



City of Garden Ridge

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

AGENDA **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 5, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M.**

The Garden Ridge City Council will meet in a regular session on Wednesday, September 5, 2018 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 on August 31, 2018 before 5:00 p.m., 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**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Tri-County Chamber of Commerce Presentation (10 minutes)**
5. **City/Employee Recognitions/Employee Introductions**
 - a) Thank you from the Langthorps to the Mayor and City Council for the years of kindness and thoughtfulness for recognizing them.
 - b) Thank you from a resident to the Garden Ridge Police Department, for the sacrifices they make for the people.
 - c) Thank you from a resident to Royce Goddard, Water Manager, for his assistance with finding a water leak.
 - d) Thank you from the teachers at Bracken Preschool to Royce Goddard, Water Manager, for speaking to the preschoolers.
 - e) Thank you from a resident to Eric Lowman, Animal Services, for returning a kitten.
 - f) Thank you from a resident to Public Works Department for putting trash sacks at Park Lane Park.
6. **Citizen Comment Period – limited to 30 minutes total**
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7. Consent Agenda

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

- a) Approval of Minutes:
 - i. July 23, 2018 City Council Special Meeting
 - ii. August 1, 2018 City Council Regular Meeting
- b) Financial Statement, Summary Report, and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations – July 31, 2018.
- c) Consider the approval of hiring Jill Acha, Police Department Administrative Assistant, on a 90-day probationary period effective September 4, 2018.

ACTION ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

8. Business Items

The following items are for discussion, consideration and action.

- a) Action on items pulled from the Consent Agenda.
- b) Staff Reports:
 - i. City Administrator Monthly Activity Report
 - Community Center usage and financial report, Building Permits issued to date for residential, commercial and minor construction projects, City Council Idea/Suggestions, communication efforts, Citizen Concern/Input, and upcoming events.
 - ii. Police Department Monthly Activity Report
 - Traffic Enforcement, criminal activity within City, and Code Compliance Enforcement.
 - iii. Public Works Monthly Activity Report
 - Street and right-of-way maintenance, drainage facility and easement maintenance, City facility maintenance, Animal Services (domestic and wild), Oak Wilt, Public Works Projects, and City parking lots.

- iv. Water Department Monthly Activity Report
 - Water pumping/usage from City wells, water system infrastructure maintenance, repairs and/or projects, Water and/or Drought Management (current Watering Stage).
- v. Library Monthly Activity Report
 - Upcoming events
- c) City Engineer Projects Status Reports:
 - i. CIP Project for 2015
 - 1. Trinity Wells #9 and #10 Project
 - 2. Naco-Loop Water Line Project
 - ii. Sewer System (FM 2252)
 - iii. CIP Program recommendations.
 - iv. The Park of Garden Ridge drainage.
- d) City Commission and Committee Reports/Recommendations/Possible Actions
 - i. Planning and Zoning Commission Recommendation and Possible Action:
 - 1. Expiring terms (September 30, 2018) of Commissioners (Commissioners Diaz, Hausheer, and Owen).
 - a. Receive recommendation for the reappointment of Commissioners Diaz and Hausheer to serve another term (term expiring September 30, 2020).
 - b. Receive recommendation to waive the requirement in Ordinance 210-022018, Section V. Termination A. Three (3) consecutive absences or four (4) total absences in a twelve (12) month period for Commissioner Owen.
 - c. Findings of cause for reappointment of Commissioner Owen for another term of office as Specified in Ordinance 210-022018, Section III. E. 1 and 2.
 - d. Receive a recommendation to appoint Commissioner Owen to serve another term as specified in Ordinance 210-022018 Section III. E. for the purpose of good cause.
 - 2. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.
 - ii. Quarry Commission Recommendations and Possible Action:
(Quarry Commission did not meet in August).
 - iii. Water Commission recommendations and Possible Action:
(Water Commission did not meet in August).
 - iv. Wildlife Management Advisory Commission:
 - 1. Expiring terms (September 30, 2018) of Commissioners (Commissioners McKinney, Hatch, and Bippert).
 - a. Receive recommendation for the reappointment of Commissioners McKinney, Hatch, and Bippert to serve another term (term expiring September 30, 2020).
 - 2. Texas Parks and Wildlife requirement for conducting Deer Counts/Surveys in Garden Ridge designated areas.
 - a. Receive recommendation from Wildlife Management Advisory Commission.
 - b. Take action on recommendation.
 - 3. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

- v. Garden Ridge Parks Committee:
 - 1. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.
- vi. *Volunteer Garden Ridge!*
 - 1. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.
- e) Approvals/Authorizations/Reports/Discussion
 - i. 2018 Tax Rate.
 - 1. Review and discussion on the 2018 Tax Rate Proposal of \$0.323146.
 - 2. Motion to ratify the property tax increase of \$72,354.00 as reflected in the 2019 Budget for the General Fund and Interest and Sinking Fund of the City of Garden Ridge.
 - 3. Motion to approve Ordinance 216-092018 of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge adopting a Tax Rate of \$ 0.323146 per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation for the City of Garden Ridge, Texas to be effective for the Tax Year 2018 (Fiscal Year 2019).
 - 4. Motion to adopt \$0.222114 as the 2019 Maintenance and Operation Rate for the City of Garden Ridge.
 - 5. Motion to adopt \$0.101032 as the 2019 Debt Service Rate for the City of Garden Ridge.
 - ii. Ordinance.
 - 1. Ordinance 186-092018 amending the prohibiting the feeding of deer within the City limits; establishing a penalty; providing that this Ordinance shall be cumulative of all Ordinances; providing a severability clause; providing a savings clause; and providing an effective date.
 - a. Receive Ordinance 186-092018 and act on the amendment.
 - iii. Resolution.
 - 1. Resolution 439-092018 setting the day, time and place of regular meetings of the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas.
 - a. Receive and act on Resolution 439-092018.
 - iv. Economic Feasibility Study prepared by Pegasus Planning and Development
 - 1. Discuss and act on acceptance of the study.
- f) Updates.
 - i. Workflow Management Program and Policy
 - 1. Receive a status report.
 - ii. City Administrator Projects.
 - 1. Volunteer opportunities – City Commissions.
 - a. Vacancies remain on Planning and Zoning Commission and Water Commission.
 - iii. Mayor's Projects.
 - 1. Communication Report.
 - 2. Citizen Contact Report.
 - 3. City Facility Update.
 - a. Former City complex status report.
 - b. Community Center.
 - 4. Ordinance Revision Process.

5. Vulcan Construction Materials, LLC Update.

iv. City Council Projects.

1. Update on Water Rate Study (McCaw with the Mayor).
2. City of Garden Ridge window stickers for vehicles (Erickson).
3. Texas Municipal League Award Submissions (Erickson).
4. Expansion of Garden Ridge boundaries and controlling growth (Erickson with the Mayor).
5. Postal mail issues occurring within the City (Lantzy).
6. Update on City-funded monument for Paul Davis Park (Bower).

g) Future Agenda Items

9. Citizen Comment Period – limited to 20 minutes total
See “Rules for Citizen’s Participation” under Item 6.

10. Reports and Comments from Mayor and City Councilmembers

The Mayor and/or City Councilmembers may comment, make general announcements and/or provide progress reports on events, activities and/or committees/board meetings concerning the following:

Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (“AAMPO”)

Boy Scouts and/or Girl Scouts

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

City of Garden Ridge sponsored events

Comal ISD/Garden Ridge Elementary

Counties (Bexar, Comal and Guadalupe)

Garden Ridge Lions Club

Garden Ridge Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association/Citizen Patrol

Greater Bexar County Council of Cities

Joint Base Land Use Study-Randolph

Northeast Partnership

11. Executive Session

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

a) Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney

1. To seek legal advice in connection with settlement negotiations and other issues related to Hanson Aggregates operations, blasting and possible amendments to Ordinance 34.
2. To seek legal advice in connection with Plaza Oaks water services agreement.
3. To seek legal advice regarding related negotiation for liquidated damages for City building projects, and utility projects.
4. To seek legal advice on pending or contemplated litigation related to dismissal of terminated employee.

12. Business Items (continued)

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.

13. 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.



Shelley Goodwin, TRMC
City Secretary

This is to certify that I, Shelley Goodwin, posted this Agenda at 5:30 p.m. on August 29, 2018 on the bulletin board located at the entrance to the Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas.



Shelley Goodwin, TRMC
City Secretary

8-1-2018

Dear Mayor Larey ~
What a terrific
surprise!

You really made a difference -
and you truly are appreciated.

Thank you - and the G.R.
City Council for your
kindness and thoughtfulness.
We are exceedingly grateful
to you all for the beautiful
plaque and heartwarming
presentation. We will
treasure both the plaque
and the memories. - ~~BLESSINGS~~
Herb & Lora Langthorp
3 HITS & A MISS QUARTET

Garden Ridge Police,

We are sending this donation, as we honor the police force. They sacrifice alot for the people.

We met alot of them at First United Bank, it was a pleasure to talk with them.

We hope to do it again when we can. Thank you.

We honor you all

Joyce + Leonard Van De Mark

6/4/18

Dear Mr. Goddard,

American Leak Inspection came out this morning and found leak in my sprinkler system. It was on the east side of house — back yard — in the main pipe running through all 6 solenoid valves. It took gas in the line to find it.

Thanks again for all your help.

Seach Marking
9317 Gloxmini Price

Dear Mr. Goddard,

Thank you so much for
taking the time to visit our
preschool. The Kids loved learning
from "the cowboy who taught
us about water." (an actual
comment... 😊) We hope that
the rest of the summer is a
great one! Much love,

The Teachers at Bracken Preschool

Water Manager

From: messages@per-com.com
Sent: Saturday, August 25, 2018 8:01 AM
To: Water Manager
Subject: Messages for 44330

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Sat 25-Aug-18 08:00a

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| Emg: No` |

For: Eric

Caller:| Deborah Hlubek` |

Company:| Garden Ridge` |

Phone:| (210)651-1033 ext: ` |

Address:| 2008 Hickory Bend` |

Location:| ` |

Regarding:| Caller is just estactic
that the 3 legged kitty was returned
to her. She is so so happy and is
willing to talk to high level city
council to give praises. |

----- 08/24/2018 06:40P VAN -----

R2 and Txt Royce

Message History Account: 44330

Taken: Fri 24-Aug-2018 6:37p CKH

Given: Fri 24-Aug-2018 6:41p VAN

Serial#: 1

Msg Dispatch History Acct: 44330

#01: Fri 24-Aug-2018 6:39p VAN

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#02: Fri 24-Aug-2018 6:40p VAN

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City Administrator

From: Linda Potts
Sent: Thursday, August 23, 2018 2:09 PM
To: City Administrator
Subject: Trash Sacks

Nancy,

Please tell Public Works thanks for putting trash sacks at the Park Lane Park.

Linda Potts



City of Garden Ridge

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MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING, **JULY 23, 2018**

Members Present:

Mayor Larry Thompson
Councilmember Todd Arvidson
Councilmember Kay Bower
Councilmember Robb Erickson
Councilmember Bryan Lantzy

Member Absent:

Mayor Pro-Tem John McCaw

City Staff Present:

Nancy Cain, City Administrator
Cynthia Trevino, City Attorney
Ron Eberhardt, Police Chief
Royce Goddard, Water Manager
Steven Steinmetz, Public Works Director
Linda Crosland, Library Director
Karen Ford, Finance/HR
Shelley Goodwin, City Secretary

Commission Representatives Present:

None

Other City Commissioners in attendance:

None

1. Call to Order

With a quorum of the City Council members present, Mayor Thompson called the special meeting of the Garden Ridge City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 23, 2018, in the City Council Chambers of the Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas 78266.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Thompson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

No one wished to speak.

4. Business Items

The following items are for discussion, consideration and action.

a) Proposed 2019 Fiscal Year Budgets for the City of Garden Ridge General Fund, Water Fund, Interest and Sinking Fund and Capital Improvement Fund.

i. Presentation of budgets.

Mayor Thompson provided a PowerPoint presentation (see attached) regarding the FY 2019 Budget Proposals. He presented an overview of the budget proposals, highlights, new budget items, status of last year's initiatives, future challenges, and next steps in the process. He also reviewed the budget breakdown charts for each fund and department.

ii. Public Hearing to receive comments.

Mayor Thompson opened the public hearing at 6:37 p.m. and asked if anyone wished to speak. No one did, so Mayor Thompson closed the public hearing at 6:37 p.m.

iii. Discussion and/or adjustments to proposed budgets.

The City Council had no adjustments or questions regarding the proposed FY2019 Budget.

iv. Adoption of Fiscal Year 2019 Budgets:

- 1. Resolution 434-072018 approving the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget for the City of Garden Ridge General Fund for the period of October 1, 2018 - September 30, 2019.**
- 2. Resolution 435-072018 approving the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget for the City of Garden Ridge Water Fund for the period of October 1, 2018- September 30, 2019.**
- 3. Resolution 436-072018 approving the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget for the City of Garden Ridge Interest and Sinking Fund for the period of October 1, 2018- September 30, 2019.**
- 4. Resolution 437-072018 approving the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget for the City of Garden Ridge Capital Improvement Fund for the period of October 1, 2018- September 30, 2019.**

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Bower, seconded by Councilmember Lantzy, to adoption Resolution 434-072018 Fiscal Year 2019 Budget for the City of Garden Ridge General Fund for the period of October 1, 2018 - September 30, 2019, Resolution 435-072018 Fiscal Year 2019 Budget for the City of Garden Ridge Water Fund for the period of October 1, 2018- September 30, 2019, Resolution 436-072018 Fiscal Year 2019 Budget for the City of Garden Ridge Interest and Sinking Fund for the period of October 1, 2018- September 30, 2019, and Resolution 437-072018 Fiscal Year 2019 Budget for the City of Garden Ridge Capital Improvement Fund for the period of October 1, 2018- September 30, 2019. The City Council voted four (4) for, none (0) opposed. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Thompson and the City Council thanked Staff for their hard work on the FY2019 Budget.

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

i. Announce date, time and place of:

- 1. First public hearing on proposed 2018 Property Tax Rate (Tuesday, August 21, 2018, 6:00 p.m., City Council Chambers, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas).**

2. **Second public hearing on proposed 2018 Property Tax Rate (Tuesday, August 27, 2018, 6:00 p.m., City Council Chambers, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas).**
3. **Possible adoption of the 2018 Property Tax Rate (Tuesday, September 5, 2018, 6:00 p.m., City Council Chambers, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas).**

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated she is waiting on Comal Appraisal District to submit the 2018 Certified Appraised Values. She stated she is hoping to get the tax rate calculations before the August 1st City Council Regular Meeting so they can be added to the Agenda and possibly accelerate the process for the adoption of the 2018 Property Tax Rate. She announced the two Public Hearing dates and the possible adoption of the 2018 Property Tax Rate.

c) CIP Program.

i. Review Draft CIP Analysis Report for future projects and estimated project cost.

