwater Recertification Class.
- Eric attended online snake class.
- Manny, Stanley, Andrew, and Ruben attended First Aid Class at Bracken Fire Dept.
- Eric and Andrew attended CPS Energy line safety class.

Oak Wilt

- No new cases.

Future Projects or Needs

- Sound system upgrades for the Community Center and Paul Davis Park.
- More storage space required.
- Covered equipment storage.

Animal Services Monthly Activities

- 10 Deer carcasses were disposed of, total for the year is 51.
- 3 Live traps loaned out for the month, total for the year is 12.
- 252 Registered animals for the year.

Adoptions

- 0 Dogs; 1 Year To Date
- 0 Cats; 0 Year To Date

Returned To Owners

- 2 Dogs; 21 Year To Date
- 0 Cats; 0 Year To Date

Transferred To Other Agencies

- 0 Dog; 1 Year To Date
- 0 Cat; 1 Year To Date

Currently In City Care

- 6 Dogs
- 3 Cats

Ready For Adoption

- 4 Dogs
- 0 Cats



Year to Date Wildlife Report

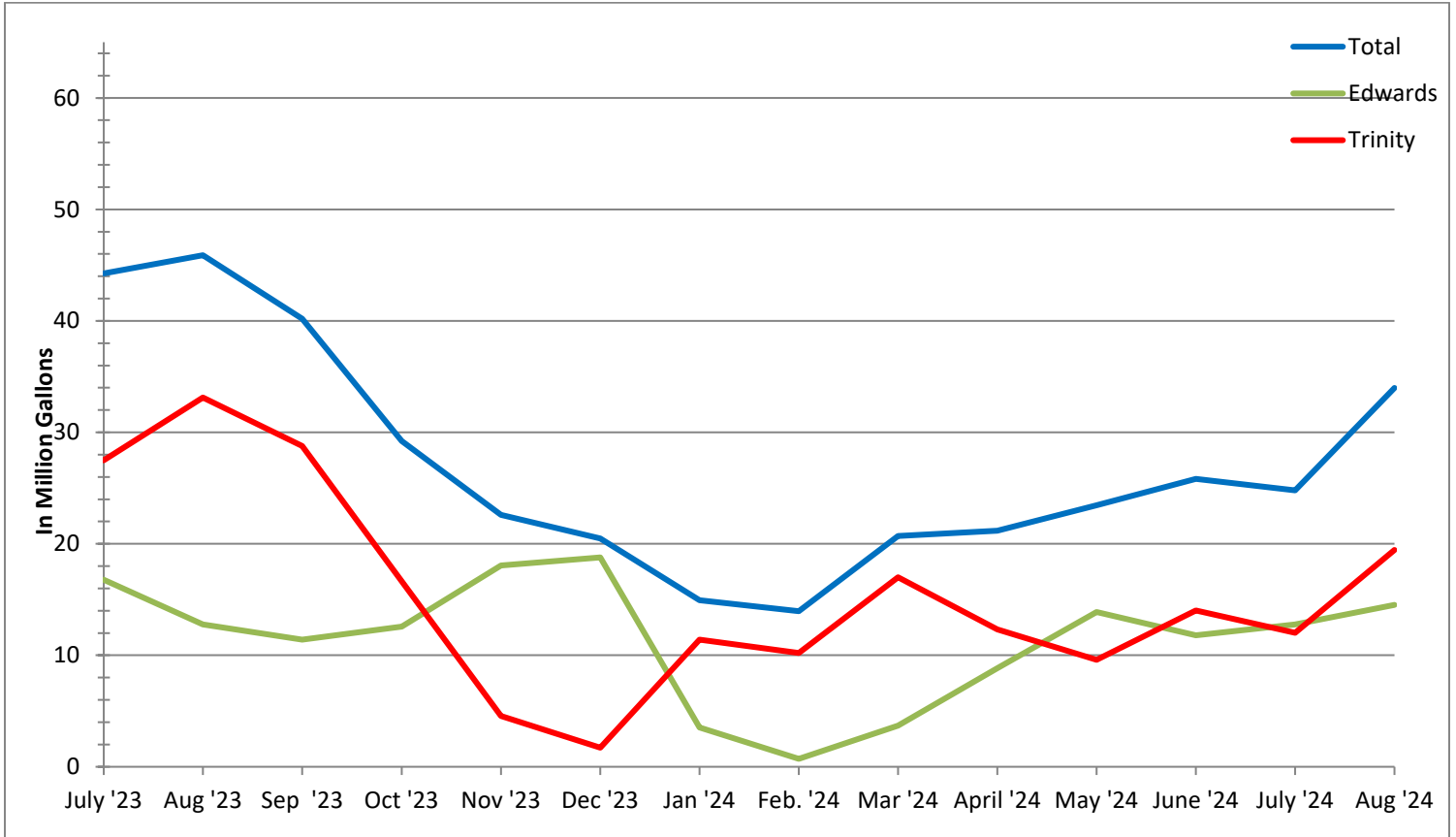
	Jan	Feb.	Mar	Apr.	May	Jun	Jul	Aug.	Sep.	Oct	Nov	Dec.	Total
Deer	5	3	5	6	9	8	5	10					51
Raccoons	5	3	8	6	3	3	3	7					38
Opossums	1	2	3	2	1	1		2					12
Skunks	6	7	2	2		1		3					21
Wild hogs		1											1
Turtles								2					2
Squirrels		1	1	6	2	1							11
Foxes		2			1		1	1					5
Armadillos					2	2		3					7
Hawks													
Bats			2		1								3
Coyotes													
Buzzards		1		1				1					3
Ringtails			1	2									3
Snakes						1	1	1					3
Duck			1										1
Porcupine							1						1
Rabbit		1											1
Totals	17	21	23	25	19	17	11	30					163



