



City of Garden Ridge

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

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, **SEPTEMBER 5, 2018**

Councilmembers Present:

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

Councilmembers Absent:

None.

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
Marisa Spencer, Assistant City Secretary
Brad Olivarri, Deputy Water Manager
Shelley Goodwin, City Secretary

City Commission Representatives Present:

Dr. Jim Miller, Chair, Planning and Zoning Commission
David Krawczynski, Chair, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission

Other City Commissioners Present:

Mark Hausheer, Vice Chair, Planning and Zoning Commission
Karen Diaz, Planning and Zoning Commission
David Ringle, Planning and Zoning Commission
Mike Shands, Chair, Quarry Commission
Jerry Barucky, Quarry Commission
Johnell Holly, Quarry Commission
Ray Pitzen, Water Commission
Cynthia Shanahan-Segovia, Vice Chair, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission
Troy Bippert, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission
Dawn Hatch, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission

Ken Knuepper, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission
Jeremiah McKinney, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission
Paul Sullivan, 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, September 5, 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. Tri-County Chamber of Commerce Presentation (10 minutes)

Lisa Jubela, Executive Board Chair, stated the Tri-County Chamber of Commerce is formed of businesses, individuals, and cities from Bexar, Comal, and Guadalupe Counties. She stated their goal is to cultivate business alliances in the Tri-County Region. She provided the history of the Chamber and the reasons to join. She also reviewed the upcoming events scheduled for September. She stated a PowerPoint should have been emailed to City Hall, but she will get it sent over.

Councilmember Arvidson stated he requested this presentation because he felt with the upcoming rezoning and potential development along F.M. 2252, the City needs to get involved with a Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Thompson requested the PowerPoint be emailed to the City Administrator and the item will be placed on the October 3, 2018, Regular Meeting Agenda.

4. 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.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated the Langthorps sent a thank you to the Mayor and City Council for the years of kindness and for recognizing them.

b) Thank you from a resident to the Garden Ridge Police Department, for the sacrifices they make for the people.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated a resident sent a thank you to the Garden Ridge Police Department thanking them for the sacrifices they make.

c) Thank you from a resident to Royce Goddard, Water Manager, for his assistance with finding a water leak.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated a resident sent a thank you to Royce Goddard, Water Manager, for assisting with finding a water leak.

d) Thank you from the teachers at Bracken Preschool to Royce Goddard, Water Manager, for speaking to the preschoolers.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated Bracken Preschool sent a thank you to Royce Goddard, Water Manager, for coming and speaking to the preschoolers.

e) Thank you from a resident to Eric Lowman, Animal Services, for returning a kitten.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated a resident sent a thank you to Eric Lowman, Animal Services, for returning their kitten to them.

f) Thank you from a resident to Public Works Department for putting trash sacks at Park Lane Park.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated a resident sent a thank you to Public Works Department for putting trash sacks at Park Lane Park.

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

Mayor Thompson reviewed the Citizen's Participation rules and explained that due to Texas Open Meetings Act neither City Council nor Commissioners can answer questions. He also stated if Councilmembers or Commissioners are looking down while a citizen is speaking it is because they are probably writing down what you are saying.

Tony Frasco, 8802 Wild Wind Park, spoke about Deer Management and asked the City Council to table the Deer Management Program this year.

David Ringle, 9234 Blazing Star Trail, spoke about liberty and justice for all. He also asked the City Council to table the Management Program this year.

Ken Kneupper, 8891 Schoenthal Rd., spoke about the notification process Comal ISD is using to keep Georg Ranch residents informed about the construction at the new high school being built.

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. 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.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Lantzy, seconded by Councilmember Erickson, to approve the Consent Agenda items 6 a)-c). The City Council voted five (5) 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.

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, showed a picture of “No Thru Truck Traffic” sign that the City of Schertz created and posted at Doerr Lane before Bell North.

Mayor Thompson thanked the City of Schertz for their assistance, which will now deter the truck drivers from entering the road and having to turn around once they arrive in the Garden Ridge City limits.

ii. Police Department Monthly Activity Report

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

Ron Eberhardt, Police Chief, introduced Jill Acha, Police Department Administrative Assistant and provided a history of her previous experience. He also reported on the following:

- Written citations on Doerr Lane
- First Net cell service for First Responders
- National Night Out, Tuesday, October 2nd in the Garden Ridge Community and Event Center from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Mayor Thompson thanked the Police Department for their assistance with the first day of school. He reminded everyone of the importance of not allowing children to run across the street and the necessity of paying attention when driving on Municipal Parkway.

