
The Garden Ridge City Council will meet in a regular session on Wednesday, October 2, 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. Proclamations/Presentations**

- a) Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation
- b) Hill Country Night Sky Month Proclamation
- c) Davenport High School Theatre Department Presentation

4. 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.

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 August 26, 2024, City Council Special Meeting.
- b) Approval of Minutes for the September 4, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting.
- c) Financial Statement, Summary Report, and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations – August 31, 2024.
- d) Resolution No. 527-102024 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, designating the New Braunfels Herald-Zeitung as the official newspaper of the City of Garden Ridge.



- e) Ordinance No. 13-102024 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, adopting a comprehensive planning and zoning ordinance; establishing a planning and zoning commission and a board of adjustment; setting rules and regulations; providing for penalties; providing for severability; and declaring an effective date.
- f) Ordinance No. 54-102024 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, adopting a comprehensive water company for the City of Garden Ridge; providing definitions and statement of organization; establishing a water commission, general policies, regulations and rules, and rates and billing cycles; providing for a penalty; providing for severability; and declaring an effective date.
- g) Ordinance No. 143-102024 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, granting an exclusive Municipal Materials Management Agreement between the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, and BFI Waste Services of Texas, L.P., dba/Republic Services of San Antonio a Texas Limited Partnership, for the collection and disposal of solid waste and recycling service; setting forth general specifications establishing rates for collection and disposal of solid waste and recycling service; providing for enforcement and the collection of established rates; providing a penalty for violations of this ordinance of a fine of not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$500.00 and making each day a separate offense; providing a cumulative and savings clause; providing for severability; and declaring an effective date.

6. 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.

7. 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.

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

- a) Planning and Zoning Commission:
 - 1. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.
- b) Water Commission:
 - 1. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

9. Approvals and Authorizations

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

- a) Reschedule January 2025 City Council Regular Meeting.
- b) Comal Appraisal District Board of Directors Election.
- c) Status of recruitment process for City Manager and provide direction to staff as needed.

10. 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).

11. Discussion of Future Agenda Items

12. Citizen Comment Period – limited to 20 minutes total

See “Rules for Citizens’ Participation” under Item 4.

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 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

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. 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).

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.

16. 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 September 24, 2024, on the bulletin board located at the entrance to Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas.



Marisa Spencer
City Secretary

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence victims are not confined to any group or groups of people and does not discriminate based on socioeconomic status, gender or age; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence is a systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic abuse and control that violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence victims are oftentimes children who suffer lifelong effects from exposure to the emotional and physical trauma of Domestic Violence; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence victims exhibit astounding strength, courage, and resilience as they overcome significant barriers to escape Domestic Violence; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence victims served by the Crisis Center of Comal County are viewed as more than a statistic, they are a Family Member, a Neighbor, a Co-Worker, and a Friend whose torturous struggle has affected our society as a whole making the journey of prevention essential towards ending the debilitating cycle of Domestic Violence; and

WHEREAS, all Texans must take action to eradicate Domestic Violence through a committed dedication to advocacy on behalf of victims by being their voice and raising awareness; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month is a time to remember and honor victims by guiding them to Safety, nurturing their Healing, and securing their Freedom by providing them HOPE through a safety net of services that include crisis shelters, childcare, counseling, legal advocacy, and case management; and

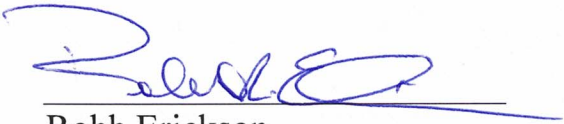
WHEREAS, the City of Garden Ridge encourages our citizens to join the Crisis Center of Comal County, allied professionals, and Domestic Violence survivors in mourning the many lives lost to Domestic Violence, and to celebrate our unified progress that could not have been made without the strength of our connection and victim advocacy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, Robb Erickson, Mayor of Garden Ridge, Texas, do hereby proclaim October 2024 in the City of Garden Ridge as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal of the City of Garden Ridge this 2nd day of October, 2024.




Robb Erickson
Mayor

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the aesthetic beauty and wonder of star-filled skies are the heritage of all humankind and preserving rich historic heritage and starry night skies of Garden Ridge is important to its residents; and

WHEREAS, the opportunity to view star-filled skies attracts tourists to our region and therefore provides an economic benefit to Garden Ridge; and

WHEREAS, light pollution created by glare, light trespass, sky glow, and over lighting is wasted light that performs no function or task as well as artificial light that goes where it is not supposed to go; and

WHEREAS, light pollution wastes natural resources amounting to at least \$3 billion per year and contributes to diminished American energy independence; and

WHEREAS, the influx of people into the Texas Hill Country region and the accompanying light pollution from area lighting fixtures has been steadily on the rise, eroding the historical view of the night skies in many nearby areas; and

WHEREAS, addressing light pollution involves making better use of outdoor lighting to direct light down to where it is needed instead of upward into the sky, putting outdoor lights on timers, and using outdoor lighting only where necessary; and

WHEREAS, Hill Country communities are increasingly dedicated to the preservation of the region's night skies, as evidenced by frequent educational activities and by the increasing number of places and organizations in our region, including: Comal County, Camp Bullis, San Antonio Astronomical Association, New Braunfels Astronomy Club, Guadalupe River State Park, and Comal County Friends of the Night Sky; and

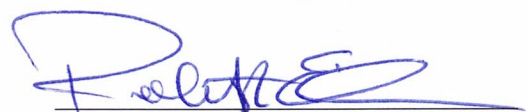
WHEREAS, this regional effort and the preservation and celebration of our night skies is worthy of recognition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, Robb Erickson, Mayor of Garden Ridge, Texas, do hereby proclaim October 2024 in the City of Garden Ridge as

HILL COUNTRY NIGHT SKY MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal of the City of Garden Ridge this 2nd day of October, 2024.




Robb Erickson
Mayor

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, Chief of Police
Steven Steinmetz, Public Works Director
Linda Crosland, Library Director
Natalie Thamm, City Attorney

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 Monday, August 26, 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: No one signed up to speak.

4. Business Items

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

a) Proposed FY2025 Budgets for the City of Garden Ridge General Fund, Water Company Operation and Maintenance Fund, Interest and Sinking Fund, and Capital Improvements Fund.

1. Presentation of Budgets.

Finance/HR Director Robyn Achu reviewed the Proposed FY2025 Budgets for the City of Garden Ridge.

2. Hold a public hearing.

Mayor Erickson opened the public hearing at 6:11 p.m.

No one wished to speak, and City Secretary Marisa Spencer stated no written comments were submitted.

Mayor Erickson closed the public hearing at 6:12 p.m.

3. Adoption of Fiscal Year 2025 Budgets:

3.1. Resolution No. 523-082024 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, approving Fiscal Year 2025 General Fund Budget for the period of October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Valdez, to approve Resolution No. 523-082024 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, approving Fiscal Year 2025 General Fund Budget for the period of October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.



3.2. Resolution No. 524-082024 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, approving Fiscal Year 2025 Water Company Operation and Maintenance Fund Budget for the period of October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Valdez, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to approve Resolution No. 524-082024 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, approving Fiscal Year 2025 Water Company Operation and Maintenance Fund Budget for the period of October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

3.3. Resolution No. 525-082024 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, approving Fiscal Year 2025 Interest and Sinking Fund Budget for the period of October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Reyes, seconded by Councilmember Swint, to approve Resolution No. 525-082024 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, approving Fiscal Year 2025 Interest and Sinking Fund Budget for the period of October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

3.4. Resolution No. 526-082024 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, approving Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Improvements Fund Budget for the period of October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Swint, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to approve Resolution No. 526-082024 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, approving Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Improvements Fund Budget for the period of October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

b) Ratify the property tax increase of \$52,809.00 as reflected in the Fiscal Year 2025 Budgets for the City of Garden Ridge General Fund and Interest and Sinking Fund.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Valdez, seconded by Councilmember Reyes, to ratify the property tax increase of \$52,809.00 as reflected in the Fiscal Year 2025 Budgets for the City of Garden Ridge General Fund and Interest and Sinking Fund. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Citizen Comment Period

Sharon Stripling, 21729 Forest Waters Circle, spoke regarding city expenditures and the tax rate proposal.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Monday, August 26, 2024, City Council special meeting was adjourned at 6:22 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
Cyndi Simmons, Assistant City Secretary
Michelle Hinojosa, Administrative Coordinator
Robyn Achu, Finance/HR Director
Ron Eberhardt, Chief of Police
Steven Steinmetz, Public Works Director
Wendy Bippert, Assistant Librarian
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, September 4, 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

Tony Frasco, 8802 Wild Wind Park, spoke regarding City Manager Nancy Cain's retirement.

Cyndie Segovia, 8435 Twisted Oaks, spoke regarding garbage/recycling services and communication opportunities with elected officials.

Dawn Hatch, 8377 Twisted Oaks, spoke regarding land use, zoning regulations, the Planning and Zoning Commission, and quarry operations.

4. Consent Agenda

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- 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.**

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

5. Staff Reports

a) City Manager Monthly Activity Report.

City Manager Nancy Cain reviewed employee recognitions and employee anniversaries. She stated there were 180 *Volunteer Garden Ridge!* hours for the month of August and spoke regarding Community and Event Center upgrades, Events Committee meetings, and tree trimming within the City of Garden Ridge.

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.

Assistant City Secretary Cyndi Simmons 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.

Assistant Librarian Wendy Bippert reviewed the monthly activity report and spoke regarding continuity of operations related to the Library.

6. City Engineer Projects Status Reports

City Engineer Hank Krippen reviewed the City Engineer monthly activity report and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

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.

Chair Jacaman stated the Commission recommends approval of 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 Overlay (NFO) District related to the boundaries, location, and development within the District, with an addition to Section 2.06.15., B. Buildings and Site Development, 1. Street Frontage Buffer stating, "The evergreen trees shall also be native to Texas."

1.2. Hold a public hearing.

Mayor Erickson opened the public hearing at 6:29 p.m.

No one wished to speak and Assistant City Secretary Cyndi Simmons stated no written comments were submitted.

Mayor Erickson closed the public hearing at 6:29 p.m.