Mayor Thompson stated he directed the City Engineers to provide an Analysis and Report on the long-term (30 years and more) development of a Capital Improvement Program. He stated program will provide a plan for streets, drainage, and waterline replacement projects. He added this will not only be a long-term planning tool for City Staff, but also a mechanism for citizen's to see where their neighborhood and streets fit into the long-term plan.

Dan Mummert, P.E., Trihydro, City Engineer, reviewed the Recommended Capital Improvement Program Overview PowerPoint (see attached). He stated this document would be a living document and he wanted to thank Marcos Snell, Trihydro, for working on this document. He reviewed the objective, CIP Data Sources, Infrastructure Service Life, and recommended Phases, estimated construction cost and the proposed schedule of the projects.

ii. Discussion and/or adjustments to the report.

The City Council discussed the interaction with the Master Land Use Plan, gated communities, and the development of the report.

Mayor Thompson asked the City Council to review the reports and once the Plan is adopted it will allow the City to plan for upcoming and long-term future projects and their funding.

5. Citizen Comment Period – limited to 20 minutes total

See “Rules for Citizen’s Participation” under Item 4.

No one wished to speak.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Monday, July 23, 2018, Garden Ridge City Council regular meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m. by Mayor Thompson.

Larry Thompson
Mayor

ATTEST

Shelley Goodwin, TRMC
City Secretary

SIGN IN TO SPEAK AT THE JULY 23, 2018
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CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

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CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE

JULY 2018

RECOMMENDED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Infrastructure Service Life

● Waterlines

- Basis of CIP Phasing Timeline
- ~50 Year Service Life
- Based on Regional PVC Studies
- Installation Failures Occur Within 10 Years
- Average Failure Age of 47 Years
- PVC Quality Has Improved Since 1970's

● Roadway

- Basis of CIP Phasing Location
 - ~20 Year Service Life
 - Variable – Based on O&M and Environment
 - Can Extend Service Life with O&M
 - Can Specify Condition with PCI

● Drainage

- Service Life Highly Variable
- Greater Accuracy to Visually Identify Drainage CIPS
- CIPs were Identified in Current Stormwater Master Plan

Recommended Capital Improvements Program (RCIP)

● Objective

- Create CIP Timeline and Priority
- Decision Making Tool
- Designed to be Updated

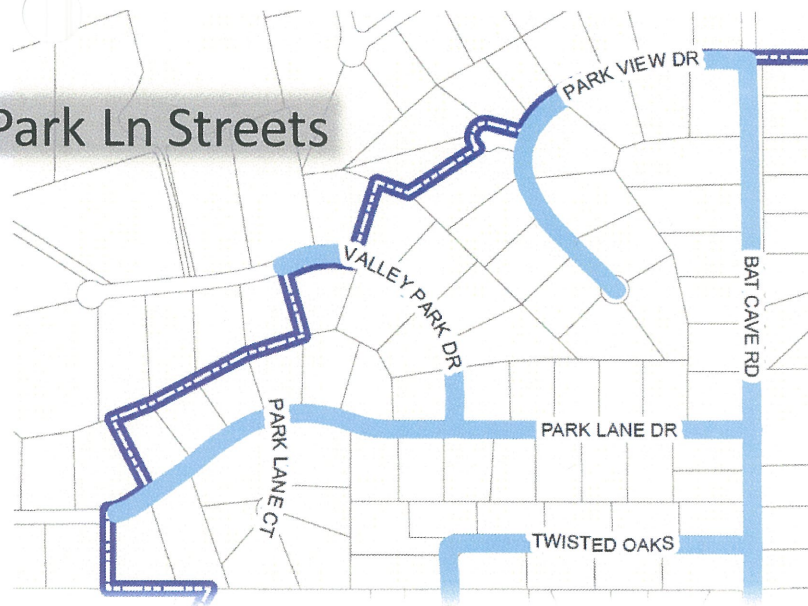
● CIP Data Sources

- Plats & Construction Drawings
- City Master Plans
- Comal County Planning Documents
- Comal County GIS

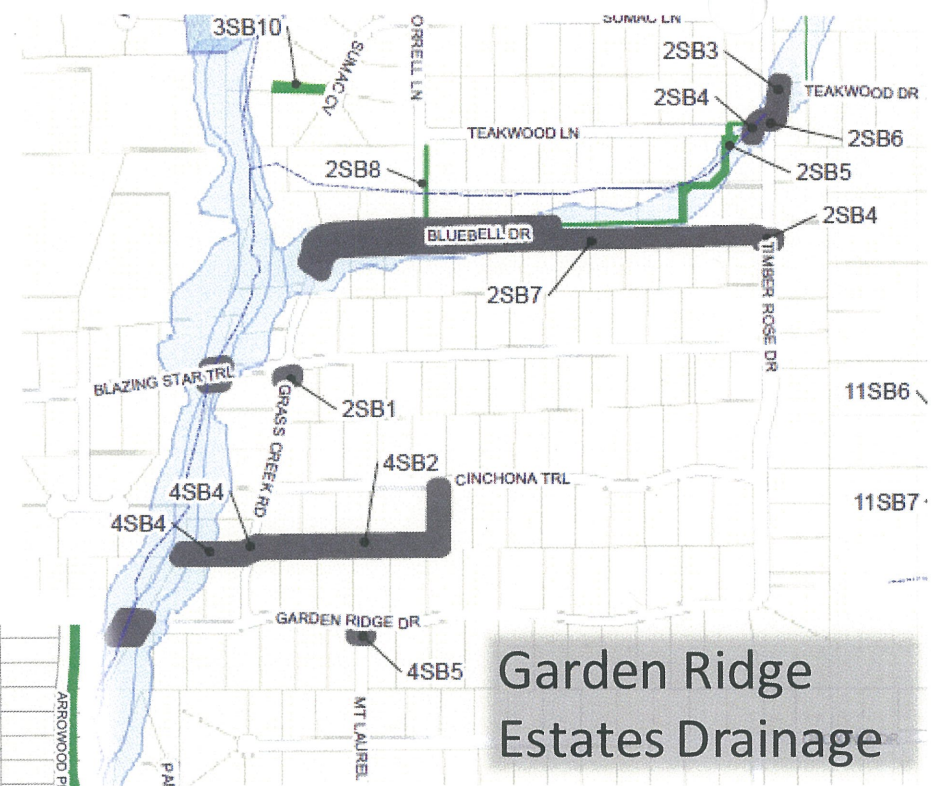
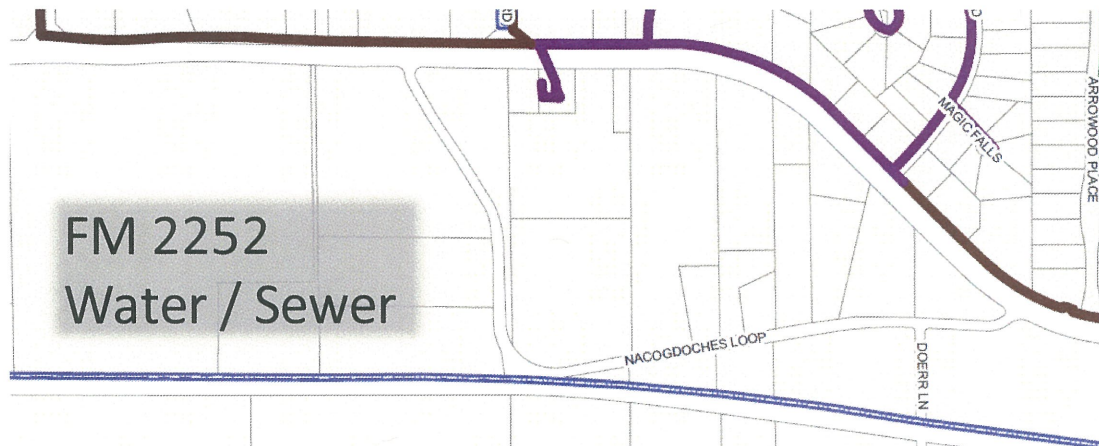
CIP PHASE	ROADWAY NAME	SUBDIVISION	CRITICALITY	PROJECTS	CONSTRUCTION COST
Phase 1 0-5 Years	Park Ln Estates Streets	Park Lane Estates	-	Street	\$ 552,000.00
	City Drainage	Garden Ridge / Park Lane Estates	-	Drainage	\$ 500,000.00
	FM 2252 Water Sewer	City of Garden Ridge	-	Water & Sewer	\$ 2,500,000.00
					\$ 3,552,000.00
Phase 2 5-15 Years	Azalea Gate	Garden Ridge Estates	100%	Water & Drainage & Street	\$ 752,400.00
	Hickory Bend	Garden Ridge Estates	89%	Water & Street	\$ 992,400.00
	Magic Falls	Garden Ridge Estates	89%	Water & Street	\$ 165,600.00
	Cedar Branch [S]	Garden Ridge Estates	82%	Water & Street	\$ 240,000.00
	Lloyds Park	County Oak Estates	82%	Water & Street	\$ 560,400.00
	Oak Rush	Garden Ridge Estates	82%	Water & Street	\$ 254,400.00
	Plum Ranch Rd [S]	Garden Ridge Estates	82%	Water & Street	\$ 108,000.00
					\$ 3,073,200.00
Phase 3 10-20 Years	Forest Waters Cir	Forest Waters	86%	Water & Street	\$ 4,096,800.00
	Water Wood Dr	Forest Waters	86%	Water & Street	\$ 1,364,400.00
	Glen Cv	Forest Waters	86%	Water & Street	\$ 369,600.00
	Tree Top Ln	Forest Waters	86%	Water & Street	\$ 190,800.00
	Woodland Cv	Forest Waters	86%	Water & Street	\$ 333,600.00
					\$ 6,355,200.00
Phase 4 15-25 Years	Cedar Branch [N]	Garden Ridge Estates	71%	Water & Drainage & Street	\$ 594,000.00
	Plum Ranch Rd [N]	Garden Ridge Estates	71%	Water & Drainage & Street	\$ 140,400.00
	Mt Laurel Ln [S]	Garden Ridge Estates	59%	Water & Street	\$ 307,200.00
	Gardenia Bend Dr	Garden Ridge Estates	58%	Water & Street	\$ 860,400.00
	Berean Way	Garden Ridge Estates	52%	Water & Street	\$ 253,200.00
	Paradise Pass	Garden Ridge Estates	52%	Water & Street	\$ 528,000.00
					\$ 2,683,200.00

RECOMMENDED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

Park Ln Streets



FM 2252 Water / Sewer



Garden Ridge Estates Drainage

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RECOMMENDED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

WATER LINE AGE (YRS)

UNKNOWN

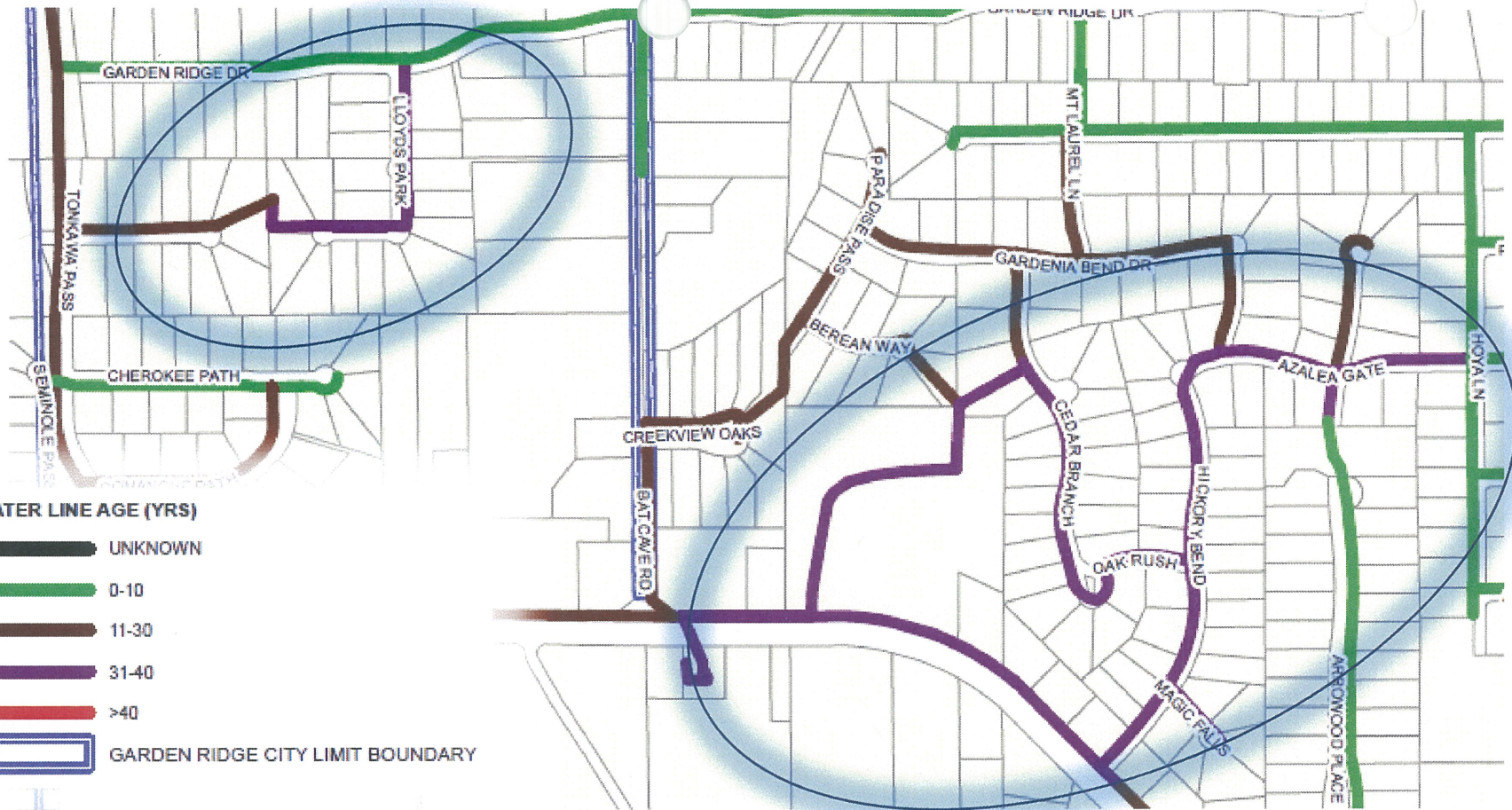
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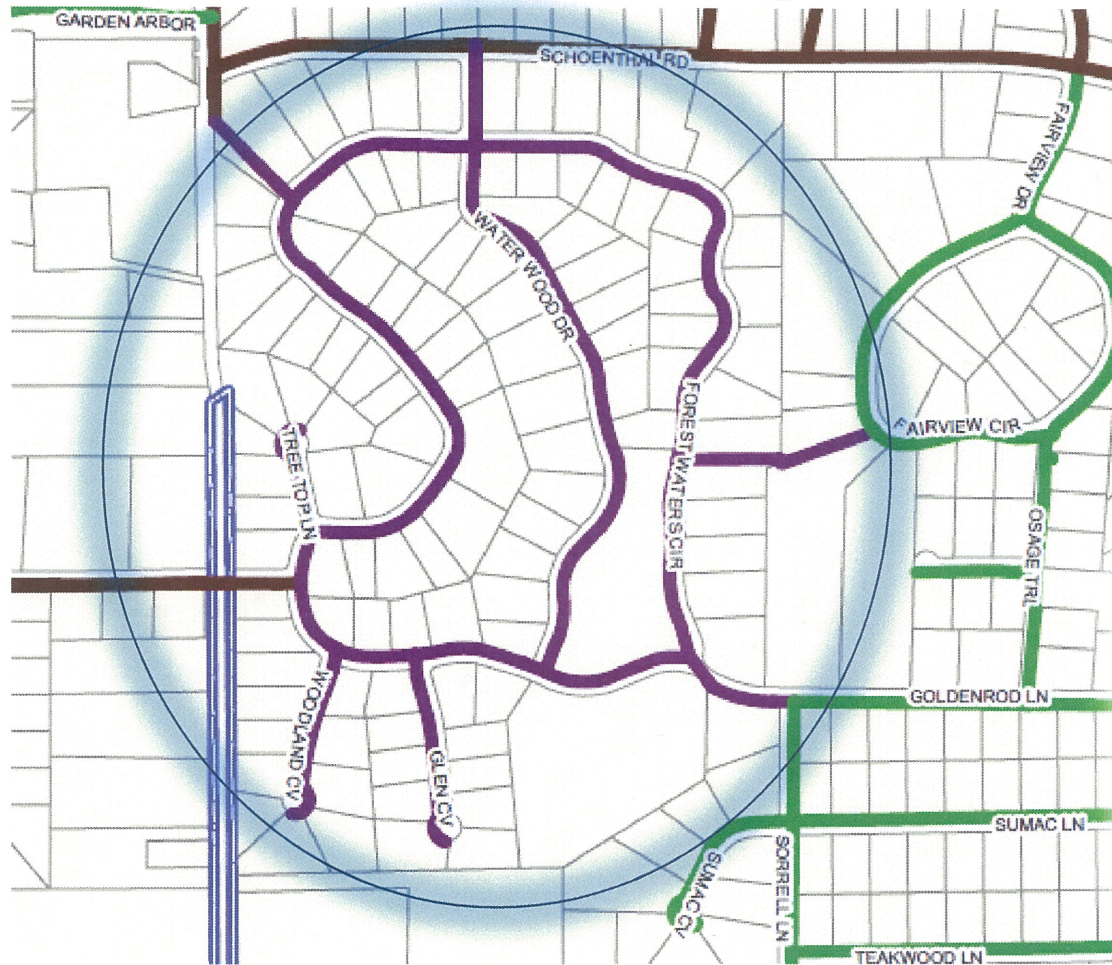
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GARDEN RIDGE CITY LIMIT BOUNDARY