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:

- Surveying signs for the purpose of replacing them
- Assisted Garden Ridge Assembly with conducting some repairs on City rental property.

The City Council discussed the deer carcasses picked up so far this year and asked for a comparison from 2017.

Mayor Thompson thanked Public Works for assisting with repairs on the rental property.

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 the Water Department worked on the drainage field at the rental property.

Mayor Thompson stated there have been some concerns by residents regarding a drainage issue at Northeast Bible Church. He stated the City has no authority regarding this drainage area since it is located on private property, but the City is looking to assist.

v. Library Monthly Activity Report

- Upcoming events

Linda Crosland, Library Director, read a statement of Library updates (see attached).

c) City Engineer Projects Status Reports:

i. CIP Project for 2015

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

1. Trinity Wells #9 and #10 Project

Dan Mummert reported Pesado Construction is addressing the final punch list items and anticipates completion of the list by September 7, 2018.

2. Naco-Loop Water Line Project

Dan Mummert reported the construction is completed and the closeout paperwork is being finalized.

ii. Sewer System (FM 2252)

Dan Mummert reported Pegasus Planning and Development has completed the Fiscal Impact Analysis, which is on the agenda later this meeting.

iii. CIP Program recommendations.

There was no update provided at this meeting.

iv. The Park of Garden Ridge drainage.

Dan Mummert reported this item was discussed during the Water Department Report. He stated a site visit was conducted and offsite drainage system modifications are being evaluated to assist with reducing the impact from storm events.

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).

Dr. Jim Miller, Chair, Planning and Zoning Commission, stated that the Commission voted unanimously to recommend the reappointment of Commissioners Diaz and Hausheer to serve another term with term expiring on September 30, 2020.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Lantzy, seconded by Councilmember Erickson, to approve the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to reappoint Commissioners Diaz and Hausheer to serve another term with term expiring on September 30, 2020. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Jim Miller, Chair, Planning and Zoning Commission, stated that the Commission voted unanimously to recommend to City Council waive the term limit requirement due to special circumstances and to reappoint Commissioner Owen to serve another term with term expiring on September 30, 2020.

Mayor Thompson stated before the City Council can vote on this recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission there are several issues that need to be addressed.

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.

Mayor Thompson stated Commissioner Owen has missed three consecutive meetings with four total absences within a 12 month period. He stated a few absences were unexcused, but the City Council will need to decide whether they want to waive the requirement in Ordinance 210 regarding termination.

The City Council discussed Commissioner Owen's absences and the possibility of future absences. They also discussed the possibility of Commissioner Owen acting as a consultant to the Commission, due to her experience and City knowledge.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Bower, seconded by Councilmember Lantzy, to reject the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission 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. The City Council voted by the following roll call:

Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw	nay
Councilmember Erickson	nay
Councilmember Lantzy	aye
Councilmember Arvidson	nay
Councilmember Bower	aye

Motion failed.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw, to approve the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission 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. The City Council voted by the following roll call:

Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw	aye
Councilmember Erickson	aye
Councilmember Lantzy	nay
Councilmember Arvidson	aye
Councilmember Bower	nay

Motion passed.

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.

Mayor Thompson stated according to Ordinance 210 Commissioner Owen has served more than her term limit. He stated the City Council will need to decide whether there are findings of cause to reappoint Commissioner Owen to another term.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw, to approve the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission findings of cause to reappoint Commissioner Owen. The City Council voted by the following roll call:

Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw	aye
Councilmember Erickson	aye
Councilmember Lantzy	nay
Councilmember Arvidson	aye
Councilmember Bower	nay

Motion passed.

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.

Motion: A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw, seconded by Councilmember Erickson, to approve the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to reappoint Commissioner Owen to another term with term expiring September 30, 2020. The City Council voted by the following roll call:

Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw	aye
Councilmember Erickson	aye
Councilmember Lantzy	nay
Councilmember Arvidson	aye
Councilmember Bower	nay

Motion passed.

2. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

Dr. Miller stated the Commission is continuing their work on the rewrite of the Zoning Ordinance.

Mayor Thompson thanked Dr. Miller for the Commission's hard work on the ordinance rewrite and stated that this is a huge task.