1.3. Discuss and take action.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Valdez, seconded by Councilmember Swint, to approve the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation with the exception of "the evergreen trees shall also be native to Texas" and approve the 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 Overlay (NFO) District related to the boundaries, location, and development within the District as revised. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

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.

Chair Jacaman stated the Commission recommends the reappointment of Commissioner Jacaman, Commissioner Diaz, and Commissioner Bates to serve another term on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

2.2. Discuss and take action.

Motion: A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Arvidson, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to approve the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation and reappoint Commissioner Jacaman, Commissioner Diaz, and Commissioner Bates to serve another term on the Planning and Zoning Commission with terms expiring September 30, 2026. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

Chair Jacaman provided City Council with an update on items discussed during the Commission meeting.

b) Water Commission:

1. Water Rate Structure.

1.1. Receive recommendation from Water Commission.

Chair Mueller stated the Commission recommends approval of the Water Rate Structure Option 4, consisting of a \$5.00 base rate increase and a 1% tier rate increase for FY2025.

1.2. Discuss and take action.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Valdez, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Arvidson, to approve the Water Commission's recommendation and approve the Water Rate Structure Option 4, consisting of a \$5.00 base rate increase and a 1% tier rate increase for FY2025. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

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.

Chair Mueller stated the Commission recommends the reappointment of Commissioner Pohl, Commissioner Stone, Commissioner Stedman, and Commissioner Dorsey to serve another term on the Water Commission.

2.2. Discuss and take action.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Valdez, seconded by Councilmember Swint, to approve the Water Commission's recommendation and reappoint Commissioner Pohl, Commissioner Stone, Commissioner Stedman, and Commissioner Dorsey to serve another term on the Water Commission with terms expiring September 30, 2026. The City Council voted four (4) 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 items discussed during the Commission meeting.

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.

City Manager Nancy Cain reviewed the 2024 Tax Rate Proposal.

2. Hold a public hearing.

Mayor Erickson opened the public hearing at 6:49 p.m.

No one wished to speak and Assistant City Secretary Cyndi Simmons stated no written comments were submitted.

Mayor Erickson closed the public hearing at 6:49 p.m.

3. Approve \$0.193423 as the 2024 Maintenance and Operation Rate for the City of Garden Ridge.

Motion: A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Arvidson, seconded by Councilmember Valdez, to approve \$0.193423 as the 2024 Maintenance and Operation Rate for the City of Garden Ridge. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Approve \$0.061733 as the 2024 Debt Service Rate for the City of Garden Ridge.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Swint, seconded by Councilmember Valdez, to approve \$0.061733 as the 2024 Debt Service Rate for the City of Garden Ridge. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

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).

Motion: A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Arvidson, seconded by Councilmember Smith, moving that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.255156, which is effectively a 0.3028 percent increase in the tax rate, and that Ordinance No. 242-092024 is approved to adopt \$0.255156 as the 2024 tax rate for the City of Garden Ridge. The City Council voted by roll call:

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

The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

b) Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool Board of Trustees Election.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Valdez, to cast a vote for Randy Criswell for Place 11, Allison Heyward for Place 12, Harlan Jefferson for Place 13, and Mike Land for Place 14 for the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool Board of Trustees Election. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

c) Selection of Executive Recruitment Services and related communications on procurement of service.

The City Council discussed the 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).

Councilmember Swint and Mayor Pro-Tem Arvidson 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 Reyes).

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

10. Discussion of Future Agenda Items

None at this time.

11. Citizen Comment Period

No one wished to speak.

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/ 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.

Mayor Pro-Tem Arvidson spoke regarding Davenport High School. Councilmember Valdez spoke regarding Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization/Technical Advisory Committee, TxDOT expansion, and the Garden Ridge Car Show. Councilmember Smith spoke regarding Tri-County Chamber of Commerce events. Mayor Erickson spoke regarding Northeast Partnership for Economic Development.

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).**

Mayor Erickson announced the City Council will recess at 7:20 p.m. and reconvene into Executive Session at 7:30 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 7:39 p.m.

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.

No action taken.

15. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Wednesday, September 4, 2024, City Council regular meeting was adjourned at 7:39 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 8/31/2024

CITY FUNDS	BALANCE	CURRENT INTEREST RATE
GF OPERATING ACCOUNT	314,910.40	0.40%
GF MONEY MARKET	1,331,940.68	3.66%
PEG CAPITAL FEES	52,092.58	3.66%
TEXPOOL INVESTMENTS	3,283,824.93	5.30%
2017 I&S	2,336.48	3.66%
2012 I&S	4,110.04	3.66%
2012 REFI	13,287.29	3.66%
2015 I&S	4,134.38	3.66%
TEXPOOL WATER IMPACT FEES	188,766.32	5.30%
TEXPOOL STREET IMPACT FEES	65,328.58	5.30%
AMERICAN RECOVERY ACCT	5,478.13	3.66%
TEXPOOL AMERICAN RECOVERY ACCT	348,350.21	5.30%
ASSET/FORFEITURE - STATE	3,701.74	0.10%
ASSET/FORFEITURE - FED	285,483.32	3.66%
TOTAL CITY FUNDS	\$ 5,903,745.08	

WATER FUNDS	BALANCE	CURRENT INTEREST RATE
OPERATING ACCOUNT	832,109.15	3.66%
WATER SURCHARGE	159,671.40	3.66%
TEXPOOL WATER INVEST	1,314,336.77	5.30%
SIB LOAN I&S	3,214.41	3.66%
SIB RESERVE	46,197.68	3.66%
TOTAL WATER FUNDS	\$ 2,355,529.41	
TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS	\$ 8,259,274.49	

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE
CASH & INVESTMENTS STATEMENT
PERIOD ENDED AS OF 08/31/2024

GENERAL FUND	BALANCE
GF Operational Checking	\$ 314,910.40
GF Money Market	1,331,940.68
GF Peg Capital Fund	52,092.58
TexPool Investments	3,283,824.93
Restricted Amounts:	(269,234.58)
(Including GF Peg Capital Fund)	
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS	\$ 4,713,534.01

WATER FUND	BALANCE
Operational Checking	\$ 832,109.15
TexPool Water Invest	1,314,336.77
Water Surcharge	159,671.40
Restricted Amounts	(103,543.96)
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS	\$ 2,202,573.36

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
PERIOD ENDING AS OF 08/31/2024

GENERAL FUND	Aug-24	YTD	FY 2024 BUDGET	% OF BUDGET	BUDGET BALANCE
REVENUES	\$ 214,932.63	\$ 3,789,454.93	\$ 3,759,432.00	100.8%	\$ (30,022.93)
EXPENDITURES					
ADMINISTRATION	82,834.25	728,990.76	846,833.00	86.1%	117,842.24
COURT	9,421.83	93,821.87	112,858.00	83.1%	19,036.13
POLICE	143,430.70	1,196,255.99	1,464,945.00	81.7%	268,689.01
PUBLIC FACILITIES	58,005.97	736,527.90	806,052.00	91.4%	69,524.10
COMMUNITY CENTER	24,508.99	81,113.42	170,656.00	47.5%	89,542.58
LIBRARY	14,888.44	125,453.31	145,464.00	86.2%	20,010.69
FUND CHANGES/XFER	-	-	-	0.0%	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	333,090.18	2,962,163.25	3,546,808.00	83.5%	584,644.75
NET POSITION	\$ (118,157.55)	\$ 827,291.68	\$ 212,624.00		\$ (614,667.68)

WATER FUND	Aug-24	YTD	FY 2024 BUDGET	% OF BUDGET	BUDGET BALANCE
REVENUES	\$ 225,260.75	\$ 1,901,822.37	\$ 2,308,844.00	82.4%	\$ 407,021.63
EXPENDITURES					
BOND PRINCIPLE PMTS	1,501.50	533,501.50	533,502.00		0.50
ALL OTHER EXPENDITURES	190,321.54	1,496,661.04	1,727,598.00		230,936.96
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	191,823.04	2,030,162.54	2,261,100.00	89.8%	230,937.46
REVENUE +/- EXPENDITURES	33,437.71	(128,340.17)	47,744.00		176,084.17

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - COMMUNITY CENTER
PERIOD ENDING AS OF 08/31/2024

REVENUES	YTD	Budget
RENTALS	\$ 90,390.00	70,000.00
DEPOSITS	(4,250.00)	4,700.00
CLEAN-UP FEES	9,255.00	9,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES	95,395.00	83,700.00
EXPENDITURES		
PAYROLL/TAXES/RETIREMENT	5,166.17	4,876.00
MANAGER FEES	31,463.75	33,000.00
COMPUTER/INTERNET	1,577.42	1,680.00
TELEPHONE	550.00	600.00
UTILITIES	9,727.74	12,000.00
MAINTENANCE	5,620.51	7,000.00
SUPPLIES	2,363.18	2,000.00
CLEANING	6,930.00	7,200.00
EQUIPMENT	586.69	6,000.00
MARKETING	-	-
DEPOSITS REFUNDED	-	21,300.00
DONATION EXPENDITURES	-	-
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	17,127.96	75,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	81,113.42	170,656.00
NET POSITION	\$ 14,281.58	\$ (86,956.00)