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	Plum Ranch Rd [S]	Garden Ridge Estates	82%	Water & Street	\$ 108,000.00
					\$ 3,073,200.00

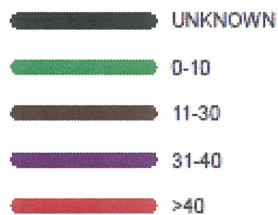
RECOMMENDED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM



CIP PHASE	ROADWAY NAME	SUBDIVISION	CRITICALITY	PROJECTS	CONSTRUCTION COST
Phase 3 10-20 Years	Forest Waters Cir	Forest Waters	86%	Water & Street	\$ 4,096,800.00
	Water Wood Dr	Forest Waters	86%	Water & Street	\$ 1,364,400.00
	Glen Cv	Forest Waters	86%	Water & Street	\$ 369,600.00
	Tree Top Ln	Forest Waters	86%	Water & Street	\$ 190,800.00
	Woodland Cv	Forest Waters	86%	Water & Street	\$ 333,600.00
					\$ 6,355,200.00

RECOMMENDED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

WATER LINE AGE (YRS)



GARDEN RIDGE CITY LIMIT BOUNDARY

CIP PHASE	ROADWAY NAME	SUBDIVISION	CRITICALITY	PROJECTS	CONSTRUCTION COST
Phase 4 15-25 Years	Cedar Branch [N]	Garden Ridge Estates	71%	Water & Drainage & Street	\$ 594,000.00
	Plum Ranch Rd [N]	Garden Ridge Estates	71%	Water & Drainage & Street	\$ 140,400.00
	Mt Laurel Ln [S]	Garden Ridge Estates	59%	Water & Street	\$ 307,200.00
	Gardenia Bend Dr	Garden Ridge Estates	58%	Water & Street	\$ 860,400.00
	Berean Way	Garden Ridge Estates	52%	Water & Street	\$ 253,200.00
	Paradise Pass	Garden Ridge Estates	52%	Water & Street	\$ 528,000.00
					\$ 2,683,200.00

RECOMMENDED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM



City of Garden Ridge

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

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, **AUGUST 1, 2018**

Members Present:

Mayor Larry Thompson
Mayor Pro-Tem John McCaw
Councilmember Todd Arvidson
Councilmember Kay Bower

Members Absent:

Councilmember Robb Erickson
Councilmember Bryan Lantzy

City Staff Present:

Nancy Cain, City Administrator
Cynthia Trevino, City Attorney
Ron Eberhardt, Police Chief
Royce Goddard, Water Manager
Steven Steinmetz, Public Works Director
Linda Crosland, Library Director
Karen Ford, Finance/HR
Marissa Spencer, Police Clerk
Shelley Goodwin, City Secretary

City Commission Representatives Present:

Dr. Jim Miller, Chair, Planning and Zoning Commission
David Krawczynski, Chair, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission
Richard Holloway, Vice Chair, Water Commission

Other City Commissioners in attendance

Cynthia Shanahan-Segovia, Vice Chair, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission
Dawn Hatch, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission
Ken Knuepper, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission

1. Call to Order

With a quorum of the City Council members present, Mayor Thompson called the regular meeting of the Garden Ridge City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 1, 2018, in the City Council Chambers of the Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas 78266.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Paige and Logan Schrantz, along with Mayor Thompson, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Special Presentation

- a) Presentation of plaque to Lona and Herb Langthorps in appreciation of many years of singing the National Anthem for the Garden Ridge 4th of July celebration.**

Mayor Thompson thanked Lona and Herb Langthorps for their many years of service to the City for singing the National Anthem at the City's July 4th picnics.

Mr. Langthorp provided the history of their singing career and how they first started singing for the July 4th celebration. They then sang an original composition for the City Council and audience (see attached song).

4. City/Employee Recognitions/Employee Introductions

- a) Recognition of Logan Schrantz and Paige Schrantz who recently attended the Space Academy at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center, home of Space Camp, Space Camp Robotics, Aviation Challenge and NASA Marshall Space Flight Center's Official Visitor Center.**

Mayor Thompson introduced Paige and Logan Schrantz and stated they recently attended a Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Camp. He stated they spent some of their summer at Space Academy at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center, home of Space Camp, Space Camp Robotics, Aviation Challenge and NASA Marshall Space Flight Center's Official Visitor Center.

Paige Schrantz stated she had a good time and made new friends. She stated she also plans on going back next year.

Logan Schrantz stated her experience was outstanding and by going to space camp she found her heart and passion.

Mayor Thompson congratulated their parents for giving their daughters the opportunity. He also thanked Brooke Schrantz for supporting her sisters by attending.

- b) Thank you from a resident to the Police Department for the Resident Out of Town checks and for keeping Garden Ridge a safe community.**

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated a thank you was received from a resident for the Police Department for their Resident Out of Town checks.

- c) Thank you from a resident to Steven Steinmetz, Public Works Director, and his Staff for the work they are doing in Paul Davis Park.**

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated a thank you was received from a resident for Steven Steinmetz, Public Works Director and his Staff for their work at Paul Davis Park.

- d) Thank you to Kelly Curtright, Library, and Marisa Spencer, Police Department, for their assistance to the City Administration Department.**

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated a thank you was received from the City Secretary for the assistance she has received from Kelly Curtright, Library, and Marisa Spencer, Police Department, with administrative duties.

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

Shelby Trial, 21657 Forest Waters Circle, provided the history of the deer population, Texas Parks and Wildlife advice and the actions the City Council took regarding the deer (see attached).

Martha Stipp, 21007 Cedar Branch, spoke on Deer Management and the methods Texas Parks and Wildlife uses for management (see attached).

Ken Kneupper, 8891 Schoenthal Rd., spoke on the Comal ISD open house being held for the middle school opening up and the communications being used by the contractor for the new high school being built.

Mary Rethman, 9450 Cinchona Trail, spoke against the trapping and killing of deer. She also spoke about not receiving a survey.

Amy Friedman, 9908 Katharine Glen, spoke on Deer Management and the Deer Census.

Elma Demory, 9497 Cinchona Trail, spoke on Deer Management and the methods being used. She also spoke about not receiving a survey.

6. Consent Agenda

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

a) Approval of Minutes:

- i. June 25, 2018 City Council Special Meeting**
- ii. July 5, 2018 City Council Regular Meeting**

b) Financial Statement, Summary Report, and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations – June 30, 2018.

c) Consider the approval of hiring Katherine "Kat" Balbi, Utility Clerk, on a 90-day probationary period effective July 19, 2018.

d) Consider the approval of Comal Appraisal District FY2019 Budget that was approved by the Comal Appraisal District Board of Directors' at a Special Meeting on July 17, 2018.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Arvidson, seconded by Councilmember Bower, to approve the Consent Agenda items 6 a)-d). The City Council voted three (3) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Business Items

The following items are for discussion, consideration and action.

a) Action on items pulled from the Consent Agenda

No items were pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Thompson stated the new format for the Staff Reports has been in effect for several months and if the City Council would like to see additional information or a change to the reports to please contact the City Administrator.

b) Staff Reports:

i. City Administrator Monthly Activity Report

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

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated she did not have anything to add to her report, but introduced Kat Balbi, Utility Clerk.

ii. Police Department Monthly Activity Report

- **Traffic Enforcement, criminal activity within City, and Code Compliance Enforcement.**

Ron Eberhardt, Police Chief, reported on the following:

- Increase in arrests.
- A Report It complaint about an ordinance and miscommunication about the ordinance.
- Funeral services of longtime resident Pat Phillips.

Mayor Thompson also reminded Council that Coffee with a Cop is still being held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month.

iii. Public Works Monthly Activity Report

- **Street and right-of-way maintenance, drainage facility and easement maintenance, City facility maintenance, Animal Services (domestic and wild), Oak Wilt, Public Works Projects, and City parking lots.**

Steven Steinmetz, Public Works Director, reported the following:

- The leach field has been repaired at the old City Hall facility.
- The results of the mold test accomplished at the rental facilities were received.
- The exterior paneling around old City Hall facility has been sealed.
- Garden Ridge Assembly will be conducting some repairs on the rental property at their own cost, with approval and under the supervision of Public Works.

The City Council thanked Mr. Steinmetz for the new meter cover by the pavilion at the park. They also pointed out the number of dead deer carcasses picked up this year.

iv. Water Department Monthly Activity Report

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

Royce Goddard, Water Manager, reported:

- Well #10 is up line.
- The waterline tie-in at Naco-Loop has been completed.

v. Library Monthly Activity Report

- **Upcoming events**

Linda Crosland, Library Director, stated she has nothing to add to her report other than the 1st Friday Family Night will be August 3rd and a Mathnasium Challenge will be held.

Mayor Thompson stated the City of Garden Ridge Library is wrestling with an issue of late books with some up to 12 months late. He asked that if you have a late book, please return it; also, please spread the word to help get books back.

c) City Engineer Projects Status Reports:

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

i. CIP Project for 2013

Dan Mummert reported Wagner Materials has applied cement kiln dust to absorb asphalt oil bleeding on Blazing Star.

ii. CIP Project for 2015

a. Trinity Wells #9 and #10 Project

i. Receive update on request for TCEQ exceptions for well project.

Dan Mummert reported Pesado Construction is addressing the final punch list items. He also stated Well #10 was approved by TCEQ and the water has been integrated into the system.

ii. Consider Liquidated Damages on Trinity Wells #9 and #10 Project.

Cynthia Trevino, City Attorney, stated this item will be discussed in an Executive Session later in the meeting.

b. Naco Loop Water Line Project

Dan Mummert reported the pipe installation should be completed by August 7th and then the pressure test and bacteria test should be conducted and the entire project is anticipated to be completed by August 17th.

iii. Sewer System (FM 2252)

a. Feasibility Study

Dan Mummert reported the kick off meeting with Pegasus Planning and Development was held on July 30th to start the economic impact study.

iv. CIP Program recommendations.

Dan Mummert reviewed the approach, data and the objective for developing the Recommended Capital Improvements Program and information provided at the July 23, 2018 City Council Special Meeting.

Mayor Thompson reiterated this program will assist with keeping up with projects that need to be done and when they should be done. He also stated this will allow residents to know when they can expect their roads, waterline, and drainage work to begin.

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

i. Planning and Zoning Commission Recommendation and Possible Action:

1. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

Dr. Jim Miller, Chair of the Planning and Zoning Commission, stated that the Commission will be holding a Special Meeting on Friday, August 10, 2018 and the Regular Meeting will be held on August 14, 2018.

Mayor Thompson thanked Dr. Miller for attending the meeting with Pegasus, which will contribute to the planning process with the Land Development Code.

ii. Quarry Commission Recommendations and Possible Action:

1. Request from Orica USA, Inc. for a Partial Exemption Permit to conduct blasting activities at the Hanson Quarry for the period of October 1, 2018-September 30, 2019.

a. Receive recommendation from Quarry Commission

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated the Quarry Commission met on July 9th. They reviewed and discussed the Partial Exemption Permit requested by Orica USA, Inc. She stated this request is to conduct blasting at the Hanson Quarry for the period of October 1, 2018-September 30, 2019. She also stated the Quarry Commission unanimously voted to recommend to City Council the approval of the request from Orica USA, Inc.

b. Take action on recommendation on Partial Exemption Permit.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember McCaw, seconded by Councilmember Arvidson, to approve the recommendation from the Quarry Commission to approve the request from Orica USA, Inc. for a Partial Exemption Permit to conduct blasting activities at the Hanson Quarry for the period of October 1, 2018-September 30, 2019. The City Council voted three (3) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

c. Set fee for the Partial Exemption Permit.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated in accordance with Ordinance 34 the City Council must set an annual fee for a Partial Exemption Permit for blasting. She stated after considering the cost increases associated with Administration staffing incurred by the City, she is recommending the fee be set at \$22,054.20.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Bower, seconded by Councilmember Arvidson, to set the Partial Exemption Permit fee at \$22,054.20 to conduct blasting activities at the Hanson Quarry for the period of October 1, 2018-September 30, 2019. The City Council voted three (3) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated the next Quarry Commission Regular Meeting will be September 10, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

iii. Water Commission recommendations and Possible Action:

1. Request for water bill adjustment for 21908 Senna Hills for billing periods of May 23, 2018-June 23, 2018.

a. Receive recommendation from Water Commission.