**ii. Quarry Commission Recommendations and Possible Action:
(Quarry Commission did not meet in August).**

Mayor Thompson stated the Quarry Commission does not have a report to give.

**iii. Water Commission recommendations and Possible Action:
(Water Commission did not meet in August).**

Mayor Thompson stated the Water Commission does not have a report to give.

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).

David Krawczynski, Chair, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission, stated the Commission voted unanimously to recommend to City Council the reappointment of Commissioners McKinney, Hatch, and Bippert to serve another term with the term expiring September 30, 2020.

The City Council asked to take these appointments separately.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Lantzy, seconded by Mayor Pro--Tem McCaw, to approve the recommendation from the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission to reappoint Commissioner McKinney. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Lantzy, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw, to not approve the recommendation from the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission to reappoint Commissioner Hatch.

The City Council discussed the disruptive behavior during meetings, not following through with commitments, off tracking from the agenda, and the constant questioning of City staff. They also discussed the difference of opinion and Commissioner Hatch's disagreeing with Texas Parks and Wildlife and their methods and guidance on the management of wildlife. The City Council voted by the following roll call:

Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw	aye
Councilmember Erickson	nay
Councilmember Lantzy	aye
Councilmember Arvidson	nay
Councilmember Bower	abstain (Affidavit of Conflict not filed)
Mayor Thompson	nay (Voted to break the tie)

Motion failed.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Councilmember Arvidson, to approve the recommendation from the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission to reappoint Commissioner Hatch.

The City Council discussed the Commission Chair or the Commission Ex-Officio meeting with Commissioner Hatch to review the Texas Open Meeting Act, Ordinance 196 and Ordinance 210 with her.

The City Council voted by the following roll call:

Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw	aye
Councilmember Erickson	aye
Councilmember Lantzy	nay
Councilmember Arvidson	aye
Councilmember Bower	abstain (Affidavit of Conflict not filed)

Motion passed.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Lantzy, seconded by Councilmember Erickson, to approve the recommendation from the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission to reappoint Commissioner Bippert. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Texas Parks and Wildlife 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 at the August 20, 2018, Commission meeting a vote to recommend to City Council for the approval of 20 deer counts be conducted with 14 of those counts be conducted by Commissioners and the remaining 6 be conducted by City residents. He stated after the meeting, he was contacted by Commissioners regarding the confusion of the vote and how it happened. He stated he asked for advice regarding the issue and as a result he told the City Council at the September 5, 2018, meeting that he was tabling the recommendation until he took it back to the Commission for clarification. At the September 20, 2018, Commission meeting the confusion was discussed and the original motion was rescinded and the Commission then voted to conduct 14 Deer Counts to be done in accordance with Ordinance 196.

b. Take action on recommendation.

David Krawczynski, Chair, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission, stated Ordinance 196 provides a provision for the Commission to conduct the Deer Counts, so he has no recommendation for the City Council to approve.

3. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

David Krawczynski, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Chair, clarified the directions from the City Council regarding the Deer Management and looking at other options.

The City Council discussed getting the Texas Parks and Wildlife Biologist to do another education session. They also discussed the experience of Mr. Tomasini, his trapping system and Hollywood Park.

Mayor Thompson stated he and other City Officials met with three Texas Parks and Wildlife biologists, which was very informative. He also asked the new Biologist to help with education of Commissioners and residents. He also asked the Biologists what would happen if the city did nothing to control the deer population and the biologists unanimously agreed that it would be a big mistake to do nothing. He provided the history of the Deer Management process and confirmed the Commission needs to look at other options, but per the council's prior consent, Mr. Tomasini could be one of those options.

v. Garden Ridge Parks Committee:

1. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

Shelby Trial, Garden Ridge Parks Committee Chair, stated he did not have anything new to report other than volunteers are needed to help with the National Night Out on October 2, 2018.

vi. Volunteer Garden Ridge!

1. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

Mayor Thompson reviewed the monthly activity reports and stated 380 hours in the month is equivalent to 1 employee for over 2 months. He thanked those who volunteer and asked that others consider getting involved.

e) Approvals/Authorizations/Reports/Discussion

i. 2018 Tax Rate.

1. Review and discussion on the 2018 Tax Rate Proposal of \$0.323146.

Mayor Thompson stated the City Council has held two public hearings on the 2018 Tax Rate Proposal and tonight the City Council needs to take action on each portion of the Tax Rate.