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations – 8/31/2024

GENERAL FUND

Cash

Total available funds as of August 31, 2024, are \$4,713,534

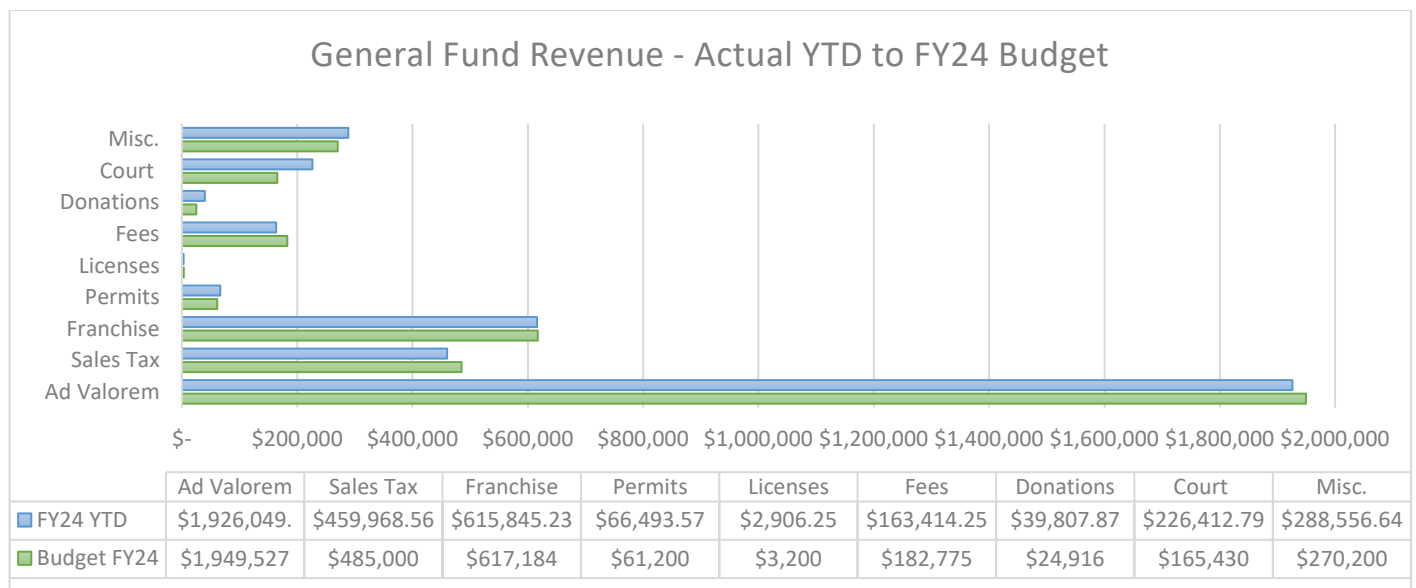
Revenue

Ad Valorem Tax received for August totals \$3,790. YTD collections total \$1,926,050 or 99% of the FY24 budget of \$1,949,527

Sale Tax Revenue received during the month of August totals \$51,238 for FY24. YTD totals \$459,969 or 95% of the \$485,000 budgeted for FY24.

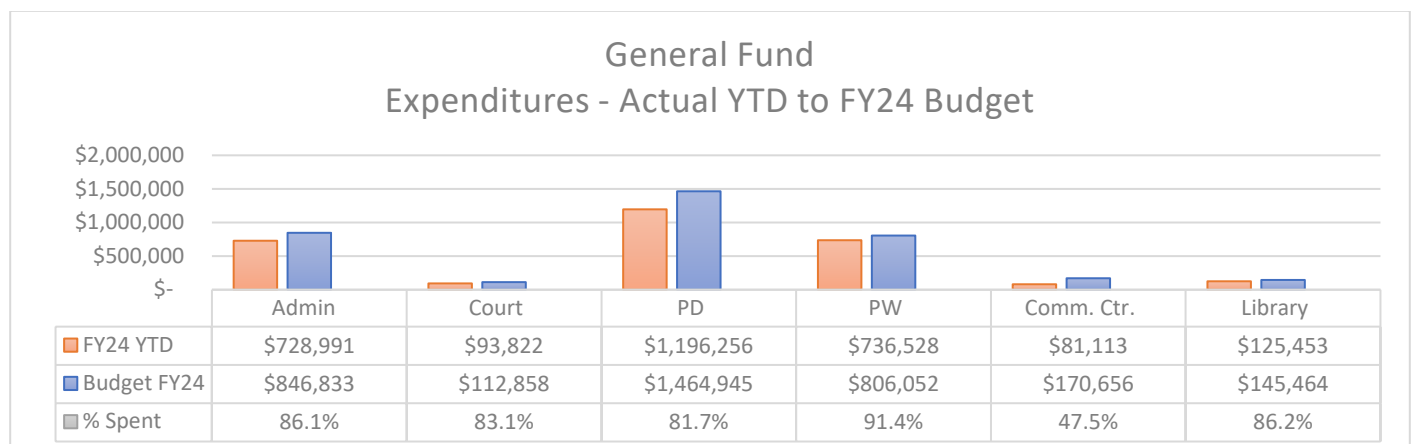
Annual Building Permits revenue totals \$63,888 or 106% of the \$60,000 budgeted for FY24.

Trash Collection YTD totals \$107,765 or 92% of the \$117,120 budgeted for FY24.



Expenditures

Expenditures for the month total \$333,090. YTD expenditures for FY24 total \$2,962,163 or 84% of the \$3,546,808 budget. All departments are operating within the FY24 budget.



WATER FUND

Meters

Current meters for August 2024 total 1693 vs 1690 for August 2023.

Cash

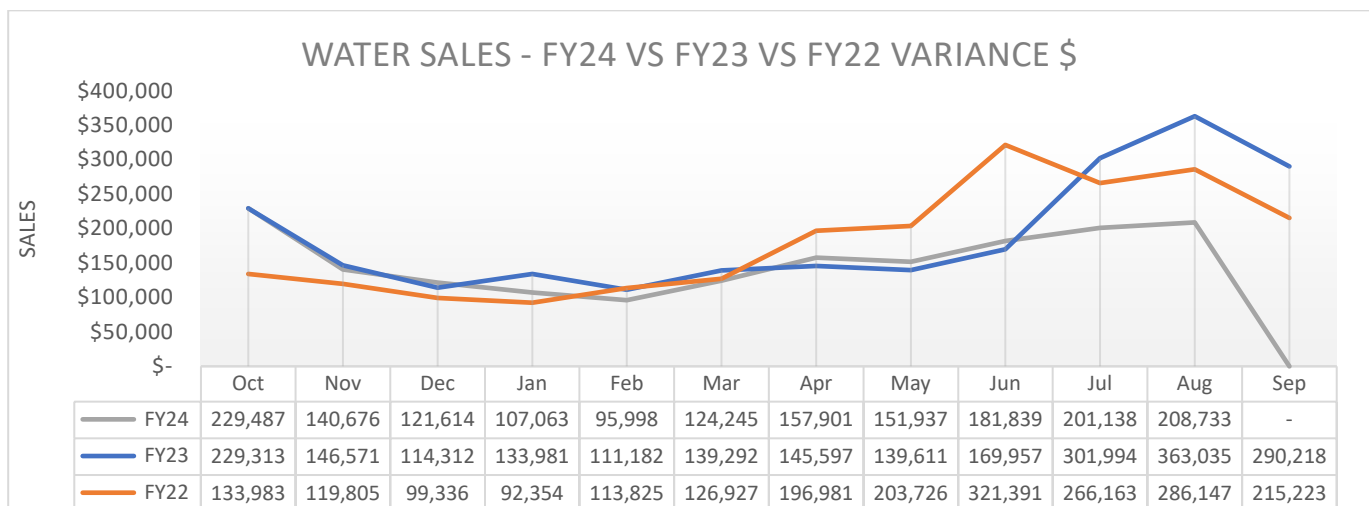
Total available funds as of August 31, 2024, are \$2,202,573.

Revenue

Revenue YTD totals \$1,901,822 or 82% of the \$2,308,844 budgeted for FY24. Total revenue for the same period last year was \$2,155,073.

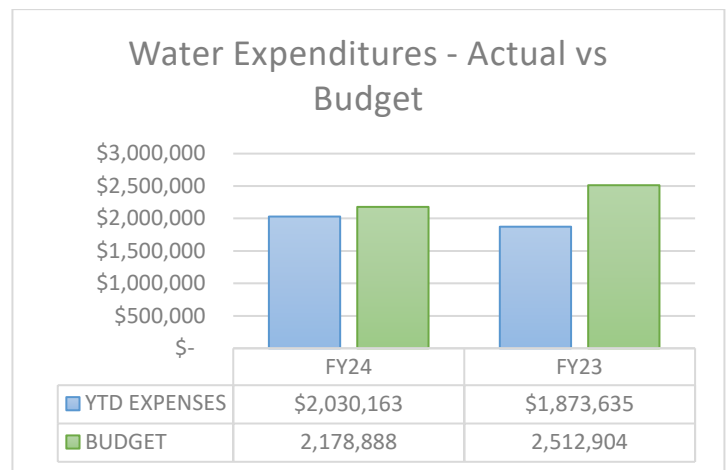
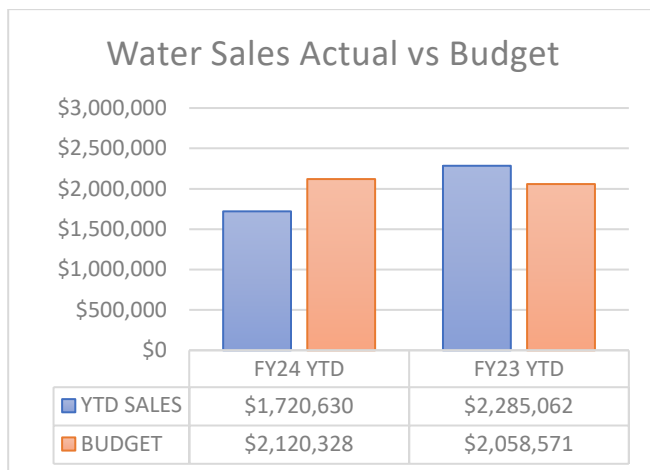
Water Sales for the month total \$208,733. YTD water sales total \$1,720,630 or 81% of the \$2,120,328 budgeted for FY24.

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



Expenditures

Expenditures for the month total \$191,823. YTD expenditures for FY24 total \$2,030,163 or 90% of the \$2,261,100 budget.



Interest & Sinking Fund

Revenue

Ad Valorem Tax collections YTD total \$648,163 of the \$660,137 budgeted for FY24.

Expenditures

Bond interest payments and agent fees for August 2024 totaled \$159,481. The next bond payments are due in February 2025.

Capital Improvements Fund – (all accounts are restricted)

Cash Balance

Water Impact Fee Balance is \$188,766.

Street Impact Balance is \$65,329.

American Recovery Acct. Balance is \$353,828.

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 \$289,185.

Revenue

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

Expenditures

Month expenditures to report is \$0

Summary

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

RESOLUTION NO. 527-102024

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS, DESIGNATING THE NEW
BRAUNFELS HERALD-ZEITUNG AS THE OFFICIAL
NEWSPAPER OF THE CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE.**

WHEREAS, the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, is required to cause to be published in a public newspaper, ordinances and other matters required by law or ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the governing body is directed to annually contract with a public newspaper serving the municipality to be the municipality's official newspaper as soon as practicable after the beginning of each municipal year; and

WHEREAS, the New Braunfels Herald-Zeitung is a daily publication which suitably fits the needs of the City of Garden Ridge for required publications and/or legal notices and receives distribution within the corporate city limits of Garden Ridge; and

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

New Braunfels Herald-Zeitung is designated as the official newspaper for the City of Garden Ridge, and this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the City Council.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON this 2nd day of October, 2024.