Richard Holloway, Water Commission Vice-Chair, stated the Water Commission received a request for a water bill adjustment for 21908 Senna Hills for the billing period of May 23-June 23, 2018. He stated the Commission reviewed the request, water usage and listened to the requestor, but Ordinance 54 does not provide for the Commission to recommend water bill adjustments. He stated the Commission agreed that Mr. Ha should come before the City Council.

Sang Eon Ha, 21908 Senna Hills, stated while on vacation his outside faucet at his home was turned on. He stated he is not sure who turned it on or why it was turned on, but it resulted in a \$1,769.03 bill. He contacted his neighbors and yardman who denied using his water during the time he was on vacation. He asked the Commission to adjust his water bill for the period of May 23, 2018-June 23, 2018 by reducing the amount owed, but they were unable to so that is why he appeared before the City Council.

b. Take action on recommendation.

The City Council reviewed the water usage and the request for the reduction.

Mayor Thompson stated the current Ordinance does not allow for adjustments and that is the reason why the Water Commission didn't provide an adjustment.

Motion: A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw, to deny the request for water bill adjustment for 21908 Senna Hills for the billing period of May 23, 2018-June 23, 2018. No second to the motion was made, so the motion failed.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Bower, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw, to deny the request for the water bill adjustment for 21908 Senna Hills for the billing period of May 23, 2018-June 23, 2018, but to offer a payment plan. The City Council voted two (2) for and one (1) opposed (Councilmember Arvidson). The motion carried.

2. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

No additional report was given.

iv. Wildlife Management Advisory Commission:

1. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) requirement for conducting Deer Counts/Surveys in Garden Ridge designated areas.

a. Receive recommendation from Wildlife Management Advisory Commission

David Krawczynski, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Chair, stated the Commission voted three (3) for and two (2) against to recommend to City Council that the Commission conduct twenty (20) deer counts, with fourteen (14) deer counts to be conducted by Commissioners (2

each), and six (6) deer counts being conducted by citizens. He stated after the meeting there was some confusion on the action, so as the Chair, he is recommending the item be tabled and returned back to the Commission for clarification on the motion.

The City Council discussed the recommendation of residents to conduct deer counts. They also discussed the survey tabulations.

b. Take action on recommendation

The City Council agreed by consensus to return the recommendation back to the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission.

2. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

David Krawczynski, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Chair, reported on the following:

- Commissioners are currently performing Deer Counts, which should be completed in September.
- Commissioner Hatch is conducting research on Strieter-Lite System.
- Commission Segovia is exploring a study that Texas A&M is conducting on a non-drug birth control for deer.

The City Council discussed the research the Commission is conducting. They also discussed the proposed contract with the Wildlife Manager. They asked that whatever methods the Commission and the Deer Manager use to manage the deer herd, is an approved Texas Parks and Wildlife method.

Mayor Thompson stated the City Administrator is negotiating a potential contract with a Wildlife Manager, per Council's direction. He added that before any contract is signed, she and the Mayor will be meeting with TPWD and other key individuals to ensure the City is in compliance with TPWD. He also thanked the Commission for exploring all the options that are allowed by TPWD and working with the facts of the situation and not the fiction being promoted on Social Media.

v. Garden Ridge Parks Committee:

1. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

Shelby Trial, Garden Ridge Parks Committee Chair, stated the July 4th Celebration video has been loaded to the City website and has already been viewed 247 times.

Mayor Thompson stated the Parks Committee is looking at future updates to City Parks. He also encouraged everyone to watch the July 4th Celebration video posted on the City Website.

vi. Volunteer Garden Ridge!

a. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

Shelby Trial, presented and reviewed the Volunteer Garden Ridge! report on behalf of VGR! coordinator John Andrews.

Mayor Thompson stated the Volunteer Hours for July totaled 354 hours, of which 46 of those hours were performed by the Comal Master Gardeners in the landscaping in front of City Hall and the

Library. He also stated 216 hours were conducted by the Library volunteers. He thanked John Andrews for all the hard work he has put into making this program great.

- e) Approvals/Authorizations/Reports/Discussion**
 - i. Workflow Management Program and Policy**
 - a. Receive a status report.**

Shelley Goodwin, City Secretary, stated the contract has been signed and the tablets have been ordered. She stated training of the users should begin in the next few weeks.

Mayor Thompson stated the Workflow Management will assist with the organization of the Water Department and Public Works Department, as well as track jobs and be a communication tool.

- ii. 2018 Tax Rate.**
 - 1. Review and discuss the 2018 Effective and Rollback Tax Rate Calculations and Tax Rate adoption process.**
 - 2. Proposal to adopt a tax rate of \$0.323146 for the 2018 tax year after compliance with all requirements related to the adoption of the proposed tax rate.**

Mayor Thompson stated since the property values have gone up and I & S has gone down, he proposes the tax rate for 2018 remain the same as last year at \$0.323146.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Bower, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw, to propose a tax rate of \$0.323146 for the 2018 tax year after compliance with all requirements related to the adoption of the proposed tax rate. The City Council voted three (3) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

- 3. Announce date, time and place of:**
 - a. First public hearing on proposed 2018 Property Tax Rate (Tuesday, August 21, 2018, 6:00 p.m., City Council Chambers, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas).**
 - b. Second public hearing on proposed 2018 Property Tax Rate (Monday, August 27, 2018, 6:00 p.m., City Council Chambers, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas).**
 - c. Possible adoption of the 2018 Property Tax Rate (Wednesday, September 5, 2018, 6:00 p.m., City Council Chambers, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas).**

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, reviewed the upcoming procedures and meetings for adopting a Tax Rate. She announced that the City Council will not need to hold a meeting on August 7th or August 9th. She announced the upcoming public hearing date and date for adoption of the 2018 Property Tax Rate.

- f) Updates.**
 - i. City Administrator Projects.**
 - 1. Volunteer opportunities – City Commissions.**

a. Vacancies remain on the Planning and Zoning Commission and Water Commission.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated the City currently has two vacancies, one on the Planning and Zoning Commission and one on the Water Commission. She asked for anyone interested to complete the interest form on the City website and attach a resume which can be emailed to her.

ii. Mayor's Projects.

1. Communication Report.

Mayor Thompson stated he spoke to TxDOT on the following items:

- The City was unaware of the work that was occurring on FM2252 by TxDOT. TxDOT agreed that was a mistake and agreed to inform the City in advance of any future work.
- The danger of turning left into the traffic on FM 3009 from Schoenthal Loop. This will be a coordinated effort and solution since this area involves City, State and County roads.
- Lowering the speed on FM 3009 in the City limits. TxDOT will support this being done by Ordinance, as long as it is a reasonable speed limit change.

Mayor Thompson stated the City sign at FM 2252 has been a great communication tool and most of the sign messages are planned a month in advance. He encouraged anyone who has an appropriate message to post to contact him with the information.

2. Citizen Contact Report.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated Mr. Bird contacted the City regarding the bleed through of the asphalt on Blazing Star and the damage to his landscaping from the CIP Project. She stated these issues have been addressed.

Mayor Thompson encouraged residents to let the City know of issues within the City that need to be addressed. He stated he was contacted about a resident who was having an issue with a postal worker who would throw out his smoldering cigarette butts in his yard. After the resident spoke to the postal worker, the issue continued. Mayor Thompson stated he directly addressed this with the worker, who agrees to stop doing it..

3. City Facility Update.

a. Former City complex status report.

b. Community Center.

Mayor Thompson stated Steven Steinmetz, Public Works Director, already addressed this topic in his report. He stated at the last meeting Councilmember Lantzy announced his financial concerns about the facility updates, which were taken to heart when planning the work began. He also stated the following updates are being addressed at the Community Center:

- The entrance and drive through area concrete is being stained a darker color.
- The Bluebonnet Room drainage issue has been corrected. Renovation to the Blue Bonnet room can now move forward.

Mayor Thompson stated in the next few months the City will have a better idea on unused funds from the 2015 CIP Bond Projects. As soon as the ending balance is determined, several projects will be addressed regarding the Community Center and Paul Davis Park.

4. Ordinance Revision Process.

Mayor Thompson stated the City Council should receive a proposed revision of Ordinance 123 next week.

5. Vulcan Construction Materials, LLC Update.

Mayor Thompson stated the City Council received an article in their package about the Comal ISD's opposition to the Vulcan Quarry.

iii. City Council Projects.

1. Update on Water Rate Study (McCaw with the Mayor).

Mayor Thompson stated he and MayorPro-Tem McCaw have been working on some analysis to reduce the cost of the study and then the study will go out for bids before September.

2. City of Garden Ridge window stickers for vehicles (Erickson).

Mayor Thompson stated this item will be brought back for an update when Councilmember Erickson is present.

3. Texas Municipal League Award Submissions (Erickson).

Mayor Thompson stated the City should be notified by the middle of August regarding the Texas Municipal League Award Submissions.

4. Expansion of Garden Ridge boundaries and controlling growth (Erickson with the Mayor).

Mayor Thompson stated this item will be brought back for an update when Councilmember Erickson is present. He also stated the City Engineer is meeting with San Antonio to discuss the release of ETJ with them.

5. Postal mail issues occurring within the City (Lantzy).

Mayor Thompson stated this item will be brought back for an update when Councilmember Lantzy is present. He asked that anyone who has a postal issue contact Councilmember Lantzy.

6. City Council September presentation by Tri-County Chambers of Commerce (10-minutes) (Arvidson).

Councilmember Arvidson stated everything is on track for the Tri-County Chamber of Commerce presentation.

7. Update on City-funded monument for Paul Davis Park (Bower).

Councilmember Bower stated she has taken pictures of monuments in Schertz. She stated she also contacted Keller Stone and would like to meet with Shelby Trial, Parks Committee Chair and Steve Steinmetz, Public Works Director to discuss the monuments.

g) Future Agenda Items

No items were added to the Future Agenda Items.

9. Citizen Comment Period – limited to 20 minutes total

See “Rules for Citizen’s Participation” under Item 6.

Tony Frasco, 8802 Wild Wind Park, spoke regarding Deer Management and the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission.

Shelby Trial, 21657 Forest Waters Circle, spoke regarding the City of Garden Ridge being rated one of the top 5 safest communities.

Ken Kneupper, 8891 Schoenthal Rd., spoke regarding Police Department Out of Town forms and how they can help if there is a water leak that occurs while someone is on vacation.

Martha Stipp, 21007 Cedar Branch, began to speak regarding deer but was asked to stop per the Rules for Citizen’s’ Participation, as she had already spoken on the same subject during the first Citizen Comment Period.

Christi Haberer, 21120 Forest Waters, provided a list of deer resistant plants (see attached).

10. Reports and Comments from Mayor and City Councilmembers

The Mayor and/or City Councilmembers may comment, make general announcements and/or provide progress reports on events, activities and/or committees/board meetings concerning the following:

**Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (“AAMPO”)
Boy Scouts and/or Girl Scouts
City Commissions (Planning and Zoning, Quarry, Water, and Wildlife
Management Advisory)
City of Garden Ridge sponsored events
Comal ISD/Garden Ridge Elementary
Counties (Bexar, Comal and Guadalupe)
Garden Ridge Lions Club
Garden Ridge Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association/Citizen Patrol
Greater Bexar County Council of Cities
Joint Base Land Use Study-Randolph
Northeast Partnership**

Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw reported the Lions Club Fish Fry and Auction will be held on October 6, 2018.

Mayor Thompson reported the National Night Out event will be held on Tuesday, October 2, 2018.

11. Executive Session

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

- a) Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney**
- 1. To seek legal advice in connection with settlement negotiations and other issues related to Hanson Aggregates operations, blasting and possible amendments to Ordinance 34.**
 - 2. To seek legal advice in connection with deliberating the purchase, lease, exchange, or value of real property and regarding related negotiations for City building projects, and utility projects.**

3. To seek legal advice regarding related negotiation for liquidated damages for City building projects, and utility projects.

Mayor Thompson announced the City Council will recess into Executive Session at 8:05 p.m., in accordance with Texas Government Code Chapter 551.071, to consult with the City Attorney on Item #3; regarding related negotiation for liquidated damages for City building projects, and utility projects. He stated there is no need to discuss items 1 and 2.

Mayor Thompson adjourned the Executive Session at 8:27 p.m. and the City Council reconvened back into Regular Session.

12. Business Items (continued)

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.

Mayor Thompson announced there is no action to be taken.

13. Personnel Matter – Officer Sanchez

a) Appeal Hearing on termination of officer.

Mayor Thompson opened the Appeal Hearing at 8:27 p.m.

Mayor Thompson stated the City of Garden Ridge Personnel Policy allows an appeal process which provides a City employee the opportunity to present evidence. He also stated this appeal process allows the City Council to receive and review the evidence to see if the dismissal is warranted. He stated the City Council was provided documentation for the dismissal. Mayor Thompson stated the City Administrator received a request for dismissal for Officer Jesse Sanchez on June 23, 2018 by Ron Eberhardt, Police Chief. At that time Officer Jesse Sanchez was placed on Administrative Leave without Pay. Mayor Thompson then asked if Officer Jesse Sanchez or his attorney wished to speak and provide information they wished the City Council to consider.

Ben Sifuentes, Jr. P.C., (attorney for Officer Sanchez) stated he realizes the City of Garden Ridge is an At-Will Employer, but is requesting Mr. Sanchez's F5 Report be listed as an honorable discharge. He stated Mr. Sanchez has a different account of the instructions he was given.

Mayor Thompson then asked if Officer Sanchez wished to speak.

Ben Sifuentes, Jr. P.C., (attorney for Officer Sanchez), informed the City Council that Officer Sanchez did not wish to speak.

Mayor Thompson asked the City Council to pause and read the letter provided by Ben Sifuentes. After the pause, he then asked City Council if they had any additional questions.

The City Council did not have any questions.

Mayor Thompson then asked if Officer Sanchez or Ben Sifuentes had any additional questions or information to submit.

Ben Sifuentes, Jr. P.C., (attorney for Officer Sanchez), informed the City Council they did not have any at this time.