Utilities Department Report

As of August 31, 2024

City of Garden Ridge Aquifer Usage

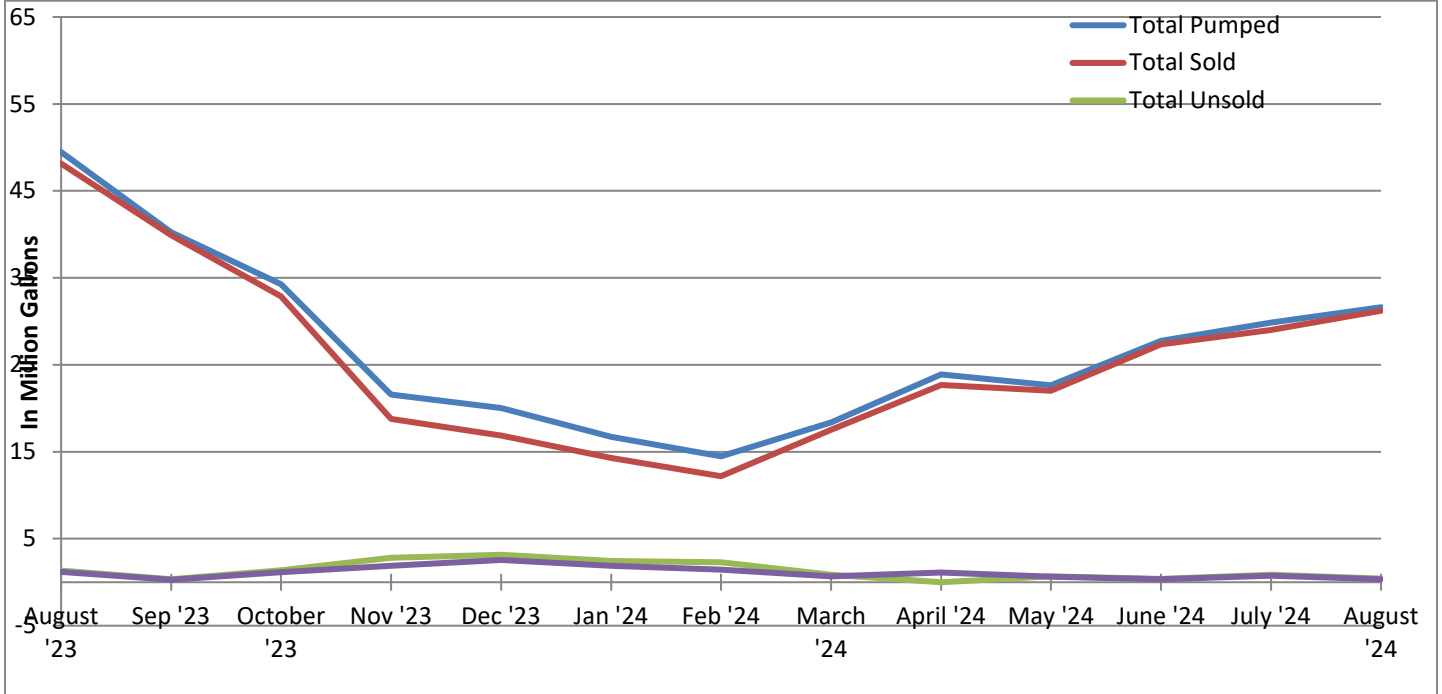


	Month:	Year:	Available:	Stage:
Edwards Well Usage AC/FT:	44.61	214.07	287.59	4
Trinity Well Usage AC/FT:	59.67	334.72	N/A	0

Water Quality

Bacteriological Samples:	Due:	Missed:	Passed:	Failed:
Distribution samples:	6	0	6	0
Chlorine Residual test:	31	0	31	0
Special Samples:	0	0	0	0

2023 – 2024 Pumping Report



	Total Pumped (Thousands)	Total Sold (Thousands)	Total Unsold (Thousands)	Unaccountable Unsold (Thousands)	Unaccountable Unsold %
August '23	49,472	48,143	1,329	1,203	2.4%
September '23	40,223	39,889	334	284	0.7%
Oct '23	34,260	32,874	1,386	1,138	3.3%
Nov '23	21,584	18,777	2,807	1,907	8.0%
Dec '23	20,026	16,868	3,158	2,558	12.0%
Jan '24	16,712	14,276	2,436	1,896	11.3%
Feb '24	14,476	12,191	2,285	1,445	10.0%
March '24	18,375	17,527	8,480	679	3.7%
April '24	23,884	22,677	1,207	111	4.6%
May '24	22,660	22,018	692	592	2.9%
June '24	27,746	27,355	391	331	1.2%
July '24	29,853	29,010	843	744	2.5%
August '24	31,637	31,223	404	328	1.0%
Yearly Average	26,993	25,602	1,981	1,017	4.9%
	Yearly national average				16%

Utilities Department Monthly Activities:

New Installed Meters	0	Work Orders	247
Meter Replacements	1	Locates	70
City Owned Leaks	0	Irrigations Permits Issued	0
Meters Read	1700	Total Rebates	0
Meter Tests	0		0

AMI Information

Total Portal Customers: 852

Meter Daily Readability Percentage: 99.59% for 1,659 assigned meters (current bill cycle)

Main Breaks/City Repairs: None reported.

Estimated Water Loss (gallons):

Location:

Explanation:

Leak Adjustments

New Requests	1	Waiting for Customer	1	Approved	0	Amount Approved		Denied	0	Sent to Water Commission	0
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Employee Training/certifications



Garden Ridge Library

Volume VIII, Issue 11
September 4, 2024

Monthly Library Update

By Linda Crosland, Library Director

For leisure, for learning, for life!

Upcoming Activities for September

Children's Activities

After a different schedule during the summer and a complete hiatus during August, we are happy to begin classes for children again.

Tuesdays, **Lego Robotics**, 3:15-4:15 pm

Wednesdays, ***Lego Robotics for Home Schoolers**, 10:30-11:30 am

Thursdays, **Mad about Science Club**, 3:15-4:15

Fridays, **Preschool Storytime**, 10:30 am with **Stay & Play** immediately following

Adults' Activities

Special Activities

Lunch-n-Learn, "Rain Catchment " 12:00 noon. With water becoming a bigger issue, this is an important Gardening Class.

Instant Pot Class, Saturday, September 21, 12:00 noon, \$5

Regular Activities

1st Tuesday, September 3, **Card Making for Troops**, 1:00 pm

3rd Tuesday, September 17 **Card-making**, 1:00 pm

Thursdays, **Adult Coloring**, 1:00 pm

Department Statistics for August

Visits to the Library	925
Items Checked Out	2,342
\$ Saved by checking out hardcopy books during month	\$9,733
\$ Saved by using Libby	\$9,790
New Patrons Added	
New Items Added, Physical books	41
-Libby Books + Libby Advantage	
-SimplyE	776
Volunteer Hours	120

Activity Statistics

Nearly all our activities were on hiatus during the month of August. The time was used to plan extensive Childhood Literacy Storytimes and Mad about Science classes. We are ready for a fresh start to after-school activities.