Robb Erickson
Mayor

ATTEST:

Marisa Spencer
City Secretary



To: Mayor Erickson and City Council
From: City Secretary Marisa Spencer
Date: 09/10/2024
Reference: Ordinance No. 13-102024

During the September 4, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended a zoning text amendment to the City of Garden Ridge Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 13). Upon receiving the recommendation, City Council conducted a public hearing and took action on the zoning text amendment.

The zoning text amendment will be incorporated into Ordinance No. 13 through the adoption of "Ordinance No. 13-102024".

At this time, the only changes to Ordinance No. 13 include updating Section 2.04.02. Natural Features Overlay (NFO) District and Section 2.06.15. Development in the Natural Features Overlay (NFO) District to reflect City Council's action (see attached pages).

Please let me know if you have any questions.

ORDINANCE NO. 13-102024

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS, ADOPTING A COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND ZONING ORDINANCE; ESTABLISHING A PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION AND A BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT; SETTING RULES AND REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Texas Local Government Code empowers the City of Garden Ridge (“the City”) to enact zoning codes and regulations and provide for their administration, enforcement, and amendment; and

WHEREAS, the City has previously deemed it necessary and desirable to adopt zoning regulations to provide for the orderly development of property within the City in order to promote the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents; and

WHEREAS, the City has given appropriate and reasonable consideration to the zoning regulations and other associated code provision amendments and find them most appropriate for the City; and

WHEREAS, the regulation of zoning districts and all buildings in both residential and commercial areas by the City of Garden Ridge is necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to set minimum standards to safeguard the public safety, health, and welfare, insofar as they are affected by zoning regulations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge finds that repealing and replacing the zoning regulations as provided for in this Ordinance are compliant with the requisites of the state law, including Texas Local Government Code as well as making the necessary associated amendments on signs, vegetation, and planning; and

WHEREAS, after notice on the proposed revisions to the Zoning Ordinance was provided to each owner, as indicated by the most recently approved municipal tax roll of real property and a public hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission on September 14, 2021, the Planning and Zoning Commission has considered and recommended approval of the replacement of the zoning regulations as provided for herein; and

WHEREAS, after notice on the proposed revisions to the Zoning Ordinance was provided to each owner, as indicated by the most recently approved municipal tax roll of real property and a public hearing before City Council on March 27, 2023, the City Council considered the revisions of the zoning regulations as provided for herein; and

WHEREAS, after consideration of public input received at the public hearings, the information provided by staff, consideration of the Comprehensive Land Plan and all other information presented, and the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission, the City Council finds it is in the public interest to approve the revisions of the zoning regulations as provided for herein; and

Subsection 2.04. Special Zoning Districts

2.04.01. Aquifer Protection Overlay (APO) District

A. Intent

The Aquifer Protection Overlay (APO) District provides for the protection of City public water supply well sites and aquifer recharge features from biological and chemical contamination. Within the APO District, no use or activity is permitted that presents a danger of bacteriologic, chemical, or radiologic pollution of the ground water aquifer.

B. Boundaries and Location

The APO District consists of a one thousand five hundred (1,500) foot radius around each City public water supply well site and geologic recharge feature within the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone.

C. Procedures and Standards are provided in 2.06.14. Development in the Aquifer Protection Overlay (APO) District.

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 hundred and fifty (150) feet of the property, measured as the first one hundred and fifty (150) feet of property from the property line. The overlay applies to those properties as shown on the City's zoning district map.

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

2.04.03. Planned Use Development (PUD)

A. Intent

A Planned Use Development (PUD) is a zoning overlay district that may be used to permit new or innovative concepts in land utilization, master-planned communities, mixed use development that other Zoning Districts do not accommodate, and to provide site-specific compatibility standards. While greater flexibility is given to allow special conditions or restrictions that would not otherwise allow the development to occur, procedures are established to ensure against misuse of increased flexibility. PUDs are appropriate in areas where the Comprehensive Plan reflects the specific uses proposed in the PUD or where the Comprehensive Plan reflects mixed-use as a land use category.

2.06.13. Nuisances

The following regulations serve to supplement regulations in Ordinance 162 and in the event of a conflict between Ordinance 162 and the provisions detailed below, the more stringent requirement shall prevail.

Proposed land uses shall be compatible in intensity, appearance, and operation with surrounding land uses in the area, and it shall not unduly impair the usefulness, enjoyment, or value of adjacent property due to the generation of excessive noise, dust, smoke, glare, spillover lighting, or other forms of environmental or visual pollution.

The storage of hazardous waste is found to be a nuisance and is prohibited within the city limits.

2.06.14. Development in the Aquifer Protection Overlay (APO) District

A. Applicability

Unless otherwise stated in this section, the following regulations apply to all properties within the Aquifer Protection Overlay (APO) District. The APO District is an overlay district, and 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. Activities Prohibited

No use or activity is permitted that presents a danger of bacteriologic, chemical, or radiologic pollution of the ground water aquifer. Specific prohibitions include: cemeteries; liquid transmission pipelines; petroleum and chemical processing, production, mixing, transmission or transfer facilities; petroleum or chemical storage tanks and vats; wood treatment facilities; sewage treatment plants, wet wells, pumping stations or drainage ditch for industrial waste discharges or wastes from sewage treatment systems, sewage sludge disposal; livestock and animal pens, feedlots, or abandoned and improperly sealed wells.

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 forty (40) 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 or 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.
- c. Shared driveways are encouraged, and it is recommended that shared driveways incorporate a divided landscaped median at least ten (10) 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 ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the shade trees in the street frontage buffer shall be evergreen trees and no single tree species shall constitute more than one-third ($\frac{1}{3}$) of all new trees to be planted.
 - ii. A minimum of one (1) Ornamental Tree 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.

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 their designee.

- d. In acting on a request for alternative compliance, the following criteria should be considered:
- 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)



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 programmed 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.



To: Mayor Erickson and City Council
From: City Secretary Marisa Spencer
Date: 09/12/2024
Reference: Ordinance No. 54-102024

During the September 4, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting, water rates for Fiscal Year 2025 were recommended by the Water Commission and subsequently approved by City Council. The approved water rate structure, consisting of a \$5.00 base rate increase and a 1% tier rate increase, must be reflected in Ordinance No. 54 before they may be implemented. At this time, the only change to Ordinance No. 54 is updating the water rates in Section 27 to reflect City Council's action (see attached page).

Once the ordinance is passed and approved by City Council, the FY2025 water rates will be implemented beginning with the October 23rd through November 22nd billing period.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Base Rates <i>(minimum monthly charge)</i>		
Meter Size	Meters Inside City Limits	Meters Outside City Limits
¾" Meter	\$35.00	\$51.25
1" Meter	\$38.00	\$54.25
1 ½" Meter	\$57.50	\$73.75
2" Meter	\$65.00	\$81.25

Tier Rates <i>(charged per 1,000 gallons used within the applicable tier rate range)</i>		
Number of Gallons	Meters Inside City Limits	Meters Outside City Limits
1,000 – 10,000	\$2.85	\$4.60
10,001 – 20,000	\$4.80	\$6.96
20,001 – 30,000	\$6.79	\$9.37
30,001 – 40,000	\$8.81	\$12.07
40,001 – 50,000	\$10.88	\$14.82
50,001 – 60,000	\$12.99	\$17.54
60,001 – 70,000	\$15.14	\$19.50
70,001 – 80,000	\$17.34	\$22.17
80,001 – 90,000	\$19.58	\$24.88
Over 90,000	\$21.86	\$27.65



To: Mayor Erickson and City Council
From: City Secretary Marisa Spencer
Date: 09/12/2024
Reference: Ordinance No. 143-102024

During the August 7, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting, City Council approved Republic Services Annual Rate Adjustment effective September 1, 2024. The Municipal Materials Management Agreement between the City of Garden Ridge and Republic Services states, "Company shall increase the rates for all Services effective on each anniversary of the Effective Date of this Agreement". Therefore, the annual rate adjustment went into effect September 1, 2024, based on City Council's action.

Since the rates are included as an "Exhibit" to Ordinance No. 143, the ordinance is being updated to track the changes to the rates and alleviate any potential for confusion about the rates going forward.

At this time, the only change to Ordinance No. 143 is updating "Exhibit C-Municipal Solid Waste Pricing" to reflect City Council's action concerning Republic Services Annual Rate Adjustment (see attached pages).

Please let me know if you have any questions.

ORDINANCE NO. 143-102024

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS, GRANTING AN EXCLUSIVE MUNICIPAL MATERIALS MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS, AND BFI WASTE SERVICES OF TEXAS, L.P., DBA/REPUBLIC SERVICES OF SAN ANTONIO A TEXAS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING SERVICE; SETTING FORTH GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS ESTABLISHING RATES FOR COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING SERVICE; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT AND THE COLLECTION OF ESTABLISHED RATES; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE OF A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN \$100.00 NOR MORE THAN \$500.00 AND MAKING EACH DAY A SEPARATE OFFENSE; PROVIDING A CUMULATIVE AND SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Garden Ridge has the responsibility to provide for the health and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge has determined that it is in the public interest of said City and its citizens to grant an exclusive agreement to BFI Waste Services of Texas, L.P., dba/Republic Services of San Antonio a Texas Limited Partnership, to provide for the satisfactory and efficient collection, removal, and disposal of solid waste and recyclable materials so as to maintain safe and sanitary conditions within Garden Ridge; and

WHEREAS, it has been, and is, determined by the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge to be in the best interest and necessary to preserve and protect the public health of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds and determines that it is necessary to adopt an Ordinance granting an exclusive Municipal Materials Management Agreement between the following parties to this Agreement: the City of Garden Ridge, Texas (hereinafter called "City") and BFI Waste Services of Texas, L.P., dba/Republic Services of San Antonio a Texas Limited Partnership (hereinafter called "Company").