Mayor Thompson closed the Appeal Hearing at 8:30 p.m.

Mayor Thompson stated prior to deliberation, the City Council needed to receive legal advice, but to avoid going in and out of Executive Session, he inquired to whether Officer Sanchez wanted the subsequent deliberation to be in open or closed session.

Ben Sifuentes, Jr. P.C., (attorney for Officer Sanchez), informed the City Council they wished the deliberation to be conducted in closed session. He stated he had spoken to the City Attorney and provided a resolution and was hoping to still be able to negotiate with the City Attorney.

b) Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074, Council may convene in closed session to deliberate the employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of Officer J. Sanchez.

Mayor Thompson announced the City Council will recess into Executive Session at 8:42 p.m., in accordance with Texas Government Code Chapter 551.074, to deliberate the employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of Officer J. Sanchez. Mayor Thompson stated that per Mr. Sifuentes request, the City Council will also deliberate the employment of Officer J. Sanchez in closed session.

Mayor Thompson adjourned the Executive Session at 10:03 p.m. and the City Council reconvened back into Regular Session.

14. Reconvene open session and take action as needed as a result of closed session.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Bower, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw, to uphold the dismissal of Officer Sanchez recommended by Chief Ron Eberhardt and if the F5 Report decision is appealed, to authorize the Garden Ridge City Attorney to handle all matters related to the appeal. The City Council voted three (3) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

15. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Wednesday, August 1, 2018, Garden Ridge City Council regular meeting was adjourned at 10:04 p.m. by Mayor Thompson.

Larry Thompson
Mayor

ATTEST

Shelley Goodwin, TRMC
City Secretary

TO: GARDEN RIDGE CITY COUNCIL...

THANKS, THANKS AND THANK YOU..

THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO...

THANKS, THANKS AND THANK YOU..

WE ARE SO GRATEFUL TO YOU (TO YOU)

GREAT NEIGHBORS
YOU ARE ~~SO~~ SPECIAL..

AND THERE'S ONE THING THAT'S TRUE..

GREAT NEIGHBORS
IF YOU HADN'T BEEN ~~SO~~ SPECIAL..

WE COULD NOT SING FOR YOU!!!

BOING!!!!

HERB AND & LONA LANGTHORP

3 HITS AND A MISS QUARTET (8/1/2018)

**SIGN IN TO SPEAK AT THE AUGUST 1, 2018
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD**

Rules for Citizens' Participation:

The City Council welcomes citizen participation and comments at all City Council Meetings. The City Council offers citizens the opportunity to address them by signing up to speak prior to the meeting. If you speak, you follow these guidelines:

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

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

	NAME	ADDRESS	SUBJECT
1.	✓ SHELBY TRIAL	21657 FOREST WALKS CIR.	DEER SURVEY
2.	✓ Martha Stipp	21007 Cedar Branch	deer repellants + ^{urban} deer research
3.	✓ KEN KNEPPER	8891 SCHOLERTHAL RD	DANVILLE M.S.
4.	✓ Mary Rethman	9450 Cinchona Trl	Deer Survey
5.	✓ Amy Friedman	9908 Katharine Glen	Deer Survey
6.	✓ Elma Demory	9497 Cinchona Trail	Deer Survey (missed our address)
7.	LAST ITEM		
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Over the years, City Council has received complaints from residents about the abundant deer population and the damage they were doing, but Council did nothing. Well, about three years ago, City Council wanted to find out if these complaints truly represented the majority of residents. So, they started a series of meetings where residents could come and express their views. After many public meetings City Council authorized a city-wide survey to better gauge the residents' sentiment on this matter. The results of that survey showed that the majority of residents were indeed in favor of reducing the number of deer. Texas Parks and Wildlife advised that if people would stop feeding the deer it would help with the over-population. Consequently, the City Council passed an ordinance that made it illegal to feed the deer. They hoped that the mere possibility of being fined would be a deterrent, and eventually the deer population would diminish due to attrition from predators and vehicles. Well, now we have residents who feel that ordinance doesn't apply to them and they can do whatever they want on their property. Let your neighbor tell you that when they decide to put a car up on blocks in their front yard. These people, are even criticizing our police department for doing their job when they enforce this law. There's even a former Chief of Police, with a less than stellar reputation in some circles, who uses the deer management issue as just another opportunity to criticize our City and our police department.

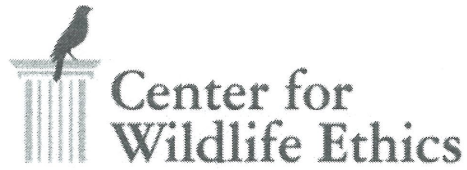
Using the results of the first survey, Council authorized the netting and processing of deer to reduce the numbers. That's when a small group of people, some who don't even live in Garden Ridge, began using bullying tactics to try and overturn the survey results. They started posting hearsay and lies on social media and insulting the volunteers who serve on City Council. In my opinion, City Council should have stayed the course, but they sought to appease the minority by authorizing yet another survey. Once again, the results showed that the majority of residents wanted a deer management program, and again, these people are not satisfied with the results. They are back to posting hearsay and lies on social media and insulting City volunteers. Two years ago, I urged these people to run for City Council. Then, if elected, they could attempt to decree that only their personal values mattered. Not one of these habitual complainers ran for City Council though, and all the incumbents were unananimously reelected. The question now is, will City Council govern by the majority or minority of what residents want? Consider this, if City Council has a 3-2 vote in favor of a motion, does that motion pass or fail just because of a one vote difference? After all, it's just a one vote difference. When you break this all down, Council needs to see this, not as a deer management issue, but as a matter of whether the opinion of the majority will rule. These surveys were not referendums, but if the majority of survey results had indicated that no deer management program should be implemented, I feel that City Council would have acted accordingly.

When will the members of this vocal minority actually volunteer to serve the City, instead of hurting it? As chairman of the Parks Committee . . .

Highly Rated Deer Repellants and Deterrents for 2018

- Soldier Sentinel Adjustable, ultrasonic, infrared motion sensor. Undetectable by humans. Weather proof. Can be set to day, night or 24 hours.
- I Must Garden Spice Scent Egg-based. Has insecticidal properties. Lasts through multiple rainfalls.
- Liquid Fence Deer and Rabbit Odorless to humans after it dries. Safe to use on edible plants. Safe for pets.
- Bobbex 8550100 Lasts up to 2 months. Won't wash off. All natural. Won't harm plants. Odor lessens after it dries.
- Eliminator Advanced Solar-powered. Motion sensor. Uses flashing light and ultrasonic frequency.
- Deer Out Pleasant, mint aroma. It will wash off in the rain. Money-back guarantee.
- Nature's Mace Organic ingredients. Repels using scent and taste. Safe to use around children, pets and edible plants. Contains fertilizer. Comes in concentrate or ready-to-use spray.
- Enviro Pro Deer Scram Won't harm any animals that eat it. Made of animal by-products like bone meal. Completely biodegradable. It will attract flies.
- Fillixar Deterrent Keeps herbivores and predators away by having a constantly flashing red light. Waterproof. Works only at night.
- Deer Stopper Concentrate Requires only a light spray. Safe to spray on vegetables. Prevents grazing and bedding down of deer on sprayed areas. Lasts for one month.
- Hoont Cobra Jet Sprayer Motion sensitive sprayer with loud noise and a jet spray up to 30 feet. Very low water consumption. Repels other wildlife besides deer.
- Predator Guard Solar-powered. LED deterrent light. Will ward off other wildlife besides deer (like coyotes). Has a 3-year warranty. Also, a 30-day money back guarantee.
- Wikoo Ultrasonic Animal Repellent Solar-powered. Ultrasonic sounds and LED flashing lights activated by a motion sensor. Weather proof. USB cable included as an alternate method of charging.
- Tree trunk guards These may be purchased or made from materials like chicken wire.

Deer deterrents and/or repellants should be used to protect trees with a trunk diameter less than 5 inches or shrubs that could be damaged by deer during the period when bucks are scraping the velvet from their antlers as well as during the breeding season (August-November).



Killing for Fun(ds): The centerpiece of agency interactions with wildlife

By Laura Nirenberg, Trevor DeSane and E. Anne Benaroya

Historically, wildlife agencies' primary objective has been to increase preferred game species' populations for the purpose of satisfying hunters' demands for more live-targets to shoot. State agency budgets, reliant on the sale of hunting licenses and matching federal funding, ultimately cater to hunters – a small yet vocal minority whose interests dictate wildlife policies. Consequently, the demands for violence towards animals overshadow the interests of the majority of the public who strive to be wise stewards and coexist with wildlife in their natural environment. An analysis of the current state of recreational hunting in America exposes a vast bureaucracy reliant upon enormous sums of money and far-reaching influence to maintain the public perception that killing animals for recreation is necessary for both humans and wildlife alike. Although wildlife agencies assure the public that lethal policies are aimed at preserving ecological diversity, it has much more to do with preserving the acceptance of hobby killing, increasing hunting participation, maximizing the carrying capacity of land to increase preferred game species numbers, and ultimately ensuring a reliable funding base for the agency.

Financial dependency – follow the money

State wildlife agencies are entrusted with the power to manipulate wildlife populations located within state borders. Historically, the overall "management"¹ trend has been to increase preferred game species to provide additional hunting opportunities for license purchasers.² The potential consequences of failing to satisfy these objectives in terms of agency self-perpetuation and relevance are obvious and profound.

State wildlife managers depend heavily upon the sale of hunting, fishing and trapping licenses for their operating budgets. Revenue generated via license sales has been the "primary single source of funding since the establishment of game agencies" and represents nearly 35 percent of wildlife agency funding.³ Coffers are further augmented by federal funds derived from the Pittman-Robertson Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act of 1937 ("PRA"). The PRA directed the existing 11 percent excise tax applied to the sale of rifles, shotguns, and ammunition to the state agencies for wildlife protection and restoration.⁴ In 1950, the Dingell-Johnson Act created a similar taxation scheme on fishing equipment for the purpose of funding fisheries research and restoration, habitat work, the stocking of fish, and public access.⁵ The items taxed currently consist of a lengthy list of shooting, angling and archery equipment.⁶

The PRA has been amended many times since 1937. For instance, in 1951, language was added making these funds “permanent and indefinite.”⁷ In 1954, the excise tax on pistols and revolvers was increased from 10 percent to 11 percent.⁸ Another amendment was adopted in 1970 to include a 10 percent excise tax on the wholesale price of pistols and revolvers and allowed for these funds to be used for hunter education.⁹ Just two years later, an 11 percent excise tax was added to archery equipment and again, allocated revenue generated to hunter education.¹⁰ In 2000, the Federal Assistance Improvement Act mandated that the first \$8 million collected annually via the PRA be set aside for enhanced hunter education and shooting range development.¹¹ Much of the remaining millions are further divided in accordance with a formula based on the number of certified state hunting licenses sold and the “geographic size of each state.”¹²

Federal funding creates powerful political influence

PRA funds are distributed to states and territories according to a formula¹³ provided in the Act. State eligibility for PRA funding was contingent on each state’s ability to adopt assent legislation directing all hunting license revenue specifically to wildlife management programs.¹⁴ The impact of this qualifier on the federal funding scheme was significant as it served to consolidate a political constituency for “wildlife agencies as one composed of hunting and fishing groups.”¹⁵ Annual appropriations to states via the PRA exceed \$350 million dollars and represent approximately 25 percent of state wildlife agency budgets.¹⁶ As of 2011, more than \$6.8 billion have been received by the states for conservation projects.¹⁷

Within the complex formula of this funding system lies powerful incentive for wildlife agencies to promote killing opportunities and increase license sales. Wildlife managers peddle recreational killing opportunities because the revenue they generate funds agency salaries and operational costs.¹⁸ Consequently, wildlife agencies generally consider hunters – an outspoken minority – their primary constituency, despite the fact agencies are tasked with managing wildlife for the benefit of all citizens. This revenue-based dependency ultimately dictates that wildlife management policy be crafted to cater to the hunters’ killing agenda. As such, any policy favoring non-violent coexistence or an opportunity to broaden the culture of wildlife agencies to embrace a more diverse range of stakeholders¹⁹ is precluded despite the fact that both hunters and non-hunters alike contribute significantly to the funds that are distributed under the PRA.²⁰

Hunters are not the only ones who actively oppose any policy that would challenge the use of lethal force when managing wildlife populations. In fact, the bias that perpetuates killing is written into the PRA itself. For example, the Multistate Conservation Grant, a key PRA funding component, explicitly forbids the funding of any “project that promotes or encourages opposition to regulated hunting, trapping or fishing.”²¹ Although other PRA grant funding options do not use this explicit language, wildlife managers nonetheless distance themselves from life-affirming programs. Indeed, it is easy to understand that these bureaucrats fear doing otherwise might jeopardize eligibility for future federal funding or alienate their hunting constituency.

The federal funding scheme has enabled the rise of an extensive network of supporting actors. PRA funding opportunities create the incentive for partners to serve in various capacities to assist state agencies in the promotion of recreational killing. As such, organizational partners and stakeholders (i.e., conservation organizations, foundations representing the consumptive use and weaponry industries, lobbying organizations, academia, etc.) have all come forward to claim their share of PRA funding. These partnerships can be quite lucrative and state agencies are able to leverage available federal funding to purchase consent or influence needed to implement preferred policies.

Hunter retention and recruitment

Hunting participation levels in the United States have been on a steady decline since the 1980s.²² The lack of participation is even more precipitous on a per capita basis.²³ Although the level of decline in every state varies,²⁴ the numbers can be quite significant. For instance, Jeff Pritzl, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Regional Wildlife Supervisor, stated that for every 100 Wisconsin residents who give up hunting, only 53 new ones begin.²⁵ In Michigan, the findings are even more dramatic with only 26 people replacing every 100 hunters lost.²⁶

For wildlife agencies whose operational budgets rely heavily upon the sale of licenses and matching federal funds,²⁷ a decline of this magnitude places immense pressure on wildlife managers to recruit new hunters into their ranks while also maintaining a high retention rate among current hunters.²⁸ Consequently, hunter recruitment and retention (HRR) programs are a top priority for wildlife agencies.²⁹ The urgency to recruit and retain more hunters is further evidenced by the Multistate Conservation Grant which has repeatedly listed the protection of “outdoor heritage” as a top program priority.³⁰ According to the 2016 grant announcement, “Participation rates in traditional outdoor recreational activities are on the decline, and this trend is expected to continue into the immediate future.”³¹

Long-term research projects, frequently funded by the PRA, point to several dynamics to explain the decline in hunting participation. An absence of social support and lack of hunting apprenticeship experiences are considered critical obstacles.³² Shifting family structures such as single parent or two-wage earner households³³ and the easy accessibility of non-violent recreational activities are also blamed for the diminished interest in killing for fun. The human population shift to urban and suburban communities is also blamed for proportionately far fewer hunters today.³⁴ This is largely due to the fact that a favorable cultural predisposition towards hunting and trapping, often fostered in more rural environments, is lacking in cities and suburban communities.