We also used the time to rework the bookshelves, to weed out some books that weren't being checked out, and to reorganize others. Every book in the library has been moved!

Come check us out!

memorandum

To: Garden Ridge City Council
From: Trihydro Corporation
cc: Ms. Nancy Cain, City Manager, City of Garden Ridge
Date: August 26, 2024
Re: Engineering Report for September 2024 Council Meeting

The intent of this memorandum is to provide the status of various projects that Trihydro is currently working on for the City of Garden Ridge. Updates to this memorandum subsequent to submittal will be provided at the council meeting.

FM 2252 TxDOT Project

- Project Background
 - This project is for the relocation of waterline in conjunction with TxDOT's FM 2252 roadway project. Trihydro staff are working with TxDOT to relocate existing waterlines in anticipation of roadway work.
 - Contract Price – \$1,156,484.00
 - Percent Complete – 82%
 - Schedule – Estimated completion date on hold.
- Project Status
 - The contractor demobilized and will remobilize after abandoned poles are removed and CenterPoint has completed work through the FM 3009 intersection. We are currently waiting CenterPoint redesign to be submitted to TxDOT for approval.

Land Development Projects

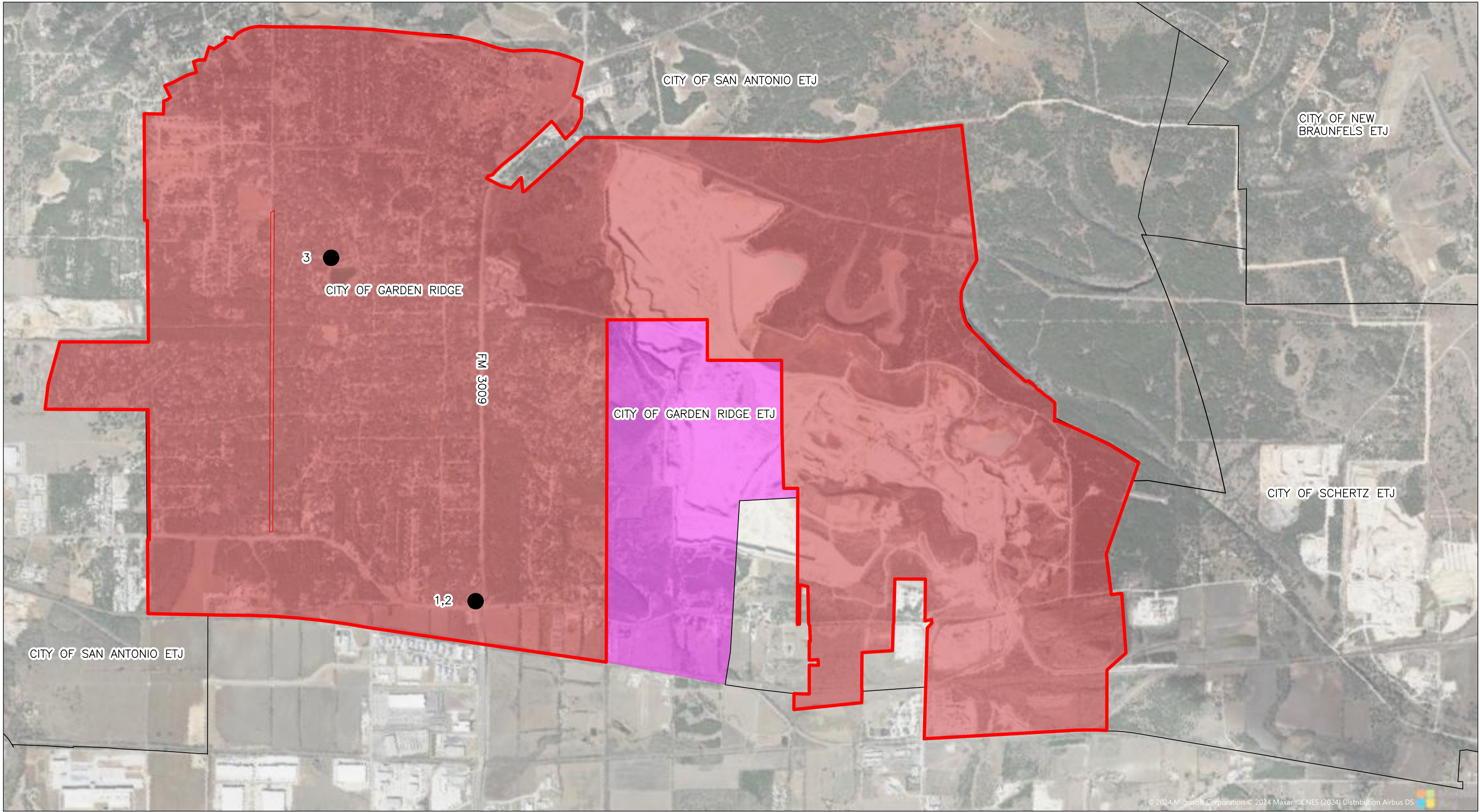
- Potential Developments
 - No activity this month

Miscellaneous Engineering Services

- FM 3009 and FM 2252 Intersection Truck Traffic Reduction Evaluation.
 - Evaluating truck route feasibility in reducing traffic at FM 3009 intersection.
- Waterwood Drive Fire Lane Exhibit.
- Roadway Overall Condition Index Evaluation Checklist.

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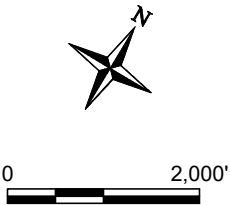
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EXPLANATION

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|---|---|
| | CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE CITY LIMIT |
| | CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE ETJ |
| 1 | PROJECT - FM 2252 WATER LINE |
| 2 | PROJECT - FM 2252/FM 3009 INTERSECTION |
| 3 | PROJECT - WATERWOOD DRIVE FIRE LANE EXHIBIT |





Trihydro
CORPORATION

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New Braunfels, Texas 78132 Austin, TX 78745
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www.trihydro.com

FIGURE 1			
CURRENT PROJECT LOCATIONS			
ENGINEER'S REPORT CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE			
Drawn By: JM	Checked By: HC	Scale: 1" = 2000'	Date: 8/26/2024



LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, will conduct a public hearing on **Wednesday, September 4, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.** in the City Council Chambers of the Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider and take possible action on an amendment to the current version of Zoning Ordinance No. 13-032023, Section 2.04.02. Natural Features Overlay (NFO) District and Section 2.06.15. Development in the Natural Features Overlay (NFO) District related to the boundaries and location of the District, development within the District, and other matters in connection therewith.