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.

Motion: A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw, seconded by Councilmember Lantzy, 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. The City Council voted by the following roll call:

Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw	aye
Councilmember Erickson	aye
Councilmember Lantzy	aye
Councilmember Arvidson	aye
Councilmember Bower	aye

Motion passed unanimously.

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).

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Bower, seconded by Councilmember Arvidson, 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). The City Council voted by the following roll call:

Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw	aye
Councilmember Erickson	aye
Councilmember Lantzy	aye
Councilmember Arvidson	aye
Councilmember Bower	aye

Motion passed unanimously.

4. Motion to adopt \$0.222114 as the 2018 Maintenance and Operation Rate for the City of Garden Ridge.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw, to adopt \$0.222114 as the 2018 Maintenance and Operation Rate for the City of Garden Ridge. The City Council voted by the following roll call:

Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw	aye
Councilmember Erickson	aye
Councilmember Lantzy	aye
Councilmember Arvidson	aye
Councilmember Bower	aye

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Motion to adopt \$0.101032 as the 2018 Debt Service Rate for the City of Garden Ridge.

Motion: A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw, seconded by Councilmember Erickson, to adopt \$0.101032 as the 2018 Debt Service Rate for the City of Garden Ridge. The City Council voted by the following roll call:

Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw	aye
Councilmember Erickson	aye
Councilmember Lantzy	aye
Councilmember Arvidson	aye
Councilmember Bower	aye

Motion passed unanimously.

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.

Mayor Thompson stated the Municipal Court Judge requested a change to the Ordinance so he can have more flexibility with the fines and deferred adjudication to be worked out with the defendant.

Motion: A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw, seconded by Councilmember Arvidson, to approve amendment to Ordinance 186-092018 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. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

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.

Mayor Thompson reviewed the history of holding a second Planning and Zoning Commission regular meeting a month. He stated this second meeting will allow the Commission to get the Zoning Ordinance rewrite done much quicker.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Lantzy, seconded by Councilmember Bower, to approve 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. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

iv. Economic Feasibility Study prepared by Pegasus Planning and Development

1. Discuss and act on acceptance of the study.

Mayor Thompson stated the City Administrator and City Engineer have all proofed the study.

The City Council discussed the number of LUE connections mentioned in the Study. They also discussed the potential revenue and how the study will assist Planning and Zoning Commission as they go through the Zoning Ordinance rewrite.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Lantzy, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw, to approve the Fiscal Impact Analysis-Economic Feasibility Study prepared by Pegasus Planning and Development. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

f) Updates.

i. Workflow Management Program and Policy

1. Receive a status report.

Shelley Goodwin, City Secretary, stated the delay of the program implementation is due to the Verizon cost for the Field Force Management being different than what was originally quoted to the City. She stated she spoke to Verizon today and was promised that the program will be ready to go in the next nine days.

ii. City Administrator Projects.

1. Volunteer opportunities – City Commissions.

a. Vacancies remain on 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.

iii. Mayor's Projects.

1. Communication Report.

Mayor Thompson stated the City of Garden Ridge offers several types of communications, but residents can also contact him or the City Administrator.

2. Citizen Contact Report.

Mayor Thompson stated he was contacted by a resident because a builder had relayed that the Garden Ridge permitting process for building takes months more than any other city in the area. He stated he asked the Building Inspector to pull the records. The records showed that the acreage time to process and approve a permit in the Woods was 4 days. Only one permit took longer (it took 3

weeks) because of a holiday period. No permit took over a month. He thanked the resident for contacting him to get the facts and she appreciated the answers.

Mayor Thompson stated he has been contacted by residents regarding the Briggs Pit /Galo Materials. He stated this quarry/pit is outside the City limits, which means the City has no control; however, he recommends residents contact TCEQ, Comal County and San Antonio since it is in their ETJ.

3. City Facility Update.

a. Former City complex status report.

Mayor Thompson stated the update was received in the Public Works report.

b. Community Center.

Mayor Thompson stated the Community and Event Center entrance way and patio areas have now been stained. He stated Public Works is working with an electrician on the replacement of the inside lights and some switching issues. He also stated the Community and Event Center brochure is almost complete.

4. Ordinance Revision Process.

Mayor Thompson stated Staff is working on different ordinances and City Council will be receiving rewrites soon.