Wildlife agencies set their sights on critical markets

Desperate to satisfy hunter retention and recruitment goals, wildlife managers are increasingly targeting urban and suburban communities.³⁵ In order to secure this market, hunting opportunities must ensure a reasonable likelihood of a successful kill to satisfy

hunter expectations. If a successful kill is not achieved, the individual may turn to another recreational activity that offers a different form of gratification or may seek the limitless “killing” opportunities that can be found in online or video game environments.³⁶ As a result, wildlife managers search for innovative programs that recruit and retain urban recreational hunters.³⁷

“Hunting today must fit into the existing hectic urban lifestyle and provide a reasonable expectation of success. Our profession can no longer expect young hunters to remain interested in recreational hunting if they only have access to public land where game animals are often scarce.”³⁸

Wildlife managers are particularly concerned about the drastic decline in the number of days spent by small game youth hunters.³⁹ Targeting children at a young and impressionable age is critical as those not hooked in their youth will rarely begin killing animals for fun later in life.⁴⁰ Similar to the urban and suburban crowds, children are also incentivized by “quality” hunting opportunities that consist of special seasons and locations to help maximize the opportunity to kill.⁴¹ The likelihood of a successful kill is further assured for young children by stocking areas with any preferred game species (e.g., hand-reared birds) just prior to the arrival of armed children.⁴²

Programs that target hunters who reside outside state borders are also quite appealing to wildlife managers. Nonresident hunters tend to be wealthier than the locals and often hire guides for their hunts.⁴³ In general, they are more likely to use private rather than public lands⁴⁴ and generate a higher license fee. Furthermore, “out-of-towners” benefit tourism and local hospitality and food service industries. Equally important, nonresident hunters’ higher socioeconomic class increases the likelihood that they associate with prominent figures, government officials, and other decision-makers. This personal access provides ample opportunity to lobby for specific and unique killing opportunities, similar to the highly controversial 2015 Florida black bear hunt.⁴⁵

Catering to hunter demands for more killing fields

Hunter satisfaction surveys are routinely conducted to help guide HRR programs. Common complaints from hunters include time constraints and lack of opportunities as key deterrents to continued and consistent engagement. Hunters also increasingly report that insufficient access to both public and private land for hunting is a leading cause of their dissatisfaction.⁴⁶ Understandably, large open tracts of previously *unhunted* land are especially enticing to hunters as the resident animal populations are typically more mature, less wary of humans, and thus, more attractive as hunting trophies (e.g., larger racks). Typically accustomed to more neutral interactions with people and unaware of human predatory tendencies, these unsuspecting creatures lack the instinct to flee and are much easier targets to shoot.

Hunter demands for more land are rarely ignored. Various programs have been implemented to incentivize private land owners to open up their lands for recreational killing.⁴⁷ For instance, the State of Wisconsin alone received \$1.9 million from the 2008

Federal Farm Bill to “jump-start” the Voluntary Public Access-Habitat Incentives Program which compensates property owners to open up their land for “wildlife-dependent recreation opportunities.”⁴⁸ In August 2015, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced the further investment of \$20 million for a partnership with 15 state agencies to “improve and increase wildlife habitat and public access” to privately owned farm, ranch and forest lands.⁴⁹

Hunter demands for more access also extend to publicly owned lands. State forests, wildlife areas, nature preserves and countless other public properties provide hunting opportunities, often unbeknownst to the nonhunting public. For example, the Florida Wildlife Commission manages more than 5.5 million acres of *public land* for hunting purposes.⁵⁰ According to recent media reports, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection is now also considering adding state parks to this expansive list of public lands open to these deadly activities.⁵¹

The art of wildlife manipulation for molding public opinion

Historically, wildlife agencies have manipulated preferred game species populations to their financial advantage. Sex ratios and habitats⁵² are modified to create *perceived* wildlife overpopulations. Practices aimed at reducing predator populations also boost game animal numbers and may assist in intentionally creating wildlife overpopulations. An abundance of preferred game species not only serves to satisfy sport hunters’ demands for more killing opportunities, but can also be cited by the agency to justify more killing.

Wildlife managers publicly contend that hunting is the cornerstone of wildlife management and key to maintaining healthy populations for future generations to enjoy. However, unlike natural predators which play a pivotal role in ensuring overall health of the delicate ecosystem through the natural selection process, hunters rarely target those animals that appear to be spindly or unhealthy. Instead, sport hunters routinely kill the largest, healthiest, and most magnificent specimens available, thereby removing the “fittest” animals from the gene pool, much to the detriment of the overall population.

The cycle continues as hunting reduces the size of resident populations and allows for an increase in available food for survivors. In the case of deer, a species that falls victim to this cycle constantly, an overabundant nutritional supply facilitates breeding by immature does and increases in the number of twin and triplet fawns born,⁵³ thereby again creating more live targets for hunters to shoot. This biological certainty among preferred game species, commonly referred to as the “compensatory reproductive response”⁵⁴ is the inspiration behind the phrase *renewable resource*.

Wildlife management bureaucrats work diligently to cloak this highly profitable activity with rhetoric consisting of clever euphemisms and disingenuous assertions, yet the overpopulations of which they warn are intentionally created by and for hunters, not naturally occurring. In fact, *if killing truly worked to control populations, hunting would no longer be necessary*. The overall trend by fish and game departments has been to manage game species solely to provide hunting opportunities⁵⁵, not to seek appropriate balance, or broader societal benefit.

Reliance on partners to manufacture consent of recreational killing

Molding public opinion favorably toward killing wild animals is a huge industry fueled in large part by PRA funding. State and regional wildlife agencies partner with land-grant universities, conservation organizations and foundations advancing the consumptive use agenda or the interests of the weapons industry to conduct various types of research that further supports the killing agenda. The cycle continues as partners, also referred to as “stakeholders”, equipped with professional-sounding titles and carefully-crafted “problem statements”⁵⁶ promote the idea that lethal control is necessary to address an alleged public policy issue.

Partners cloaked as experts may also help to facilitate cooperative agreements that channel funding to third-party organizations to assist with implementing wildlife restoration plans. These plans include habitat modification activities that serve to increase the quality (size of individuals) and quantity of specific game species. Data collection, human dimension studies, hunter satisfaction surveys and miscellaneous other reports or publications, are then used to help create favorable views of their preferred wildlife management agendas and mold public opinion around the notion that killing wild animals is necessary. Additional partners lacking any obvious stakeholder interest may also be introduced as “unbiased sources”⁵⁷ in those unique situations where animal advocates attempt to expose the dynamics at play or introduce an element of public skepticism surrounding the information used to justify lethal control. The introduction of third-party facilitators gives the public appearance that killing opponents are being adequately heard, while in fact, the animal advocates are being further outnumbered and marginalized.

The media’s role – preserving the status quo (and advertising dollars)

The mainstream media, directly and indirectly, promotes hunting as a benign or beneficial status quo activity for economic reasons. Corporate print, radio, TV, and now social media outlets are all reliant on advertising revenues to drive profits. Advertisers tend to avoid public controversy because it is not an ideal context for selling goods or services.⁵⁸ Since hunting has grown increasingly controversial, the questionable scientific grounds and devastating ethical or practical consequences that pervade any hunting proposal are unlikely to receive any media attention. The absence of news coverage discourages the public from viewing hunting as a political or public policy matter worthy of citizen participation, controversy or debate. Unfortunately, the media’s role in this dynamic encourages only a superficial discourse occurring in an echo chamber where the pro-kill sentiment is amplified and reinforced.

Media advertisers’ preference for entertainment over actual news has a significant impact on public perception. Examples include television programming like Duck Dynasty, a reality TV program that perpetuates the perception that killing animals is a wholesome, family-oriented activity. Entertainment plays a key role in diverting public attention from controversy⁵⁹ and generating political apathy – all keys to preserving the status quo and “manufacturing consent”.⁶⁰ De facto control of corporate media garners credibility for the

pro-hunting agenda and serves to marginalize a large segment of the public who opposes killing of wildlife for recreation.

Healthy skepticism surrounding the “need” to kill is warranted

The accuracy of the information provided by hunting proponents must be considered with some healthy skepticism. Unlike the wildlife agencies, land-grant universities, conservation groups, and other like-minded (and often highly compensated) *partners*, those who oppose the recreational killing of animals do not have paid spokespersons and public relations experts, such as the Association of Conservation Information, Inc.,⁶¹ to advocate their view or “spin” information to media outlets. Individual community members who value animals alive are further disadvantaged as they rarely, if ever, purchase advertising space, issue press releases or provide media kits, and as such, lack the leverage and access to news sources that is typically necessary for directing or manufacturing news.

Those with anti-killing viewpoints are often ignored by the press – dismissed or marginalized as sentimental, unscientific, or “extremist” in their positions, and otherwise lacking of substance. However, the large number of individuals who are capable of valuing animals alive do not lack substance. What they lack is the almighty dollar. Without enormous budgets (bolstered by federal funding) and/or lobbyists that garner respect and standing with politicians and bureaucrats, the average non-hunting citizen’s viewpoint is marginalized. Unfortunately, picket signs and online petitions can communicate ideas and values, but they do not change that reality.

Conclusion

Rationalizations supporting the perceived need to kill wild animals in America sit on top of a well-moneyed house of cards held together with the hunting industry’s promotions and propaganda. Guided by the demands of the hunting contingency, reliant on the current antiquated funding scheme, and therefore desperate for increased hunter engagement, state agencies craft wildlife management policy accordingly. The public must decide whether or not the propriety of these strategies is acceptable; however, it is important to note from where the information supporting such strategies is coming. Wildlife agency press releases and well-paid spokespersons are never the most reliable of sources. Caution must also be taken when considering recommendations and policy from institutions which stand to gain further funding and prominence through their associations with wildlife agencies whose mission is to promote hunting opportunities. The resources expended by state wildlife agencies to increase killing opportunities and hunter engagement is perhaps only overshadowed by the deliberate attempts to convince the general public that they have the best interests of wildlife in mind.

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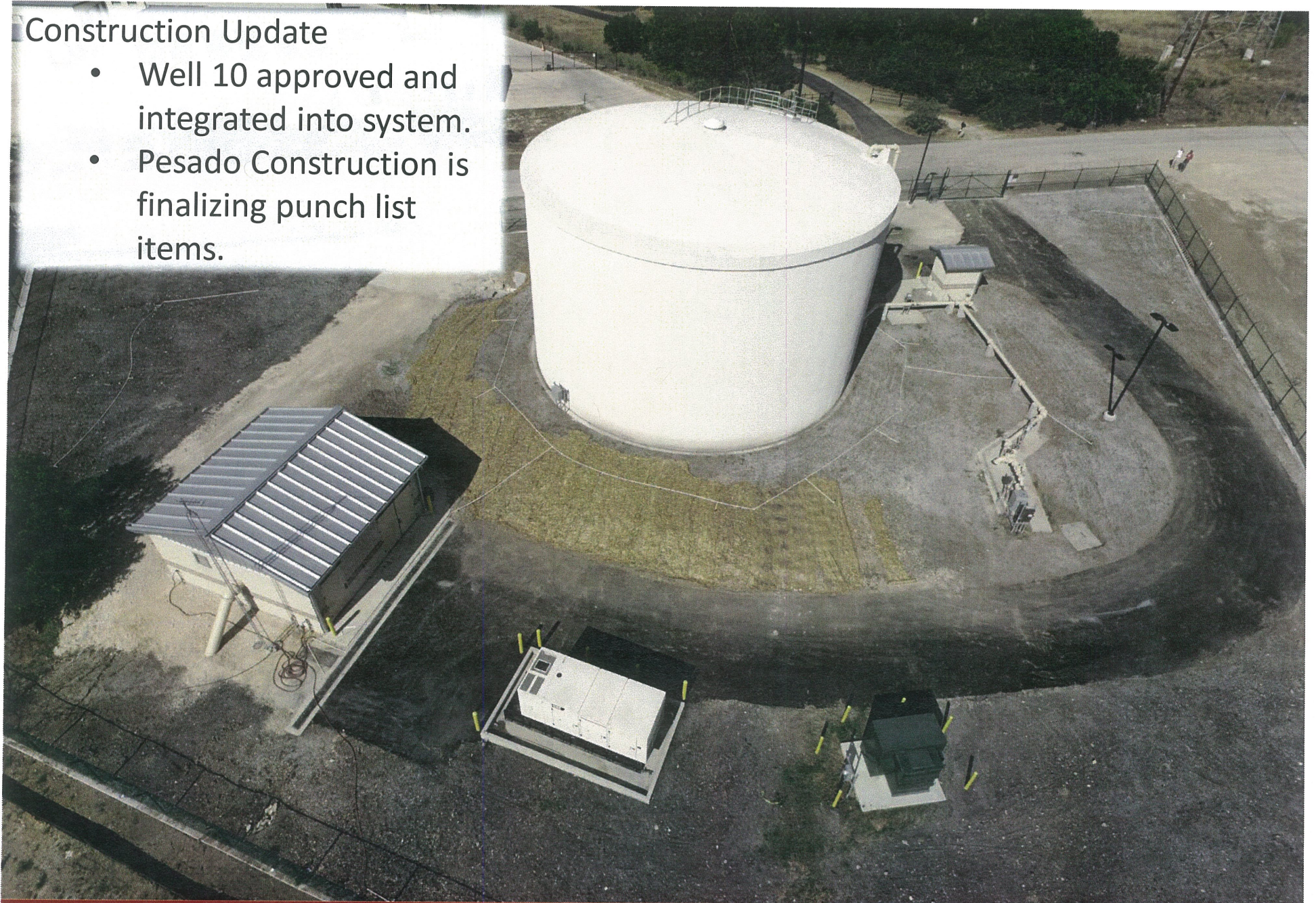
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AUGUST 2018

ENGINEERING UPDATE

Construction Update

- Well 10 approved and integrated into system.
- Pesado Construction is finalizing punch list items.