The proposed amendment can be viewed on the City's website at: <https://www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us/292/PublicLegal-Notices>.

The City Council encourages citizen participation, and the public is invited to attend the public hearing in person to provide oral comments on this matter. Alternatively, written comments on this matter may be submitted in advance in accordance with the [*City of Garden Ridge Notice of Procedures for Written Comments during Public Hearings*](#) posted on the City's Website.

The meeting can be viewed live on the City of Garden Ridge YouTube Channel and will be archived on the City's Website for on demand viewing. Please feel free to contact City Hall at 210-651-6632 if you need additional information on this matter.

This is to certify that I, Marisa Spencer, posted this Legal Notice at 1:00 p.m. on August 15, 2024, on the bulletin board located at the entrance to the Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas.

Marisa Spencer

Marisa Spencer
City Secretary



CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE
Exhibit A

All text which is underlined denotes addition of new text. All text which is ~~stricken-through~~ denotes removal of existing text. All other text is existing, unchanged text. Any existing text which has been omitted shall be considered unchanged. The City of Garden Ridge, Texas, Ordinance No. 13-032023 “Zoning Ordinance” related to the Natural Features Overlay (NFO) District is hereby amended as follows:

2.04.02. Natural Features Overlay (NFO) District

A. Intent

The purpose of the Natural Features Overlay (NFO) District is to retain the rural and natural character of FM 3009 and FM 2252 while still allowing for future growth in a responsible manner.

B. Boundaries and Location

The NFO District generally consists of all properties contiguous to FM 3009 and FM 2252 creating an overlay district in these areas with additional site design standards for the first one two hundred and fifty (200) feet of the property ~~overlay in these areas, measured as the first one hundred and fifty (150) feet of property from the property line.~~ The overlay ~~only~~ applies to those properties as shown on the City’s zoning district map. the first two hundred feet (200’) of property adjacent to the roadway measured from the property line.

C. Procedures and Standards are provided in 2.06.15. Development in the Natural Features Overlay (NFO) District.

2.06.15. Development in the Natural Features Overlay (NFO) District

A. Applicability

Unless otherwise stated in this section, the following regulations apply to all properties within the Natural Features Overlay (NFO) District. The intent of this district is to preserve existing trees and landscaping to those areas that serve as gateways to the City. The following regulations are in addition to the underlying base district regulations. In the event of a conflict, the more restrictive regulations shall apply.

B. Buildings and Site Development

1. Street Frontage Buffer

In addition to the requirements of 2.06.01. Landscaping, a street frontage buffer forty (40) feet in width shall be provided along the Right-of-Way of each designated corridor. This street frontage buffer shall be increase to sixty forty (60) feet ~~increase to sixty forty (60) feet~~ to each side where a public or private street intersects the designated corridor.

a. Parking areas are prohibited within this buffer.

b. Eighty percent (80%) of Protected Trees or Heritage Trees shall be preserved in the street frontage buffer. Protected Trees and Heritage Trees located in the street frontage buffer which are preserved above and beyond the 80% minimum shall be credited towards any required tree mitigation for the site. Credits shall be granted at a ratio of one (1) inch of preserved tree to one (1) inch of required mitigation.

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE
Exhibit A

- c. ~~Shared Driveways~~ are encouraged and it is recommended that shared driveways shall incorporate a divided landscaped median at least ten twenty (2010) feet in width for the entire depth of the street frontage buffer.
 - d. The street frontage buffer shall be left in its natural state, except that it shall be augmented with additional trees and landscaping to achieve the following through combination of existing vegetation and new plantings:
 - i. A minimum of one (1) Shade Tree per twenty five (25) linear feet of street frontage buffer. At least two-thirds (2/3) of the shade trees in the street frontage buffer shall be evergreen trees and no single tree species shall constitute more than one-third (1/3) of all new trees to be planted. The evergreen trees shall also be native to Texas.
 - ii. A minimum of one (1) Ornamental Trees per forty (40) linear feet of street frontage buffer.
 - iii. A minimum of one (1) Shrub per seven (7) linear feet of street frontage buffer. The clustering of shrubs is encouraged to promote site aesthetics.
 - iv. Certification of the street frontage buffer as a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Texas Wildscape shall serve in lieu of ii. and iii. and shall reduce the number of required Shade Trees by fifty (50) percent.
 - ~~d. The street frontage buffer shall be left in its natural state, except that it shall be augmented with additional trees and landscaping for each one hundred fifty (15) linear feet (or fraction thereof) of the street frontage buffer to achieve the following through combination of existing vegetation and new plantings:~~
 - ~~i. A minimum of six (6) Shade Trees, of which at least four (4) shall be evergreen trees and no single tree species shall constitute more than one third (1/3) of all required trees.~~
 - ~~ii. A minimum of four (4) Ornamental Trees.~~
 - ~~iii. A minimum of thirty (30) Shrubs.~~
 - ~~iv. Certification of the street frontage buffer as a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Texas Wildscape shall serve in lieu of ii. and iii. and shall reduce the number of required Shade Trees by fifty (50) percent.~~
2. Alternative Street Frontage Buffer Compliance
- a. Where conformance with the Street Frontage Buffer requirements above is not feasible or where doing so would be detrimental to the feel and function of the NFO district or compromise its purpose and intent, the applicant may request alternative compliance.
 - b. The request for alternative compliance shall be accompanied by exhibits illustrating what strict compliance would look like on the site as well as what alternative is being proposed.
 - c. A request for alternative compliance may be approved by City Council with a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Administrator or his/her designee.
 - d. In acting on a request for alternative compliance, the following criteria should be considered:

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE
Exhibit A

- i. The proposed alternative does not reduce a standard unless it is, to the greatest extent practical, equally mitigated or improved by increasing standards or other requirements;
 - ii. The proposed alternative preserves and enhances quality existing landscaping to the greatest reasonable extent;
 - iii. The proposed alternative is in agreement with, and shall promote, the recommendations and policies within the City's Comprehensive Plan;
 - iv. The proposed alternative enhances the site, and therefore, the overall built environment of the City; and
 - v. The proposed alternative meets the spirit and intent of the NFO overlay district.
3. Streetscape
- a. In addition to all other City Ordinances pertaining to signs, all lighted signs must use reverse channel lettering (i.e., backlighting) or fully shielded downward-facing lamps (i.e., gooseneck lighting).