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

SECTION 1. GRANT OF AUTHORITY.

There is hereby granted by the City to Company the exclusive right and privilege to operate and maintain within the City of Garden Ridge a service for the collection and removal of garbage, trash, brush, and other items intended to be discarded, (hereinafter called "solid waste"), and recyclable materials. The right and privilege granted in this Agreement for the purpose set forth above shall be exclusive and no other contractor, person, or corporation shall be permitted to engage in garbage collection or recycling service from residential, commercial, or industrial generators, within the City during the term of this Municipal Materials Management Agreement, Attachment A.

SECTION 2. SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICE REQUIRED.

All residential units, commercial units, and industrial units located within the boundaries of the City of Garden Ridge are required to have solid waste collection and disposal service.

SECTION 3. RATES AND COLLECTION OF FEES.

The City shall bill and collect a monthly fee for solid waste disposal from all residential, commercial, and industrial customers located within the boundaries of the City of Garden Ridge. All customers will be billed the monthly rates detailed in the Municipal Materials Management Agreement, Exhibit C, Municipal Solid Waste Pricing.

The City shall calculate the amount of solid waste collection service and recycling to be billed to each residential, commercial, and industrial customer monthly and shall add eleven percent (11%) to each bill as a billing service charge. The billing service charge shall be retained by the City and deposited in the City's General Fund. The City shall remit to the Company sales tax collected for the services provided and the Company is responsible for remitting sales tax submitted by the City for the services billed.

SECTION 4. BRUSH/BULKY WASTE DISPOSAL EVENTS.

The City will provide rolloff containers for the disposal of tree trimmings, brush, yard waste, and bulky items. Disposal Events will be scheduled as determined by the City and such schedule will be published on the City's website. This service is only available for residential units located within the boundaries of the City of Garden Ridge and will not be extended to commercial or industrial units located within the boundaries of the City or to lawn/landscape services, City volunteers, or service organizations.

The City will pay to the Company those charges incurred with the Brush/Bulky Waste Disposal Events at the rates set by the Company in the Municipal Materials Management Agreement, Exhibit C, Municipal Solid Waste Pricing, IV. Municipal Services, A. City of Garden Ridge Use Only-Rolloff Collection.

The City will bill all residential customers a monthly fee for brush/bulky waste disposal. The City reserves the right to adjust the brush/bulky waste disposal fee as deemed necessary to recover the City's costs associated with disposal events.

SECTION 5. VIOLATION OF ORDINANCE.

A violation of this Ordinance is a Class C Misdemeanor punishable upon conviction by a fine of not less than one hundred (\$100) dollars nor more than five hundred (\$500) dollars for each day that such offense continues and shall be a separate offense. Any violator may be subject to the enforcement provisions of Chapter 54 of the Texas Local Government Code.

SECTION 6. CUMULATIVE AND SAVINGS.

This Ordinance is cumulative of all provisions of ordinances of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, except where the provisions of this Ordinance are in direct conflict with the provisions of such ordinances, in which event the conflicting provisions of such ordinances are hereby repealed. All previous Ordinances, Resolutions, and Agreements, including Amendments thereto, regarding and granting permission for the collection, removal, and disposal of solid waste and recyclable materials within the City are hereby superseded on the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY.

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality will not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, or sections of this Ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this Ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage, approval, and any publication required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON this 2nd day of October, 2024.

Robb Erickson
Mayor

ATTEST:

Marisa Spencer
City Secretary

EXHIBIT C
MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE PRICING

<u>I.</u>	<u>Residential Collection:</u>	<u>Base Rate</u>	<u>Franchise Fee (5%)</u>	<u>Total Rate</u>
A.	Automated Residential Waste Collection Per Unit per month: ▪ Includes two-time (2x) per week collection with 1 – 96gal Residential Container ▪ Cart contents only	\$30.93	\$1.55	\$32.48
B.	Extra 96gal Automated Residential Container per month ▪ Additional fee per container	\$5.80	\$0.29	\$ 6.09
C.	Automated Residential Recycling Collection: ▪ Includes one-time (1x) per week collection with 1 - 96gal Recycling Container	Included in Base Rate		
D.	On call, Scheduled, Residential brush and bulky curbside collection. Minimum Charge:	\$52.69	\$2.63	\$55.32
	▪ Includes up to 1 cubic yard per Residential Unit ▪ Each additional cubic yard or bulky item - per unit:	\$52.69	\$2.63	\$55.32

All charges above, for Residential Collection, include five percent (5%) Franchise Fees and does not include Sales Tax.

<u>II.</u>	<u>Commercial Collection:</u>	<u>Base Rate</u>	<u>Franchise Fee (5%)</u>	<u>Total Rate</u>
A.	Small Commercial Collection (Carts) per month: ▪ Includes one-time (1x) per week collection with 1 - 96gal Container ▪ Cart contents only	\$36.89	\$1.84	\$38.73
B.	Each Additional Small Commercial Container (Cart) per month: ▪ Includes one-time (1x) per week collection with 1 - 96gal Container ▪ Cart contents only	\$36.89	\$1.84	\$38.73

C. Large Commercial Container Collection Service per month:

<u>Container Size</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Base Rate</u>	<u>Franchise Fee (5%)</u>	<u>Total Rate</u>
2yd FEL Can -	1x/week	\$92.22	\$4.61	\$96.83
2yd FEL Can -	2x/week	\$169.00	\$8.45	\$177.45
2yd FEL Can -	3x/week	\$244.85	\$12.24	\$257.09
2yd FEL Can -	4x/week	\$320.48	\$16.02	\$336.50
2yd FEL Can -	5x/week	\$396.12	\$19.81	\$415.92
3yd FEL Can -	1x/week	\$113.90	\$5.70	\$119.60
3yd FEL Can -	2x/week	\$196.92	\$9.85	\$206.77
3yd FEL Can -	3x/week	\$265.10	\$13.25	\$278.35
3yd FEL Can -	4x/week	\$306.01	\$15.30	\$321.31
3yd FEL Can -	5x/week	\$371.38	\$18.57	\$389.95
4yd FEL Can -	1x/week	\$140.37	\$7.02	\$147.39
4yd FEL Can -	2x/week	\$229.81	\$11.49	\$241.30
4yd FEL Can -	3x/week	\$322.45	\$16.12	\$338.57
4yd FEL Can -	4x/week	\$408.68	\$20.43	\$429.11
4yd FEL Can -	5x/week	\$486.49	\$24.32	\$510.81
6yd FEL Can -	1x/week	\$179.68	\$8.98	\$188.66
6yd FEL Can -	2x/week	\$285.95	\$14.30	\$300.25
6yd FEL Can -	3x/week	\$380.20	\$19.01	\$399.21
6yd FEL Can -	4x/week	\$480.87	\$24.04	\$504.91
6yd FEL Can -	5x/week	\$591.96	\$29.60	\$621.56
8yd FEL Can -	1x/week	\$205.34	\$10.27	\$215.61
8yd FEL Can -	2x/week	\$354.94	\$17.75	\$372.69
8yd FEL Can -	3x/week	\$478.87	\$23.94	\$502.81
8yd FEL Can -	4x/week	\$597.98	\$29.90	\$627.88
8yd FEL Can -	5x/week	\$717.49	\$35.87	\$753.37
Commercial Extra Yardage Fee - per yard:		\$42.16	\$2.11	\$44.26
Commercial Container – Each Extra Lift:		\$105.39	\$5.27	\$110.66
Commercial Container - Delivery Fee per can:		\$43.21	\$2.16	\$45.37
Commercial Container - Removal & Exchange Fee per can:		\$44.26	\$2.21	\$46.48

All charges above, for Commercial Collection, include five percent (5%) Franchise Fees and does not include Sales Tax.

III. Industrial Permanent and Temporary Rolloff Service:

Haul Fee (20, 30 & 40yd Open Top) -	\$625.22 per haul, includes up to 4 tons disposal.
Haul Fee (Compactor) -	\$835.47 per haul, includes up to 4 tons disposal.
Disposal Fee -	\$44.26 per ton on all tons over 4 tons
Rental Fee (Open Top) -	\$ 5.33 per day
Delivery Fee -	\$263.47 per delivery
Container Relocation Fee -	\$263.47 per relocation
False Alarm Fee -	\$263.47 per occurrence
Excess Disposal Charges -	\$0.06 per lb over 10 tons per load

Compactor Rental Charges will be based on individual agreements negotiated between Contractor and such customers and under such terms and conditions as may be mutually agreed by Contractor and such customers.

Above pricing does not apply to special waste volumes.

All charges above, for Industrial Permanent and Temporary Rolloff, do not include five percent (5%) Franchise Fees or Sales Tax.

Contractor shall bill Industrial Permanent and Temporary Industrial Rolloff Customers directly and add a five percent (5%) Franchise Fee for those services. The Company shall pay to the City the five percent (5%) franchise fee that the Company receives for those services. The fee shall be paid quarterly to the City by January 31, April 30, July 31, and October 31, of each year during the term of this Contract.

IV. Municipal Services:

A. City of Garden Ridge Use Only - Rolloff Collection:

Municipal rates for 30 cubic yard Rolloff Boxes for use by the city:

Haul Fee (Mon – Sat) -	\$295.00 per haul plus disposal.
Haul Fee (Sunday) -	\$325.00 per haul plus disposal.
Disposal Fee -	\$33.00 per ton
Rental Fee (Open Top) -	N/A
Delivery Fee -	\$150.00
False Alarm Charge -	\$150.00 per occurrence
Excess Disposal Charges -	\$0.05 per lb. over 10 tons

Above pricing does not apply to special waste or water treatment plant waste volumes.

B. Municipal Trash Hauling – Provided Free of Charge:

- The following municipal owned facilities will be provided a Commercial Small Container (FEL) and/or 95gal cart service free of charge, emptied on a schedule to be determined by the city and the Company:
- Garden Ridge Maintenance
 - Garden Ridge Civic Center
 - Garden Ridge Police Department
 - Garden Ridge Animal Control
 - Paul Davis Park

All charges above, for Municipal services, do not include Franchise Fees or Sales Tax.