WELLS 9 & 10 UPDATE

Construction Update

- Completing tie-in at FM 2252 Plant
- Adjusted alignment at connection
- Substantial completion on pace for 8/7/2018



NACO LOOP UPDATE



Planning Update

- Kickoff meeting held with Pegasus Planning and Design on July 31, 2018

FM2252 WATER/WASTEWATER UPDATE

Draft Recommended Capital Improvements Program (RCIP)

● Objective

- Establish CIP timeline and priority list
- Provide decision making tool
- Created to be updated with new data

● Approach

- Established criticality value for each roadway corridor
 - Water
 - Roadway
 - Drainage
- Data Sources
 - Master Plans
 - Record Documents
 - Comal County GIS

CIP PHASE	ROADWAY NAME	SUBDIVISION	CRITICALITY	PROJECTS
Phase 1 0-5 Years	Park Lane Estates Streets	Park Lane Estates (Within City Limits)	-	Street
	City Drainage Improvements	Garden Ridge Estates / Park Lane Estates	-	Drainage
	FM 2252 Water/Wastewater	City of Garden Ridge (FM 2252)	-	Water & Wastewater
Phase 2 5-15 Years	Azalea Gate	Garden Ridge Estates	100%	Water & Drainage & Street
	Hickory Bend	Garden Ridge Estates	89%	Water & Street
	Magic Falls	Garden Ridge Estates	89%	Water & Street
	Cedar Branch [S]	Garden Ridge Estates	82%	Water & Street
	Plum Ranch Rd [S]	Garden Ridge Estates	82%	Water & Street
Phase 3 10-20 Years	Forest Waters Cir	Forest Waters	86%	Water & Street
	Water Wood Dr	Forest Waters	86%	Water & Street
	Glen Cove	Forest Waters	86%	Water & Street
	Tree Top Lane	Forest Waters	86%	Water & Street
	Woodland Cove	Forest Waters	86%	Water & Street
Phase 4 15-25 Years	Cedar Branch [N]	Garden Ridge Estates	71%	Water & Drainage & Street
	Plum Ranch Rd [N]	Garden Ridge Estates	71%	Water & Drainage & Street
	Mt Laurel Ln [S]	Garden Ridge Estates	59%	Water & Street
	Gardenia Bend Dr	Garden Ridge Estates	58%	Water & Street
	Berean Way	Garden Ridge Estates	52%	Water & Street
	Paradise Pass	Garden Ridge Estates	52%	Water & Street

DRAFT RECOMMENDED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

“It has been our view for some time that management decisions and actions will gain the greatest support in an arena where the public is not only informed but is allowed to contribute their own thinking and sense of values to a decision-making process.”

“Wildlife managers often find that the stakeholders in urban deer management represent a broader set of beliefs and values about wildlife and management than they have traditionally encountered in rural deer management situations.”

“...each stakeholder group tends to have strong opinions about what the ‘right’ solutions are to the urban deer problem, and at present many are most interested not in reaching compromise but in having their views prevail.”

“...recognizing that traditional deer management strategies and techniques we have nearly perfected for balancing herd size, harvest rates carrying capacity and resource stakeholder wishes in rural settings must be replaced in urban settings by a new system that takes into account a much wider diversity of public intent towards the resource and its associated habitat.”

“In many cases urban residents’ interactions with deer are of recent origin—they did not grow up with deer as a normal element of the urban landscape. This can result in people being either extremely negative about the presence of deer, or just as likely, exceedingly enthusiastic about having deer around. Those who develop negative attitudes about deer may want extreme measures taken to eradicate local populations. This is particularly true if they have had a negative encounter with deer or fear disease.”

Quotes from: Deer, People and the Urban Landscape. Daniel J. Decker, Human Dimensions Research Unit, Department of Natural Resources, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

Not only should the city of Garden Ridge be concerned with how many deer are too many, but also with how many deer are too few. Remember, the deer survey done in January 2018, showed that 44% of the residents who responded to question #3 said we do not have too many deer. Those residents who felt we do have too many deer made up 46% of the responses. Neither group had a majority. Since we cannot have a referendum on this issue, this survey is the only objective, concrete data we have on which to base city actions. Instead of rushing to trap and remove deer, let’s have a town hall meeting where all stakeholders can have input into how to deal with our deer. Both sides should be part of the decision-making process instead of a very small number of city officials who are currently driving the plan to trap and remove deer. The city needs to be willing to make compromises and explore other ways of dealing with Garden Ridge deer.



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- NamyaandPappy Pense 5h

- Linda McKis Sheehy
- Amber Jones

- See All
- Heather Harris 2h

- Rebecca Strahan B. 14h
- Maria West 1h

GROUP CONVERSATIONS

- Ashley, Martha, Susan
- Connie, Rebecca, Martha



City of Live Oak, Texas

June 29 at 3:45 PM ·

Most all of our mama deer have fawns on them now so we have some mineral blocks out in the main park for them If you see the blocks please don't mess with them. They go through two a week and they ain't cheap.



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Susan McIlhenny Thank You for taking care of our precious deer! This is a AWESOME! I do worry about our deer family in the field off Toeppenwein on Miller rd. Is there anything we can do to help them out? Are we allowed to set out apples or corn?

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City of Live Oak, Texas By the looks of them, I think they are getting plenty to eat. We do not have any ordinances against feeding deer, but I would be cautious of feeding them in a place that may lure them out of their natural areas. They then start eating neighbors landscaping and venturing close to public streets which could be a danger as well.

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NAME	ADDRESS	SUBJECT
1. Tony Frasco	8802 Wild Wild Park	DEER
2. SHELBY TRIAL	21657 FOREST WATERS CIR.	NICHE ARTING PD
3. KEN Kueppern	8891 SCHWENTHAL RD.	P.D. HOME CHECKS
4. Martha Stipp	21007 Cedar Branch	Slender of pro deer
5. Christa Weber	21120 Forest Waters	Deer repellent plants
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CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE
MONTHLY ACCOUNT BALANCES & INTEREST RATES
PERIOD ENDED AS OF 07/31/2018

CITY FUNDS	BALANCE	CURRENT INTEREST RATE
GF OPERATING ACCOUNT	\$ 131,895.82	0.0000%
GF MONEY MARKET	82,638.14	0.2000%
TEXPOOL INVESTMENTS	2,139,257.28	1.8896%
ASSET/FORFEITURE - STATE	97.82	0.1200%
ASSET/FORFEITURE - FED	64,852.70	0.1500%
2009 REFI	2,450.45	0.0700%
2009 I&S	3,505.89	0.0900%
2012 REFI	4,366.63	0.1200%
2012 I&S	163,015.75	0.2000%
2015 I&S	11,333.40	0.1600%
2015 CIP PROJECT	87,327.13	0.1900%
STREET IMPACT FEES	6,875.88	0.0500%
TEXPOOL 2015 CIP PROJECT	484,173.26	1.8896%
TEXPOOL STREET IMPROV	31,873.44	1.8896%
PEG CAPITAL FEES	107,078.76	0.2000%
TOTAL CITY FUNDS	\$ 3,320,742.35	

WATER FUNDS	BALANCE	CURRENT INTEREST RATE
WATER IMPACT FEES	\$ 6,220.10	0.0500%
TEXPOOL WATER INVEST	775,017.71	1.8896%
TEXPOOL IMPACT FEES	1,660.52	1.8896%
TEXPOOL WATER RIGHTS	5,015.82	1.8896%
WATER SURCHARGE	145,039.26	0.2000%
OPERATING ACCOUNT	494,176.36	0.2400%
TOTAL WATER FUNDS	\$ 1,427,129.77	

TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS **\$ 4,747,872.12**

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE
CASH & INVESTMENTS STATEMENT
PERIOD ENDED AS OF 07/31/2018

GENERAL FUND	BALANCE
GF Operational Checking	\$ 131,895.82
GF Money Market	82,638.14
TexPool Investments	2,139,257.28
Restricted Amounts	(19,009.42)
TOTAL General Fund Balance	\$ 2,334,781.82

WATER FUND	BALANCE
Operational Checking	\$ 494,176.36
TexPool Water Invest	775,017.71
Restricted Amounts	(99,901.69)
TOTAL Water Fund Balance	\$ 1,169,292.38

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE
 STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
 CURRENT AND YEAR TO DATE AS OF 07/31/2018

GENERAL FUND	Jul-18	YTD	FY 2018 BUDGET	% OF BUDGET	BUDGET BALANCE
REVENUES	\$ 96,388.08	\$ 2,483,266.60	\$ 2,763,771.00	89.9%	\$ 280,504.40
EXPENDITURES					
ADMINISTRATION	65,708.84	492,502.13	824,200.00	59.8%	331,697.87
COURT	5,678.60	62,925.15	80,514.00	78.2%	17,588.85
POLICE	83,358.98	969,526.17	1,238,553.00	78.3%	269,026.83
PUBLIC FACILITIES	39,567.66	344,903.23	476,100.00	72.4%	131,196.77
COMMUNITY CENTER	4,656.16	50,451.38	63,120.00	79.9%	12,668.62
LIBRARY	5,063.48	56,861.63	81,284.00	70.0%	24,422.37
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	204,033.72	1,977,169.69	2,763,771.00	71.5%	786,601.31
NET POSITION	<u>\$ (107,645.64)</u>	<u>\$ 506,096.91</u>	<u>\$ -</u>		<u>\$ (506,096.91)</u>

WATER FUND	Jul-18	YTD	FY 2018 BUDGET	% OF BUDGET	BUDGET BALANCE
REVENUES	\$ 221,175.99	\$ 1,299,181.62	\$ 1,626,342.00	79.9%	\$ 327,160.38
EXPENDITURES	98,622.58	1,303,143.54	1,525,052.00	85.4%	221,908.46
NET POSITION	<u>\$ 122,553.41</u>	<u>\$ (3,961.92)</u>	<u>\$ 101,290.00</u>		<u>\$ 105,251.92</u>

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - COMMUNITY CENTER
PERIOD ENDED AS OF 07/31/2018

REVENUES	YTD
RENTALS	\$ 34,285.00
DEPOSITS	17,300.00
CLEAN-UP FEES	450.00
DEPOSITS REFUNDED	(14,200.00)
DONATIONS	-
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>37,835.00</u>
 EXPENDITURES	
PAYROLL/TAXES/RETIREMENT	416.48
MANAGER FEES	14,099.05
COMPUTER/INTERNET	556.41
TELEPHONE	470.00
UTILITIES	7,942.78
MAINTENANCE	2,929.89
SUPPLIES	929.97
CLEANING	3,990.00
EQUIPMENT	249.90
MARKETING	-
DONATION EXPENDITURES	-
FACILITY ENHANCEMENTS	<u>4,666.90</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>36,251.38</u>
 NET POSITION	 <u><u>\$ 1,583.62</u></u>

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations – July 2018

General Fund – Cash

The unrestricted fund balance is \$2,334.7k.

General Fund - Revenue

Ad Valorem tax collections for the month of July was \$5.9k bringing the YTD collections to \$1,427.3k or 98.6% of the \$1,447k budget. Collections for delinquent Ad Valorem tax is currently 51.3% of the \$12k budgeted or \$6.1k.

YTD sales tax collections total \$161.2k or 70.1% of the budgeted \$230k. Comparatively FY17 YTD collections were \$177.9k. Sales tax is currently tracking 9.4% less than FY17.

Building permits YTD are currently at 98.1% or \$127.5k of the \$130k budgeted for FY18. That's a decrease of 0.4% over the same period last year.

The City's YTD trash collections of \$60.4k are on track with the FY18 budget of \$72k.

General Fund – Expenditures

Administration Department – Overall the Administration Department is on track with the FY18 budget with no significant items to discuss.

Court – Court is currently on track with the FY18 budget with no significant items to discuss.

Police Department – There are no significant items to discuss for July 2018.

Public Works – Public Works has currently exceeded the budget for Park/Recreations by \$1.7k due to unexpected expenditure of \$4.2k to prepare the park for the 4th of July celebration. Former City Complex also exceeds the budget by \$8.5k due to new air conditioner unit installed, electrical work and inspection. Overall the Public Works department is currently on track with the FY18 budget with no other significant items to discuss.

Community Center – Facility upgrades at the Community Center total \$4.7k. The loft project is complete. Other projects still underway as of the date of this report (July 2018) are the concrete staining and sound system upgrades.

Library – The Library is currently on track with the FY18 budget with no other significant items to discuss.

NOTE: A summary of the City's 4th of July Celebration is attached. The summary includes totals for the Parks Committee and additional expenses made by the City to prepare the park and make the celebration more enjoyable for all residents. Some of the Public Works expenditure were pushed forward for beautification and functionality of the park during the celebration.

Water Fund – Meters

Current meters for July 2018 total 1619 vs 1581 for July 2017.

Water Fund – Cash

The unrestricted fund balance is \$1,169.2k.

Water Fund – Revenue

Overall YTD revenue is \$1,299.1k vs the previous year at \$1,174.5k, that's an 10.6% increase YOY. Total revenue is at 79.9% of the FY18 budget.

Water sales YTD are \$1,194.9k or 87.8% of the \$1,361k FY18 budget, compared to \$1,063.5k or 81.7% of the FY17 budget.

Meter sales YTD are \$25.1k or 100.7% of the FY18 budget of \$25k. FY17 totaled \$31.8k for the same period.

Water penalties for FY18 are down 12.3% compared to FY17 or \$8.7k vs \$9.9k respectively.

Water Fund – Expenditures

The Water Department paid \$12k to the General Fund for annual rental fees covering the use of office space. \$3k was spent to replace the transmission of the City's on call vehicle. Two unbudgeted expenditures to Trihydro, CIP report preparation and Plaza Oaks review has put the Water Department over budget by \$7.1k on Engineering cost. Overall the Water Department is on track with the FY18 budget with no added significant items to discuss.

Interest & Sinking Fund – Revenue

Ad Valorem tax collected for debt service YTD is at 97.4% of the FY18 budget or \$758.2k.

Interest & Sinking Fund – Expenditures

The \$235.4k bond payment made in July was for interest only. Next payment is due in February 2019.

Capital Improvements Fund – Cash Balance

The restricted fund balance is \$303.5k.

Capital Improvements Fund – Revenue

Interest earned on the CIP funds YTD is \$15.9k

Asset Seizure Fund – Cash Balance

The restricted fund balance is \$64.9k.

Asset Seizure Fund – Revenue

Revenue YTD for the federal asset seizure is \$12.8k

Asset Seizure Fund – Expenditures

\$2.7k used to purchase a new computer for PD.

Summary

The City of Garden Ridge is financially sound and operating within the Budget set forth by the City Council. However, it should be noted that the Water Department does not currently generate enough in water sales revenue to cover the annual expenditures and is relying on other forms of revenue and reserves to cover annual expenditures.