Reverse Channel Lettering (Top) and Downward-Facing Lamps (Bottom)



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Exhibit A

C. Site Design Elements

All buildings or sites, except for those buildings or sites used for single-family residential, must incorporate at least four (4) of the following design elements:

1. Stained wood building accents (e.g., columns, shutters, trim).
2. No parking located in front of the building face.
3. Covered porch at least ten (10) feet deep and at least fifty (50) percent of the building face width (porch may extend into the required buffer above and must have a roof material consistent with remainder of structure).
4. Bicycle parking within fifty (50) feet of the main entrance, with dedicated spaces accessible without moving another bicycle to accommodate at least:
 - a. Five (5) bicycles for buildings less than seven thousand (7,000) square feet.
 - b. Ten (10) bicycles for buildings between seven thousand (7,000) and thirty thousand (30,000) square feet.
 - c. Twenty (20) bicycles for buildings larger than thirty thousand (30,000) square feet.
5. All hardscape in front of the building face constructed entirely of an enhanced design, such as stained concrete, pavers, or stone.
6. Pedestrian open space such as a park, square, piazza, green, or plaza. Pedestrian open space shall be programed appropriately with seating and landscaping as to activate the space for pedestrian oriented activity.
7. Provide public art equivalent to one percent (1%) or more of the overall project cost. Examples of public art include but are not limited to sculpture, mosaics, earthworks, and wall murals. Public art must be outside and visually and physically accessible to the public. Public art shall not contain advertisements for businesses or products.
8. Achieve the requirements of 2.06.11. C Low-Impact Site Development.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION TERMS OF OFFICE

Name	Place	Appointment & Expiration	Appointment & Expiration	Appointment & Expiration	Appointment & Expiration	Appointment & Expiration
Dr. Jim Miller	1	March 2016 September 2017	September 2017 September 2019	September 2019 September 2021	September 2021 September 2023	September 2023 September 2025
Karen Diaz (Appointed Vice-Chair October 2023-current)	2	October 2017 September 2018	September 2018 September 2020	October 2020 September 2022	September 2022 September 2024	
Kerim Jacaman (Appointed Chair October 2023-current)	3	July 2019 September 2020	October 2020 September 2022	September 2022 September 2024		
Joe Maloney	4	February 2023 September 2023	September 2023 September 2025			
Gwen Estrada	5	December 2023 September 2025				
Richard Howard	6	December 2023 September 2025				
Darren Bates	7	April 2022 September 2022	September 2022 September 2024			

FY 2025 Water Rate Review

WATER RATE REVIEW	FY 2025 BUDGET	OPTIONS					
		Base	1	2	3	4	5
Base/Tier Rate Incease		Current Rates	\$4 / 1%	\$3 / 3%	\$4 / 2%	\$5 / 1%	\$5 / 2%
Revenue							
Water Base Rate	\$ 630,876	\$ 630,876	\$ 712,992	\$ 692,463	\$ 712,992	\$ 733,521	\$ 733,521
Water Volume Sales	\$ 1,489,452	\$ 1,489,452	\$ 1,505,556	\$ 1,537,763	\$ 1,521,659	\$ 1,505,556	\$ 1,521,659
Total Revenue Water Sales	\$ 2,120,328	\$ 2,120,328	\$ 2,218,548	\$ 2,230,226	\$ 2,234,651	\$ 2,239,077	\$ 2,255,180
Annual Increase		\$ -	\$ 98,220	\$ 109,898	\$ 114,323	\$ 118,749	\$ 134,852

FY 2025 Water Rate Review
Comparison of Five Option Rate Increases

WATER RATE REVIEW for FY 2025	FY 2025 BUDGET	Options									
		1		2		3		4		5	
Base/Tier Rate Incease	NO CHANGE	\$4.00	1%	\$3.00	3%	\$4.00	2%	\$5.00	1%	\$5.00	2%
Revenue											
Water Base Rate	\$ 630,876	\$ 712,992		\$ 692,463		\$ 712,992		\$ 733,521		\$ 733,521	
Water Volume Sales	\$ 1,489,452	\$ 1,505,556		\$ 1,537,763		\$ 1,521,659		\$ 1,505,556		\$ 1,521,659	
Fees	\$ 97,016	\$ 97,016		\$ 97,016		\$ 97,016		\$ 97,016		\$ 97,016	
Miscellaneous	\$ 103,000	\$ 103,000		\$ 103,000		\$ 103,000		\$ 103,000		\$ 103,000	
Fund Changes/Xfers/Loans	\$ 867,000	\$ 867,000		\$ 867,000		\$ 867,000		\$ 867,000		\$ 867,000	
Total Revenue	\$ 3,187,344	\$ 3,285,564		\$ 3,297,242		\$ 3,301,667		\$ 3,306,093		\$ 3,322,196	
Expenditures											
Maintenance & Operation	\$ 1,402,198	\$ 1,402,198		\$ 1,402,198		\$ 1,402,198		\$ 1,402,198		\$ 1,402,198	
Debt Service	\$ 708,427	\$ 708,427		\$ 708,427		\$ 708,427		\$ 708,427		\$ 708,427	
Capital Outlay - Ground Tank	\$ 240,000	\$ 240,000		\$ 240,000		\$ 240,000		\$ 240,000		\$ 240,000	
Capital Outlay - Vista Ridge Tie-In	\$ 867,000	\$ 867,000		\$ 867,000		\$ 867,000		\$ 867,000		\$ 867,000	
Total Expenditures	\$ 3,217,625	\$ 3,217,625		\$ 3,217,625		\$ 3,217,625		\$ 3,217,625		\$ 3,217,625	
Over/Under	\$ (30,281)	\$ 67,939		\$ 79,617		\$ 84,042		\$ 88,468		\$ 104,571	
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 9,034,140	\$ 9,034,140		\$ 9,034,140		\$ 9,034,140		\$ 9,034,140		\$ 9,034,140	
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 9,003,859	\$ 9,102,079		\$ 9,113,757		\$ 9,118,182		\$ 9,122,608		\$ 9,138,711	
Restricted Funds - SIB Reserve	\$ 188,424	\$ 188,424		\$ 188,424		\$ 188,424		\$ 188,424		\$ 188,424	
Less Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 7,429,729	\$ 7,429,729		\$ 7,429,729		\$ 7,429,729		\$ 7,429,729		\$ 7,429,729	
Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$ 1,385,706	\$ 1,483,926		\$ 1,495,604		\$ 1,500,029		\$ 1,504,455		\$ 1,520,558	
Next Year Debt Service	\$ 706,924	\$ 706,924		\$ 706,924		\$ 706,924		\$ 706,924		\$ 706,924	
Expenditures per month	\$ 116,850	\$ 116,850		\$ 116,850		\$ 116,850		\$ 116,850		\$ 116,850	
Months of Expenditures	5.81	6.65		6.75		6.79		6.83		6.96	