From: [BEN HENDERSON](#)
To: [City Secretary](#); [City Administrator](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Ruben and Duane great customer service
Date: Friday, September 13, 2024 8:39:30 AM

Dear Ladies,

My name is Ben Henderson and I wanted to drop you a note on great customer service by Ruben and Duane of the Water Department Team. We called on a possible water issue and were told by the front desk that they would pass it on, but did not know when they would arrive, well about 15 minutes they arrived and provided great teaching, coaching, and mentoring on the water system and the new water meter. We thought we may have a leak at the water meter on the city side, but they showed us how the system works and showed great patience in answering all our questions. They are what right looks like.

They both are an asset to Garden Ridge and its citizen and deserve a raise and promotion, even if it increases our taxes. Would really like to see them able to conduct classes for each of the HOAs as I believe it would benefit the citizens and the city and helping us to be more informed. Again, they should be recognized for their efforts and are a true asset for us.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Sincerely,
Ben Henderson

From: [BEN HENDERSON](#)
To: [BEN HENDERSON](#)
Cc: [City Secretary](#); [City Administrator](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Sandra and Shannon great customer service
Date: Friday, September 13, 2024 8:45:53 AM

Dear Ladies,

My name is Ben Henderson and I wanted to drop you a note on great customer service by Sandra and Shannon.

They provide outstanding customer service whether in person or on the phone. They show great patience and are very knowledgeable in all they do. If they don't know the answer they research it and get back to you quickly.

They both deserve a raise even if you have to raise our taxes. They are a true asset to Garden Ridge and its citizens.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Sincerely,
Ben Henderson

Garden Ridge Community and Event Center
Monthly Report
September 1st thru September 30th ,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	20	248	286

Wildflower (Booked Current Month)	Bluebonnet (Booked Current Month)
9	9

Category Count (by Events)	(Current Month)	(Year to Date)
1. Resident / Non-Resident	8	72
2. City Chartered Non-Profit Organizations	2	19
3. Non-Profit Service Organizations	4	61
4. Non-Profit Associations	4	54
5. City Use	0	42

Administrative Operations and Upcoming Events

City Hall Office Hours

- Monday/Wednesday/Thursday: 8am-5pm, Tuesday: 8am-6pm, and Friday: 8am-4pm.
- Upcoming Holidays (City Offices Closed): Monday, October 14th
- After hours emergency phone number: 210-651-6831.

Training/Professional Development

- Councilmembers and Admin Staff attended the 2024 Hog Wild Local Government Seminar hosted by our City Attorney's Office.

First Friday

- 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!

November Election

- The City of Garden Ridge is a polling location for the November uniform election date. Early Voting will be conducted in the City Council Chambers beginning on Monday, October 21st through Friday, November 1st. Election Day Voting will be conducted at the Community and Event Center on Tuesday, November 5th. For additional information about this election, visit the Comal County Clerk's Office Elections and Voter Registration website (<https://www.co.comal.tx.us/Elections.htm>).

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 - 125 views / City Commissions - 15 views

Public Information Act Summary	
Year	Number of Requests
2024	89
2023	124
2022	166
2021	146
2020	207
2019	276
2018	225

Social Media Summary	
Social Media Platform	Number of Posts
Facebook	38
Instagram	38
NextDoor	35
X (Twitter)	36
Total for Month	147





POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY BREAKDOWN

September 1 to September 30

Calls for Service

Dispatched: 121 City Ordinance: 16 (9 Water) False Alarms: 11

Arrests

- * 1 -- warrant for DWI w/ BAC 0.15 or higher
- * 1 -- Possession of a Controlled Substance PG 2 < 1G
- * 1 -- Possession of a Controlled Substance
- * 1 -- Possession of a Drug Test Falsification Device

Traffic Enforcement

Crashes: 10 Citations: 140 Warnings: 111 Total: 251

Training

- * All officers completed Firearms training

Outreach Efforts

- * Coffee with the Cops (Monthly)
- * GRCPAAA Volunteer hours: 45 hrs
- * Pizza with the Police was held on 12 October with 45 in attendance
- * GRCPAAA Car Show will be held on 19 October
- * Emphasis was placed on promoting NNO block activities

Administrative Comments

- * Tree trimming campaign is ongoing with social media posts and notices / Deadline is 30 Nov
- * PD members visited Regional Academy for recruiting efforts
- * Ofc Rivera is in Phase 3 near completion of his FTO Program anticipated completion 17 Oct



City of Garden Ridge

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

MONTHLY PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

September 2024

Activities for the month

Public Works Tasks Completed:442

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

October Dumpster
Schedule

Oct 12, 8am to 5pm

Oct 13, 12pm to 4pm

Oct 26, 8am to 5pm

Oct 27, 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: 15lbs
- Rain fall total: 0.78 in.
- Removed 5 dead tree stumps from Regency drainage.

Street/Sign Maintenance

- Crack seal on Michelle Hill.
- Continue to replace old street signs.
- Old Nacogdoches road repairs with 7 tons of asphalt.
- Begin overhanging tree limb removal.

Parks Maintenance

- Dragged the ballfield one time.
- Ongoing dead tree removal at Davis Park.

City Facility/Property Maintenance

- Continue to perform preventive maintenance on the chiller system.
- Replace council room bulbs with leds.
- Moved out items in Community Center in prep for floor staining.
- Moved back in items in Community Center after floor staining.
- Repaired the overflow drain on the Admin air handler and replaced the fresh air intake motor.

Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance

- Repair event grill caster.
- Repair Public Facilities Foreman truck.
- Sold the old On Call truck.
- Repaired two weed eaters.

Class/Continuing Education

- Eric attended General Pesticide Applicator Certification Class.
- Eric attended Public Health Pest Control Class.
- Eric obtained a Pesticide Applicator License.

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

- 11 Deer carcasses were disposed of, total for the year is 62.
- 2 Live traps loaned out for the month, total for the year is 14.
- 261 Registered animals for the year.

Adoptions

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

Returned To Owners

- 3 Dogs; 24 Year To Date
- 0 Cats; 0 Year To Date

Transferred To Other Agencies

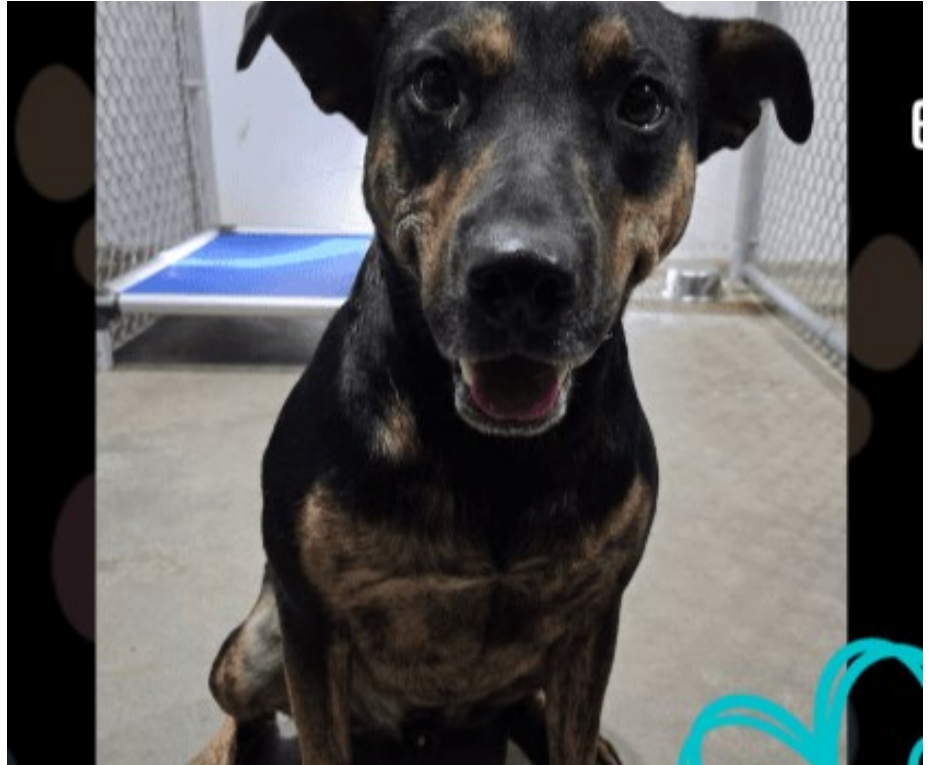
- 4 Dog; 5 Year To Date
- 0 Cat; 1 Year To Date