City of Garden Ridge

4th of July Celebration - 2018

Parks Committee	
FY18 Budget	2,500.00
Donations:	
Danny Correa	238.00
TLC Total Lawn Care	400.00
Audi North Park	1,000.00
Total Donations	1,638.00
Expenses	
Face Painting	375.00
Slides & Sprinklers	598.14
El Paraiso Ice Cream	231.00
Audi Sponser Signs	71.98
Tents	432.96
Creative Trophies	75.30
N Glantz & Son (Coroplast)	145.47
Vinyl Banner	53.05
Hay	32.00
Misc Items: Decorations, prizes, give aways	839.57
Pure Party Ice	292.50
Total Expenses	3,146.97
Remaining Balance	991.03

Additional City Expense	
Administrative Exp	
Candy	18.74
Hay for Float	32.00
Prizes & giveaways	61.15
Ice chest/water	255.68
Total Admin Exp	367.57
Public Works Expenses	
Breakfast for crew	34.62
Doggy station - replacement	304.75
Hoses for slides	129.86
Playground materials **	126.00
Speaker/Water access	4,241.05
Supplies	36.47
	4,872.75
Library Expense	49.05
Total Additional City Exp	5,289.37
Total Cost of 4th of July Event (net of donations)	
	\$ 6,798.34

**Expense pushed forward due
to City event.

8/23/2018

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G ARDEN RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Chief Ron Eberhardt

Date: 28 August 2018

Copies: Nancy Cain, City Administrator
City Council

Reference: Recommendation for hiring of Jill Acha

I would like to recommend Jill Acha to the City Council for approval of hiring regarding the Police Department Administrative Assistant position. Applications were accepted and reviewed. Interviews were conducted and Ms. Acha presents the knowledge and skills necessary for this position. Ms. Acha was employed by the City of Kirby as an Administrative Assistant to the Police Department as well so her background allows her a great insight to what is expected of her.

I believe Ms. Acha will make a great addition to the Police Department. The position is already fully funded and will not change any budget matters. Ms. Acha will be hired at \$14.96 for her probationary period with an increase to \$15.75 upon successful completion of that probation.

I ask that council accept this recommendation to hire Ms. Jill Acha effective 4 September 2016.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ron Eberhardt".

Ron Eberhardt
Chief of Police



memorandum

To: Garden Ridge City Council
Cc: Ms. Nancy Cain, City Administrator – City of Garden Ridge
From: Mr. Patrick Lackey, P.E./Mr. Daniel Mummert, P.E. – Trihydro Corporation
Date: August 27, 2018
Re: Trihydro Corporation – Engineering Report September 2018 Meeting

1. 2013 CIP Street, Water and Drainage Project – Qro-Mex Construction
 - We have continued monitoring the chip sealed areas and the cement treatment appears to have resolved the asphalt oil bleeding through the surface.
2. 2015 CIP Street, Water and Drainage Project – Qro-Mex Construction
 - No additional water service leaks have been identified since April; however, we will continue to monitor the project area.
3. Wells 9 & 10 and Booster Pump Facility – Pesado Construction
 - A walkthrough was completed on August 2, with the contractor and City staff. Pesado is completing the punch list items identified during the walkthrough.
 - Representatives from Siemens were onsite August 16, 2018 to resolve water meter and associated appurtenances operation and configuration concerns. The operational concerns have been addressed.
4. Naco Loop Water Line (Winco) – Wauter's Engineering
 - Wauter's Engineering pressure tested the waterline on and reached substantial completion on August 7, 2018.
 - A walkthrough was conducted with the contractor on August 22, 2018 and a punch list was prepared.
 - Wauter's Engineering notified Trihydro on August 27, 2018 that all punch list items have been completed. A verification walkthrough is scheduled for August 28, 2018.
 - The final completion date was modified to August 29, 2018 accounting for weather days and no-cost changes requested by the City.
5. FM 2252 TxDOT Project
 - No update from TxDOT this month.



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August 27, 2018
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6. FM 2252 Sewer and Water Project

- Pegasus Planning and Development is completing the economic impact analysis with the goal of finalizing the study for the September Council Meeting.

7. Creekview Drainage

- At the request of the Creekview Home Owners Association, the Mayor, Public Works Director and City Engineer are evaluating drainage concerns raised by the property owners.
- The Mayor and City Engineer conducted a site visit and met with an affected property owner on August 24, 2018. Offsite drainage system modifications are being evaluated to potentially reduce impacts from small storm events.

City of Garden Ridge
Volunteer Hours for July 2018 - *REVISED*:
By Task

City Department	Task	Task Description	Hours
Administration	Landscaping – CMG	Weeding, put down mulch, rock removal, placement of new quarry rocks, placement of new butterfly bench, and plant muhly grasses.	<i>72.0</i>
City Secretary	Access Database	Develop database to computerize legal documents (e.g. leases, contracts). Did coding, testing, and loading it onto the City's network.	40.0
City Secretary	Clerical Support	Filing permits and contact info	20.0
Administration	Marketing	Work on a marketing brochure for the Community Center.	17.5
City Secretary	Proofing / Editing	Agendas, Minutes, New Resident Handbook	6.5
City Secretary	Stuff Envelops (Water)	Stuff envelopes for July bills	8.0
Library	Library – Total Hours		216.0

Grand Total *380.0*

City of Garden Ridge
Volunteer Hours for July 2018:
Volunteers with Highest Number of Hours

Volunteer Name	City Department	Task	Hours
Janice Wilson	Library	Library	34.0
Malcolm Crosland	Library	Library	30.0
Peggy Campbell	City Secretary	Access Database: Contracts/Leases	20.0
Bob Fleming	City Secretary	Access Database: Contracts/Leases	20.0
Erika Rodriguez	City Secretary	Clerical Support: Filing Permits	20.0
Pat Stokes	Administration	Marketing: Community Center	17.5

2018 Tax Rate Proposal

Tax Year	Tax Revenue Budgeted	M&O Rate	Debt Rate	Total Tax Rate	Total Tax Rate Inc/(Dcr)	Average Home Value	Taxes Paid	Total Tax Revenue Generated	Prior Year Tax Rate Inc/(Dcr)
2017	\$1,447,069	0.211012	0.112134	0.323146		\$448,667	\$1,449.85	\$1,447,069	0.004841
2018	\$1,519,423	0.222114	0.101032	0.323146	7.72%	\$454,026	\$1,467.16	\$1,575,300	0

ORDINANCE NO. 186-092018

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE PROHIBITING THE FEEDING OF DEER WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS; ESTABLISHING A PENALTY; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Garden Ridge is authorized to regulate deer feeding pursuant to the general authority granted to the City under Chapter 54 of the Texas Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the City has within its limits urban deer in such numbers to constitute a significant over population as reflected in deer counts throughout the city; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the deer population poses a hazard to motorists in the City, causes a reduction of native plant life and causes damage to landscaping installed by residents of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is appropriate to prohibit the aggravation of this problem and to help abate the issue by prohibiting the feeding of deer so as to not actively encourage their presence;

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that efforts to discourage and reduce supplemental feed of deer is in the best interest of the health, safety and general welfare of the community.

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

SECTION 1. FINDINGS.

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

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Ordinance Food means corn, fruit, oats, hay, nuts, wheat, alfalfa, salt blocks, grain, vegetables, and commercially sold wildlife feed, birdseed or livestock feed, but excludes shrubs, live crops, plants, flowers, vegetation, gardens, trees, and fruit or nuts that have fallen on the ground from trees.

SECTION 3. FEEDING OF DEER PROHIBITED.

- a) Except as provided in subsection a), a person commits an offense if the person intentionally feeds deer or makes food available for consumption by deer on private or public property within the territorial limits of the City.
- b) A person shall be presumed to have intentionally fed deer, or made food available for consumption by deer, if the person places food, or causes food to be placed, on the ground outdoors or on any outdoor platform that stands fewer than five feet above the ground.
- c) This section does not apply to an animal control officer, veterinarian, peace officer, City employee, federal or state wildlife official, or property owner who is authorized by a local, state,

or federal government to treat, manage, capture, trap, hunt, or remove deer and who is acting within the scope of the person's authority.

- d) This section does not apply to naturally growing vegetation, or to planted vegetation growing in yards, gardens or beds.
- e) It is a defense to prosecution under this Ordinance if a person places food for the purpose of feeding domestic livestock or pets located on the property.

SECTION 4. PENALTY.

It is a Class C misdemeanor for any person to violate any of the provisions of this ordinance and person convicted of a violation shall be punished by a fine of not less than One Dollar (\$1.00) no more than **Two Five** Hundred Dollars (**\$2 500.00**).

SECTION 5. CUMULATIVE AND SAVINGS.

This Ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of ordinances of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, except where the provisions of the ordinance are in direct conflict with the provisions of such ordinances, in which event the conflicting provisions of such ordinances are hereby repealed. Any and all previous versions of this Ordinance to the extent that they are in conflict herewith are repealed.

SECTION 6. 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 shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and 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 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

PASSED AND APPROVED ON this 5nd day of September, 2018.

Larry Thompson
Mayor

ATTEST:

Shelley Goodwin
City Secretary

“EXHIBIT A”

CHAPTER 98 SUBDIVISIONS

RESOLUTION 439-092018

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE SETTING THE DAY,
TIME AND PLACE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE PLANNING AND
ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS.**

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas is a recommending body to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission conducts business of the Commission in meetings which are open to the public; and

WHEREAS, business before the Planning and Zoning may require conducting multiple meetings to review and complete projects, conduct public hearings and develop recommendations related to the duties and business before Planning and Zoning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge desires to set the day, time and place of the Planning and Zoning Commission's regular monthly meetings.

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

Two regular meetings of the Planning and Zoning Commission be set for the second Tuesday and third Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON this 5th day of September, 2018.

Larry Thompson
Mayor

ATTEST:

Shelley Goodwin
City Secretary

Future Agenda Items

City Council

October 3, 2018 Regular Meeting

- 14** business days before Meetings (9/17/18) City Council and Staff items are due
- 9** business days before Meetings (9/24/18) City Administrator and Mayor review agenda. Mayor sets the agenda. City Attorney is sent the agenda to approval.
- 7** business days before Meetings (9/26/18) Post Agenda on bulletin board City Council will receive packet
(allowing a day and half for corrections and to request additional information to be added)
- 5** business days before Meetings (9/29/18) Post Agenda Packet to City Website
- Meeting Day** (10/3/18) Mayor and City Administrator meet with Department Heads Wednesday @ 10 a.m.

City Council = Red
 Impact Fee Committee = Pink
 Quarry Commission = Purple
 Planning & Zoning = Green
 Water Commission = Blue
 Wildlife Management Advisory Commission = Brown
 National Night Out= City Events

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Proclamations/Awards/Recognitions

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes
 - a. 8-21-18 City Council Special Meeting
 - b. 8-27-18 City Council Special Meeting
 - c. 8-27-18 City Council and P&Z Joint Meeting
 - d. 9-5-18 City Council Regular Meeting
2. Financial Report

Reports

1. Staff Reports
 - a. Admin,
 - b. PD
 - c. Public Works,
 - d. Water,
 - e. Library

2. CIP
 - a. CIP Project for 2015
 - i. Phase I
 - ii. Phase II
 - iii. Trinity Wells #9 and #10 Project
 - c. Sewer System (FM 2252)
 - d. Naco Loop Waterline
3. City Commission and Committee Reports/ Recommendation/Possible Actions
 - a. P&Z-
 - b. Quarry
 - c. Water
 - d. Wildlife Management Advisory Commission
 - i. Activity Report
 - e. Parks Committee Activities/Project Updates
 - i. Activity Report
 - f. *Volunteer Garden Ridge!*
 - i. Activity Report

Approvals/ Authorizations/Reports

Ordinances

1. 24-082018
2. 162-082018

Resolutions

Updates:

1. City Administrator Projects
 - a. Water and wastewater rate Analysis Study
 - b. Citizen Contact Report
2. Mayor's Projects
 - a. Communication
 - b. Citizen Contact Report
 - c. Vulcan Construction
3. City Council Projects
 - a. Postal mail issues occurring within the City (Lantzy)
 - b. City of Garden Ridge window stickers for vehicles (Erickson)
 - c. Oak Wilt Proclamation and awareness efforts (McCaw)
 - d. Potential involvement with other Chambers of Commerce and EDC (Arvidson)

Future Agenda Items

Executive Session

November 7, 2018

Regular Meeting

- 14** business days before Meetings (10/24/18) City Council and Staff items are due
- 9** business days before Meetings (10/29/18) City Administrator and Mayor review agenda. Mayor sets the agenda. City Attorney is sent the agenda to approval.
- 7** business days before Meetings (10/31/18) Post Agenda on bulletin board City Council will receive packet
(allowing a day and half for corrections and to request additional information to be added)
- 5** business days before Meetings (11/2/18) Post Agenda Packet to City Website
- Meeting Day** (11/7/18) Mayor and City Administrator meet with Department Heads Wednesday @ 10 a.m.

City Council = Red

Impact Fee Committee = Pink

Quarry Commission = Purple

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Thanksgiving Holiday= City Events

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Presentation (10 minutes)

Tri-County Chambers

Proclamations/Awards/Recognitions

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes
 - a. 8-21-18 City Council Special Meeting
 - b. 8-27-18 City Council Special Meeting
2. Financial Report
3. Hiring of Assistant City Secretary

Reports

1. Staff Reports
 - a. Admin
 - b. PD
 - c. Public Works
 - d. Water
 - e. Library
2. CIP
 - a. CIP Project for 2013
 - b. CIP Project for 2015
 - i. Phase I
 - ii. Phase II

- iii. Trinity Wells #9 and #10 Project
 - c. Sewer System (FM 2252)
 - d. Naco Loop Waterline
 - 3. City Commission and Committee Reports/ Recommendation/Possible Actions
 - a. P&Z-
 - b. Quarry
 - c. Water
 - d. Wildlife Management Advisory Commission
 - i. Activity Report
 - e. Parks Committee Activities/Project Updates
 - i. Activity Report
 - f. *Volunteer Garden Ridge!*
 - i. Activity Report
 - ii. Water tank beautification

Approvals/ Authorizations/Reports

Ordinances

- 1. Adoption of Tax Rate

Resolutions

Updates:

- 1. City Administrator Projects
 - a. Water and wastewater rate Analysis Study
 - b. Citizen Contact Report
- 2. Mayor's Projects
 - a. Communication
 - b. Citizen Contact Report
 - c. Vulcan Construction
- 3. City Council Projects
 - a. Postal mail issues occurring within the City (Lantzy)

Future Agenda Items

Executive Session

PENDING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. 2/2/16 Discussion of issues surrounding Bat Cave Road will be placed on future Council agenda...
McCaw
2. Ordinance update plan....*Trevino & Goodwin*
3. Ordinance 54-Water Leak Adjustments/Water Rate Study.... *Mayor*
4. Discussion on Annexation (waiting until MLUP goes in effect)..... *McCaw*
5. Personnel Policy....*Ford*
6. Ordinance 24 Parks....*Cain*
7. Ethic Ordinance ... *8-30-17 City Council motion*
8. Website and Social Media Policy....*Goodwin*
9. Structure definition (part of subdivision changes)...*Bower*
10. Drones.....*McCaw*
11. External lighting*Erickson*
12. Purchasing Policy....*Cain*
13. City Seal and Logo Ordinance...*Cain*
14. Building and Plumbing Ordinance...*Lenz and Goddard*

Items for further discussion before adding to list

State of City..... *Cain*