FY 2025 Water Rate Review
Cost of Water - Inside City Limits

Inside City Limits		Options									
Gallons		1		2		3		4		5	
	Current	\$4.00	1%	\$3.00	3%	\$4.00	2%	\$5.00	1%	\$5.00	2%
5,000	\$ 44.10	\$ 48.24		\$ 47.52		\$ 48.38		\$ 49.24		\$ 49.38	
10,000	\$ 58.20	\$ 62.48		\$ 62.05		\$ 62.76		\$ 63.48		\$ 63.76	
15,000	\$ 81.95	\$ 86.47		\$ 86.51		\$ 86.99		\$ 87.47		\$ 87.99	
20,000	\$ 105.70	\$ 110.46		\$ 110.97		\$ 111.21		\$ 111.46		\$ 112.21	
25,000	\$ 139.25	\$ 144.39		\$ 145.57		\$ 145.48		\$ 145.39		\$ 146.48	
30,000	\$ 172.80	\$ 178.31		\$ 180.17		\$ 179.74		\$ 179.31		\$ 180.74	
35,000	\$ 216.40	\$ 222.38		\$ 225.11		\$ 224.25		\$ 223.38		\$ 225.25	
40,000	\$ 260.00	\$ 266.45		\$ 270.06		\$ 268.75		\$ 267.45		\$ 269.75	
45,000	\$ 313.80	\$ 320.87		\$ 325.55		\$ 323.71		\$ 321.87		\$ 324.71	
50,000	\$ 367.60	\$ 375.28		\$ 381.04		\$ 378.66		\$ 376.28		\$ 379.66	
55,000	\$ 431.85	\$ 440.24		\$ 447.28		\$ 444.26		\$ 441.24		\$ 445.26	
60,000	\$ 496.10	\$ 505.20		\$ 513.53		\$ 509.87		\$ 506.20		\$ 510.87	
65,000	\$ 570.95	\$ 580.93		\$ 590.76		\$ 586.34		\$ 581.93		\$ 587.34	
70,000	\$ 645.80	\$ 656.65		\$ 667.98		\$ 662.81		\$ 657.65		\$ 663.81	
75,000	\$ 731.50	\$ 743.35		\$ 756.39		\$ 750.37		\$ 744.35		\$ 751.37	
80,000	\$ 817.20	\$ 830.05		\$ 844.81		\$ 837.93		\$ 831.05		\$ 838.93	
85,000	\$ 913.95	\$ 927.94		\$ 944.64		\$ 936.79		\$ 928.94		\$ 937.79	
90,000	\$ 1,010.70	\$ 1,025.84		\$ 1,044.48		\$ 1,035.66		\$ 1,026.84		\$ 1,036.66	
95,000	\$ 1,118.75	\$ 1,135.15		\$ 1,155.96		\$ 1,146.05		\$ 1,136.15		\$ 1,147.05	
100,000	\$ 1,226.80	\$ 1,244.47		\$ 1,267.44		\$ 1,256.45		\$ 1,245.47		\$ 1,257.45	

WATER COMMISSION TERMS OF OFFICE

Name	Place	Appointment & Expiration	Appointment & Expiration	Appointment & Expiration	Appointment & Expiration	Appointment & Expiration
William Pohl (Appointed Vice-Chair January 2024-current)	1	January 2023 September 2024				
Dr. Richard Carmichael	2	December 2019 September 2021	October 2021 September 2023	October 2023 September 2025		
Don Stone	3	April 2021 September 2022	October 2022 September 2024			
Steve Stedman	4	December 2023 September 2024				
James Mueller (Appointed Chair April 2021-current)	5	October 2019 September 2021	October 2021 September 2023	October 2023 September 2025		
Keven Harshbarger (Appointed Vice-Chair October 2019-2024)	6	October 2015 September 2017	October 2017 September 2019	October 2019 September 2021	October 2021 September 2023	October 2023 September 2025
Nathan Dorsey	7	Term Expires September 2024				

(P)= Partial term of less than ½ the term remaining

2024 Tax Rate Proposal

Tax Year	Adjusted Taxable Value	M&O Rate	Debt Rate	Total Tax Rate	Tax Revenue	General Fund Revenue	Required Actions	Average Home Value (AHV)	Taxes Paid on Average Home Value
2023	\$1,004,550,674	0.192839	0.064895	0.257734	\$2,589,069	\$1,937,165		\$656,234	\$1,691.34
2024									
No New Revenue Rate	\$1,053,509,974	0.186883	0.061733	0.248975	\$2,622,976	\$1,968,831	No Public Hearing	\$704,322	\$1,753.59
Voter Approval Rate (No New Revenue + 3.5%)	\$1,053,509,974	0.193423	0.061733	0.255156	\$2,688,094	\$2,037,731	Public Hearing	\$704,322	\$1,797.12
De minimus Rate	\$1,053,509,974	0.234104	0.061733	0.295837	\$3,116,672	\$2,466,309	Public Hearing & Subject to Petition for Election	\$704,322	\$2,083.65
2024 Tax Rate Proposed									
Voter Approval Rate (No New Revenue + 3.5%)	\$1,053,509,974	0.193423	0.061733	0.255156	\$2,688,094	\$2,037,731	Public Hearing	\$704,322	\$1,797.12

\$114,278,191 Taxable Value remains under protest

\$5,326,270 New Value (not included in Adjusted Taxable Value = \$10,302 additional General Fund Revenue at proposed M&O rate of .193423

If property remained at 2023 Average Home Value of \$656,234 taxes paid at 2024 Proposed Tax Rate of \$0.255156 would be \$1,674.42

Proposed 2024 Tax Rate is a \$0.002578 decrease from 2023 Tax Rate M&O rate increases \$0.000584 Debt Rate decreases \$0.003162



LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY COUNCIL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

PROPOSED TAX RATE \$0.255156 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE \$0.248975 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE \$0.255156 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2024 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE from the same properties in both the 2023 tax year and the 2024 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2024 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 4, 2024, at 6:00 PM at GARDEN RIDGE CITY HALL, 9400 MUNICIPAL PARKWAY, GARDEN RIDGE, TX, 78266.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the CITY COUNCIL of CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE TAX RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

$$\text{Property tax amount} = (\text{tax rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

(List names of all members of the governing body below, showing how each voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase or, if one or more were absent, indicating absences.)