Currently In City Care

- 2 Dogs
- 1 Cats

Ready For Adoption

- 2 Dogs
- 0 Cats



Year to Date Wildlife Report

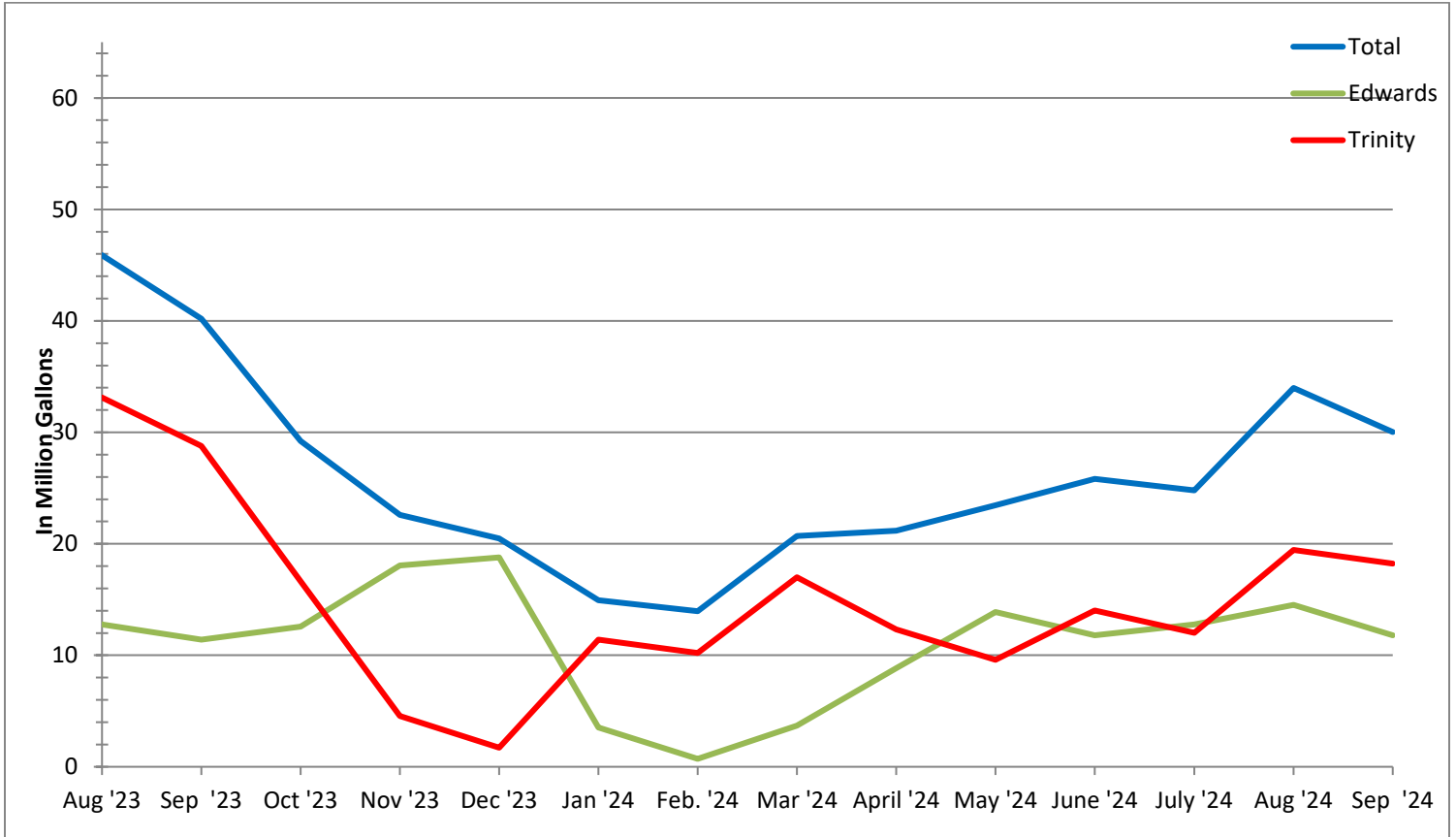
	Jan	Feb.	Mar	Apr.	May	Jun	Jul	Aug.	Sep.	Oct	Nov	Dec.	Total
Deer	5	3	5	6	9	8	5	10	11				62
Raccoons	5	3	8	6	3	3	3	7	12				50
Opossums	1	2	3	2	1	1		2	5				17
Skunks	6	7	2	2		1		3	1				22
Wild hogs		1											1
Turtles								2					2
Squirrels		1	1	6	2	1			2				13
Foxes		2			1		1	1					5
Armadillos					2	2		3	1				8
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	32				195



Utilities Department Report

As of September 30, 2024

City of Garden Ridge Aquifer Usage

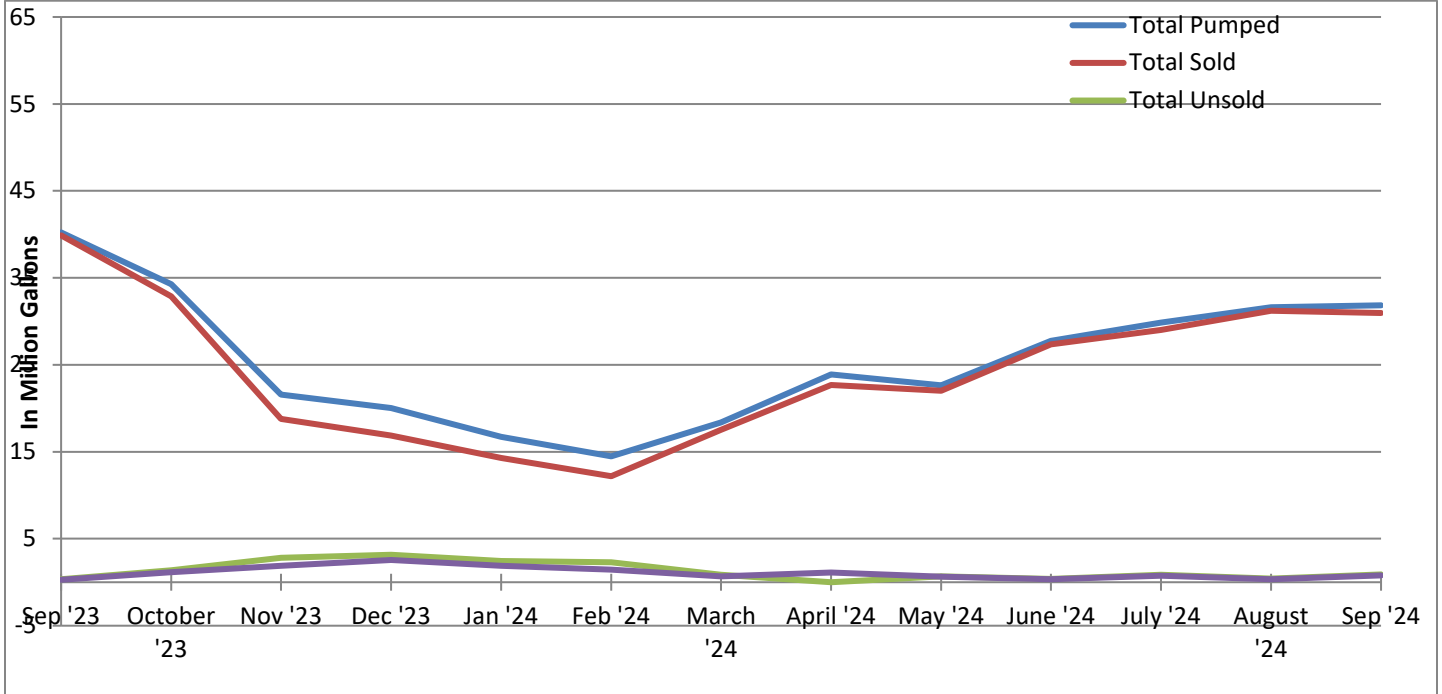


	Month:	Year:	Available:	Stage:
Edwards Well Usage AC/FT:	36.18	250.25	229.93	4
Trinity Well Usage AC/FT:	55.95	390.67	N/A	0

Water Quality

Bacteriological Samples:	Due:	Missed:	Passed:	Failed:
Distribution samples:	6	0	6	0
Chlorine Residual test:	30	0	30	0
Special Samples:	1	0	1	0

2023 – 2024 Pumping Report



	Total Pumped (Thousands)	Total Sold (Thousands)	Total Unsold (Thousands)	Unaccountable Unsold (Thousands)	Unaccountable Unsold %
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%
September '24	30,972	31,860	888	792	2.5%
Yearly Average	25,570	24,350	1,947	985	4.9%
	Yearly national average				16%

Utilities Department Monthly Activities:

New Installed Meters	0	Work Orders	273
Meter Replacements	5	Locates	69
City Owned Leaks		Irrigations Permits Issued	0
Meters Read	1700	Total Rebates	0
Meter Tests	0		0

AMI Information

Total Portal Customers: 857

Meter Daily Readability Percentage: 99.57% for 1,646 assigned meters (current bill cycle)

Main Breaks/City Repairs: 1 service line repair

Estimated Water Loss (gallons): 5,000

Location: Garden Ridge Drive

Explanation: CenterPoint Energy contractor hit the line while using a directional boring machine to extend a gas main on Garden Ridge Drive.

Leak Adjustments

New Requests		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 IX, Issue 1
October 2, 2024

Monthly Library Update

By Linda Crosland, Library Director

For leisure, for learning, for life!

Upcoming Activities for October

Children's Activities

We are back to our regular after-school schedule after a hiatus during August.

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, "Succulents" 12:00 noon. .

Regular Activities

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

3rd Tuesday, October 15, **Card-making**, 1:00 pm

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

All Ages:

First Saturday (Oct. 5), **Advanced Lego Robotics**, 10:00-12:30

October 31, **Trunk or Treat**, 5:30-7:30 pm

We are still looking for people who will host a trunk. Enjoy dressing up and giving out candy to the cutest ghosts and goblins ever!

Department Statistics for September

Visits to the Library	867
Items Checked Out	1,534
\$ Saved by checking out hardcopy books during month	\$14,114
\$ Saved by using eBooks	\$51,840
New Patrons Added	14
New Items Added, Physical books	37
-Libby Books + Libby Advantage	
-Boundless	1,592
Volunteer Hours	95

Activity Statistics

Children's Preschool Storytime	93
Children's Elementary Age Activities	91
Adult Classes—Coloring, Book club, crafts, Lunch-n-Learns	47

Activity Totals 231

We are happy to announce that we are once again accredited for this year.

Libraries were full of ideas – perhaps the most dangerous and powerful of all weapons. – Sarah J. Maas



2024 In Review

Visitors to the Library

12,909

New Members Added

178

Volunteer Hours

1,287

Programs/Activities

328

Physical Books

Checked Out

22,995

Electronic Books

Checked Out

2,932

Money Saved by Using the Library*

\$300,103

Program Attendees

4,506



***Money saved does not
include programs' savings**



Linda:

In April both Wendy and Linda spent the day at the exhibits of TLA. There we visited publishers and library vendors. We asked questions and learned about new trends in libraries and literature. ~8 hours

Webinars

1. Statewide Interlibrary Loan: Migrating to ShareIt in 2024
2. Marketing Tips for Public Libraries, Ebsco
3. Getting Started with Adult Programming
4. Tutorial in using Canva
5. Get It Together: New Items in Accreditation Application
6. How to Start a Seed Library
7. ARSL Reader's Advisory Networking Group
8. "Don't Fear the Grim Reaper: Planned Giving Conversations"
9. Canva Live with Design School
10. Free EBooks and Audiobooks from TSLAC integration into Apollo
11. Get It Together: Preparing for 2023 Texas Public Library Annual Report
12. Maximizing Your Library's EBook investment with Ebsco
13. ShareIt Migration Updates
14. TSLAC Library Development of Accredited Standards
15. Hoopla Consortium with PLAN
16. Strategies for Engaging Families Year-Round
17. What is AI? Implications for Libraries
18. Using AI at Your Library
19. Niche Academy Demonstration

20. E-Read Texas Implementation: Basic Administrative Training on Moving from SimpleE to Boundless (a site for electronic books and audiobooks which is one of our grants)
21. E-Read Texas Advanced Administrative Training
22. I also had 9 hours of training for Inter Library Loan facilitators OCLC to ShareIt.