FOR the proposal: Councilmember Kelly Smith-Place 1, Councilmember Lisa Swint-Place 2;
Councilmember Jesús Valdez-Place 3; Mayor Pro-Tem Todd Arvidson-Place 4

AGAINST the proposal:

PRESENT and not voting: Mayor Robb Erickson

ABSENT: Councilmember Brian Reyes-Place 5

Visit www.Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state. The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE this year.

	2023	2024	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.257734	\$0.255156	1% decrease
Average homestead taxable value	\$655,569	\$704,322	7.43% increase
Tax on average homestead	\$1,689	\$1,797	6.36% increase
Total tax levy on all properties	\$2,622,980	\$2,701,684	3% increase

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE at 830-221-1353 or CCTAX@CO.COMAL.TX.US, or visit www.co.comal.tx.us/tax for more information.

This is to certify that I, Marisa Spencer, posted this Legal Notice at 1:00 p.m. on August 15, 2024, on the bulletin board located at the entrance to the Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas.

Marisa Spencer
Marisa Spencer
City Secretary



ORDINANCE NO. 242-092024

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS, ADOPTING A TAX RATE OF \$0.255156 PER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) CONSISTING OF THE APPROVED MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION RATE AND DEBT SERVICE RATE OF ASSESSED VALUATION FOR THE CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE TO BE EFFECTIVE FOR THE 2024 TAX YEAR (FISCAL YEAR 2025).

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, has duly approved a General Fund Budget for maintenance and operation for Fiscal Year 2025 and an Interest and Sinking Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2025 beginning October 1, 2024, and ending September 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it is necessary to levy an ad valorem tax on all property, both real and personal, within the corporate limits of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, in accordance with such budget and the Texas Tax Code; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Tax Code, Chapter 26, the appropriate notices were published and the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, conducted a public hearing as required.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. ADOPTION OF TAX RATE.

The City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, does hereby adopt the tax rate of \$0.255156 per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation for the 2024 tax year with said rate being composed of the following elements:

1. A tax rate of \$0.193423 per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation for the General Fund maintenance and operations:

THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.

and

THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 0.3028 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$0.58.

2. A tax rate of \$0.061733 per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation for the retirement of debt service through the Interest and Sinking Fund.

SECTION 2. FINDINGS.

The findings set out herein are found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted by the City Council and made a part of this Ordinance for all purposes.

SECTION 3. CUMULATIVE AND SAVINGS.

All ordinances or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and remain controlling as to the matters herein.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.

If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and the City Council hereby declares that this Ordinance would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

SECTION 5. PROPER NOTICE AND MEETING.

It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was passed was open to the public and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. Notice was also provided as required by Chapter 52 of the Texas Local Government Code.

SECTION 6. RECORD VOTE.

Pursuant to Texas Tax Code §26.05(b), this ordinance must be a record vote; which is reflected below:

Councilmember Smith, Place 1	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☐ Absent
Councilmember Swint, Place 2	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☐ Absent
Councilmember Valdez, Place 3	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☐ Absent
Mayor Pro-Tem Arvidson, Place 4	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☐ Absent
Councilmember Reyes, Place 5	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☐ Absent

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after its final passage, and any publication required by law.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED ON this 4th day of September, 2024.

Robb Erickson
Mayor

ATTEST:

Marisa Spencer
City Secretary

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool Board of Trustees Election

This is the official ballot for the election of Places 11 – 14 of the Board of Trustees for the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool. Each Member of the Pool is entitled to vote for Board of Trustee members. Please record your organization's choices by placing an "X" in the square beside the candidate's name or writing in the name of an eligible person in the space provided. You can only vote for one candidate for each place.

The officials listed on this ballot have been nominated to serve a six-year term on the TML Intergovernmental Risk Pool (Workers' Compensation, Property and Liability) Board of Trustees. The names of the candidates for each Place on the Board of Trustees are listed in alphabetical order on this ballot.

Ballots must reach the office of David Reagan, Secretary of the Board, no later than September 30, 2024. Ballots received after September 30, 2024, cannot be counted. **The ballot must be properly signed, and all pages of the ballot must be mailed to: Trustee Election, David Reagan, Secretary of the Board, P.O. Box 149194, Austin, Texas 78714-9194. If the ballot is not signed, it will not be counted.**

PLACE 11

- ☐ **Randy Criswell.** (Incumbent) Randy Criswell is currently the City Manager of Wolfforth (Region 3), a position he's held since 2022. He has served on the TML Risk Pool Board of Trustees since 2015 and as Chair of the Board from 2020 to 2022. He has been in public service since 1994, having served the City of Canyon in three administrative roles including City Manager, the City of Mineral Wells as City Manager, and his current position. Mr. Criswell has a Bachelor of Science Degree from Texas Tech University in Engineering Technology and is a Certified Public Manager. He is a member of TCMA and a past member of the TCMA Board of Directors. He and his wife Janie have three grown children, and he enjoys golf, his Harley Davidson motorcycle, and spending time with Janie.
- ☐ **Robert S. Davis.** Robert Davis serves as the City Attorney for the City of Bullard (Region 15). He is a Senior Partner at Flowers Davis PLLC in Tyler and oversees the Business and Commercial Litigation, Insurance Defense, Defense of Governmental Entities, Employment Law, and Medical Liability Sections of the law firm. Mr. Davis has extensive experience in representing governmental entities and government officials in all types of litigation. He also has extensive experience in litigation for major insurance carriers and drafting coverage opinions for insurance carriers. Through the years, he has written many papers for and made numerous presentations to Texas Sheriff's Association, Texas Association of Counties, Texas Jail Association, and Texas Chief Deputies' Association.