Wendy

1. Boundless - switching from SimplyE to Boundless
2. Maximizing Parent Participation and Streamlining Teacher Efforts by Kelly Johnson
3. TLA
4. "Introducing Community IQ Demographics"
5. [Design with Canva](#) 'What's New Wednesday | January
6. CTLS – Summer Reading
7. On-Demand Webinar: Meet Collection IQ Balance: THE SMARTEST & EASIEST WAY TO MANAGE YOUR COLLECTION



memorandum

To: Garden Ridge City Council
From: Trihydro Corporation
cc: Ms. Nancy Cain, City Manager, City of Garden Ridge
Date: September 20, 2024
Re: Engineering Report for October 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. CenterPoint redesign submittal is addressing vertical clearance concerns prior to TxDOT approval.

Land Development Projects

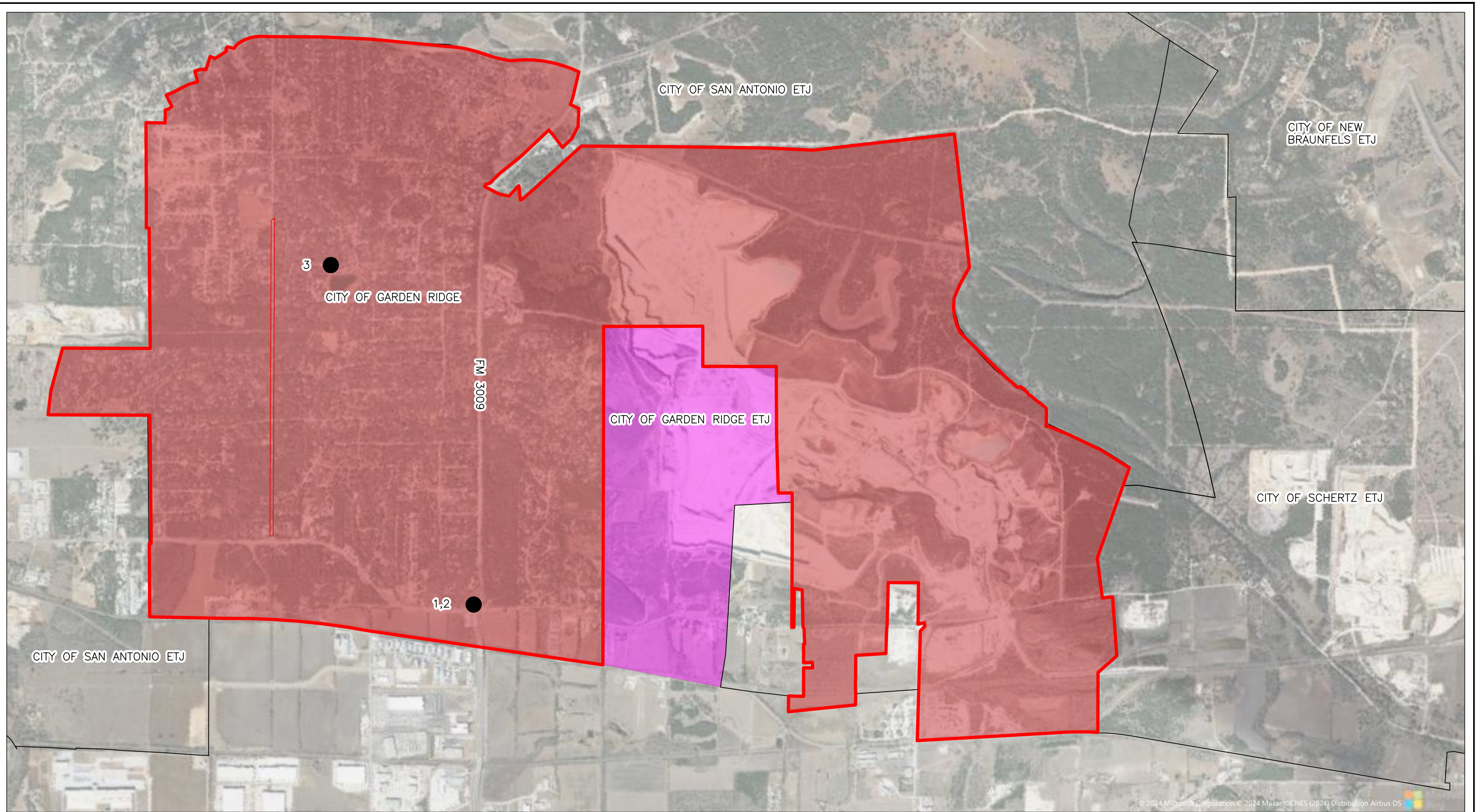
- Potential Developments
 - No activity this month

Miscellaneous Engineering Services

- FM 3009 and FM 2252 Intersection Truck Traffic Reduction Evaluation.
 - Continued truck route feasibility analysis.
- Waterwood Drive Fire Lane Exhibit revisions.
- Roadway Overall Condition Index Evaluation Checklist provided to Public Works.

FIGURE

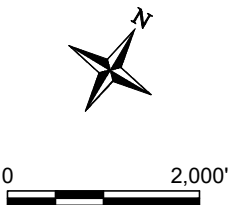
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EXPLANATION

- 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





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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

2025 January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 City Holiday	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 P&Z Commission	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 City Holiday	21 Water Commission	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

COMAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT

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Jeffrey J. Booker
CHIEF APPRAISER

August 9, 2024

Mayor Robb Erickson
City of Garden Ridge
9400 Municipal Parkway
Garden Ridge, TX 78266

REF: Board of Directors Election

It is time to begin the Comal Appraisal District (CAD) Board of Directors election process for the **2025 and the 2025-2027 terms**. Each voting entity may nominate candidates for each position by resolution as stated in the tax code quoted below:

Section 6.03(g) of the Texas Property Tax Code states "Each taxing unit other than a conservation and reclamation district that is entitled to vote may nominate by resolution adopted by its governing body one candidate for each position to be filled on the board of directors. The presiding officer of the governing body of the unit shall submit the names of the unit's nominees to the chief appraiser before October 15."

Due to the passing of Senate Bill 2 in 2023, section 5.13(d) states that the current appointed members of the Board of Directors term will end December 31, 2024. To facilitate the transition to four-year staggered terms, the CAD will hold an election this fall for five directors appointed by the entities where two members will serve a one-year term and three members will serve a three-year term.

When selecting your nominee, please note the eligibility requirements below and indicate the length of term that s/he is willing to serve.

To be eligible to serve on the Board of Directors, an individual must be:

- A resident of Comal County and must have resided in the county for at least two years immediately preceding the date the individual takes office.

An individual is not eligible to serve on the Board of Directors if s/he:

- Is an employee of a taxing unit that participates in the district unless the individual is also a member of the governing body or an elected official of a participating taxing unit.
- Has a substantial interest in or is party to a contract with the appraisal district.
- Has a substantial interest in or is a party to a contract with a taxing unit that participates in the appraisal district and the contract relates to the performance of an activity governed by the Texas Property Tax Code.
- Is related within the second degree by consanguinity or affinity, as determined under Chapter 573, Government Code, to an individual who is engaged in the business of appraising property for compensation for use in proceedings under the Texas Property Tax Code or of representing owners for compensation in proceedings in the appraisal district.

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- Has served as a member of the board of directors for all or part of five terms, unless the individual was the county assessor-collector at the time the individual served as a board member or has been an employee of the appraisal district at any time during the preceding three years, according to Tax Code Section 6.035(a-1).
- Owns property in which taxes are delinquent for more than 60 days unless there is a written installment agreement for payment of taxes and any penalty and interest or a suit to collect the delinquent taxes has been abated or deferred.

For your convenience we have attached a list of the current Board of Directors and whether or not the member is willing to serve again. **Please submit the names of your nominees to this office (including term length) no later than October 15, 2024 so they may be placed on the official ballot.**

Sincerely,



Jeffrey J. Booker, RPA
Chief Appraiser

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COMAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2025 TERM and 2025-2027 TERM

POSITION	MEMBER	NOMINATING ENTITY 2024 YEAR	WILLING TO SERVE	
			1-YEAR 2025	3-YEARS 2025-2027
Chairman	John Tyler	Comal ISD Comal County	Yes	No
Vice Chairman	Eric Couch	City of New Braunfels	Yes	Yes
Secretary	Bob Slupik	Comal ISD	Yes	Yes
Member	Douglas Miller II	Comal ISD	Yes	Yes
Member	James Long	Comal ISD	Yes	Maybe

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September 6, 2024

City Manager – Nancy Cain
City of Garden Ridge
9400 Municipal Parkway
Garden Ridge, TX 78266

REF: Board of Directors Election

Section 6.03(e) of the Texas Property Tax Code states: *“The chief appraiser shall calculate the number of votes to which each taxing unit other than a conservation and reclamation district is entitled and shall deliver written notice to each of those units of its voting entitlement before October 1 of each odd-numbered year.”*

Below is the voting calculation worksheet that indicates the number of votes you are eligible to submit in the upcoming election of the Board of Directors for Comal Appraisal District. The official ballot will be mailed to each entity no later than October 30, 2024.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS WORKSHEET 2025-2026

TAXING UNITS	2023 TAX LEVY	PERCENTAGE	VOTES
COMAL I.S.D.	\$253,779,892.56	0.52797	2640
COMAL COUNTY	93,527,204.28	0.19458	973
NEW BRAUNFELS I.S.D.	69,645,630.78	0.14489	724
CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS	47,784,182.28	0.09941	497
CITY OF SCHERTZ	6,729,526.94	0.01400	70
CITY OF BULVERDE	3,132,336.54	0.00652	33
CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE	2,641,290.67	0.00550	27
BOERNE I.S.D.	1,759,987.58	0.00366	18
CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH	1,076,309.87	0.00224	11
CITY OF SELMA	490,547.74	0.00102	5
CITY OF SPRING BRANCH	74,509.07	0.00016	1
WIMBERLEY I.S.D.	27,649.15	0.00006	0
	\$ 480,669,067.46	100.00000	5000

Sincerely,



Jeffrey J. Booker, RPA
Chief Appraiser