WRITE IN CANDIDATE:

PLACE 12

- ☐ **Cedric Davis, Sr.** Cedric Davis is the City Manager of the City of Mathis (Region 11). He joined the city's administration team on January 3, 2024, and has more than three decades of experience as a public servant. He served as the City Manager of Mathis for over four years, and is a former Chief of Police and Public Educator. He is a graduate of Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas and the Advanced Military Academy of Texas. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Sam Houston State University. He is a licensed Master Peace Officer, Police Instructor, Investigator, and holds certifications in Public Management, Smart City Practitioner, and Public Finance Investment Officer. In 2008 he served as Mayor of Balch Springs.
- ☐ **Rocky Hawkins.** Rocky Hawkins is a Councilmember for the City of Gladewater (Region 15), and served as such for four years. He has also served on the Gladewater Lake Board for 10 years, as a Chamber of Commerce Volunteer, as a member of the "Friends of the Library" at the Lee-Bardwell Public Library in Gladewater, and on various boards and committees at First Baptist Church for 30 years. Mr. Hawkins began his career with a brief stint as a Parole Officer for Gregg County; later spent almost 15 years in the Hospitality/Restaurant Business; and finished his career with 30 years at Eastman Chemical Co. He holds an associate's degree in business management from Kilgore College and a B.S. degree in Criminal Justice from Sam Houston State University.
- ☐ **Allison Heyward.** (Incumbent) Allison Heyward has served as Councilmember for the City of Schertz (Region 7) since 2018. She also serves on the TML Board of Directors and is currently the TML President Elect. She previously served in 2022 on the TMLIRP Board as the TML Board representative. In January 2023, she was appointed to Place 12 on the TMLIRP Board to fill a vacancy. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Texas Southern University, and is a 2020 graduate of the Chamber Leadership Core Program. Mrs. Heyward is also a TML Leadership Fellow and a Certified Municipal Officer (CMO), having received the TMLI CMO (Certified Municipal Official Designation) Award of Excellence for maintaining the designation for 5 continuous years. She has also been recognized with the President's Award for being one of the top 2 highest earners of Continuing Education Units.
- ☐ **Rudy Zepeda.** Rudy Zepeda has served as the Finance Director for the City of Santa Fe (Region 14) since 2021. Before joining Santa Fe, Mr. Zepeda served eight years in Dayton, Texas, as Assistant City Manager and Finance Director. He holds a degree in Classics from the University of Arizona and certification in Certified Public Management from Stephen F. Austin University. While Finance Director in Santa Fe, the city earned the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Budget Presentation Award and the Excellence in Financial Reporting award. This year, the city was recognized by the State Comptroller's Office with its Traditional Finances Star Award. Mr. Zepeda's career spans 30 years, with significant experience in both public and private sectors, including 14 years in local government.

WRITE IN CANDIDATE:

PLACE 13

- ☐ **Harlan Jefferson.** (Incumbent) Deputy City Manager for the City of Burleson (Region 13). Mr. Jefferson has been in public service for 41 years, serving as a Risk Manager for the City of Denton early in his career and serving as Town Manager for Flower Mound and Prosper, Texas. Mr. Jefferson is an active member of the Texas City Management Association (TCMA), having served on its Board of Directors and is a Past President of the North Texas City Manager Association. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and a Master of Public Administration from the University of North Texas. Additionally, he is an Adjunct Faculty member in the Master of Public Administration Program at the University of North Texas.

- ☐ **James Quin.** City Administrator for the City of Hutchins (Region 13) since March 2022. He served as City Administrator of Haslet for 8 years and City Manager for Richland Hills for 16 years. Mr. Quin earned a Bachelor of Science Education degree and a Master of Public Administration degree from Missouri State University. He is a member of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) and maintains the ICMA Credentialed Manager (CM) designation. In April 2022, he was awarded the High Performance Leadership Academy Certificate issued by ICMA Professional Development Academy. Also, he is a full member of TCMA, and previously served on the HCA Medical City Alliance Hospital Board for 6 years.

WRITE IN CANDIDATE:

PLACE 14

- ☐ **Mike Land** (Incumbent) City Manager for the City of Coppell (Region 13) since 2017, and Deputy City Manager from 2012-2017. Previously, he was Town Manager for Prosper, City Manager for Gainesville, and Executive Director for the Southwestern Diabetic Foundation. Mr. Land serves on the International City/County Management (ICMA) Board of Directors and is the 2024-25 ICMA President-Elect. Additionally, he serves on the Texas Women's Leadership Institute Advisory Board, the Texas A&M University's Development Industry Advisory Council, and the UTA MPA Advisory Board. He has also served as School Board Trustee for Gainesville Independent School District and as President of TCMA.

WRITE IN CANDIDATE:

Certificate

I certify that the vote cast above has been cast in accordance with the will of the majority of the governing body of the public entity named below.

Witness my hand, this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Signature of Authorized Official

Title

Printed Name of Authorized Official

Printed Name of Political Entity

City Secretary

From: City Administrator
Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2024 1:46 PM
To: City Secretary
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] CORRECTIONS: TML Risk Pool Board of Trustees Election

See email below and place in council packet please.
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool
<memberservices@tmlirp.org>
Date: August 27, 2024 at 11:27:34 AM CDT
To: City Administrator <administrator@ci.garden-ridge.tx.us>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] CORRECTIONS: TML Risk Pool Board of Trustees Election
Reply-To: memberservices@tmlirp.org



The TML Risk Pool is conducting elections for Places 11-14 on its Board of Trustees. The official ballot, which is on blue paper and contains additional information about the election, is being mailed to your entity.

PLEASE NOTE TWO CORRECTIONS:

1. PLACE 12: The mailed ballot incorrectly states that Cedric Davis, Sr. served four years as the city manager of Mathis. Mr. Davis is currently the city manager of *Mathis*, but he served four prior years as the city manager of *Marlin*. He was also a 2018 candidate for Texas Governor.

2. PLACE 13: The mailed ballot incorrectly states that Harlan Jefferson's city – Burleson – is in Region 13. Burleson is actually in Region 8.

Please contact Board Secretary David Reagan at dreagan@tmlirp.org or 512-491-2300 with questions.



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