5. Vulcan Construction Materials, LLC Update.

Councilmember Arvidson stated he met the write-in candidate for County Commissioner, Precinct #2, who wants to address the Vulcan Construction Materials. He stated the City could also request a contested hearing by approving a resolution. He stated the request would involve attorney fees and each entity has to request their own hearing.

Mayor Thompson inquired about the cost and what the end result would be from the hearing.

Cynthia Trevino, City Attorney, stated her firm has filed contested hearings before and the hearings were granted, but the end results from those hearing did not change anything.

The City Council discussed the potential water issues, hearing process, and the importance of taking a stand.

The City Council agreed by consensus for Councilmember Arvidson and Councilmember Erickson to work together on exploring a request for a TCEQ hearing, cost and possibly leveraging with other entities.

iv. City Council Projects.

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

Mayor Thompson stated he and Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw have been working on some analyses to reduce the cost of the study and then the study will go out for bids. He stated they should have this finalized before the end of September.

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

Councilmember Erickson reviewed the picture of the window stickers. He stated he asked for a quote for 250 stickers, which would be less than \$2 per sticker.

The City Council discussed the stickers and requested a quote for 500 stickers.

Mayor Thompson offered that other options might be considered possibly something other than a City Seal and/or different colors.

The City Council agreed by consensus for Councilmember Erickson to get a quote for 500 stickers and to provide different samples of stickers.

3. Texas Municipal League Award Submissions (Erickson).

Councilmember Erickson stated he received a letter from Texas Municipal League Awards letting him know the City was not selected to receive an award.

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

Mayor Thompson stated he feels this topic is now being discussed as part of other issues.

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

Councilmember Lantzy stated he is talking with a United States Postal Service representative and is working on several issues.

Mayor Thompson stated he recently experienced several postal issues when picking up his neighbor's mail while they were out of town. He stated he took pictures of the issues and had forwarded them to Councilmember Lantzy.

Councilmember Lantzy asked that anyone who has a postal issue contact him or City Hall.

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

Councilmember Bower stated she has nothing new this month to present, but will next month.

g) Future Agenda Items

- Number of deer carcasses picked up in 2017 vs. 2018 (Arvidson).
- Tri-County Chamber PowerPoint presentation (Arvidson).
- TCEQ contested hearing for Vulcan Construction Materials with cost estimates and possibility of joint efforts with other entities (Arvidson and Erickson).
- Announcements of upcoming meetings regarding Personnel Manual (Thompson).

8. Citizen Comment Period – limited to 20 minutes total

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

Pam Fritz, 8927 Garden Ridge Dr., spoke regarding the reappointment of Planning and Zoning Commissioner Owen.

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

Mary Rethman, 9450 Cinchona Trail, spoke about not receiving a survey, netting of deer and considering stopping Wildlife Management.

Dr. James Miller, 9910 Marie Meadows, spoke regarding the Economic Analysis Study and requested it be put on the City website.

Deborah Dauer, 20003 Regency Run, spoke regarding the Economic Analysis Study and requested this be presented at each HOA within the City.

David Ringle, 9234 Blazing Star Trail, spoke regarding unity, justice.

Dawn Hatch, 8377 Twisted Oaks, spoke regarding her reappointment and the reflective system she is researching.

David Dauer, 20003 Regency Run, spoke regarding giving the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission more time to provide other options for deer management.

9. 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

Councilmember Arvidson announced the CISD Middle School dedication will be held on September 20, 2018, at 6p.m.

Councilmember Arvidson stated he has received calls from residents regarding CISD busing issues and he is working with CISD on this issue.

Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw reminded everyone that Coffee with the Mayor is held on Mondays from 9:30a.m.-11p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw announced 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. He also thanked Shelby Trial for his hard work on this event and he encouraged the residents to come out and meet their Law Enforcement Officers and other agencies.

10. 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.**

Mayor Thompson announced the City Council will recess into Executive Session at 8:58 p.m., in accordance with Texas Government Code Chapter 551.071, to consult with the City Attorney and take the items in the following order:

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.
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.
4. To seek legal advice on pending or contemplated litigation related to dismissal of terminated employee.

Mayor Thompson adjourned the Executive Session at 10:09 p.m. and the City Council reconvened back into Regular Session.

11. 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.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw, to authorize the City Staff to pursue exchange of CCN Territory with neighboring cities. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Councilmember Lantzy, to authorize the City Administrator to renegotiate terms of the Plaza Oaks Center utility extension and agreement for water services. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

12. Adjournment

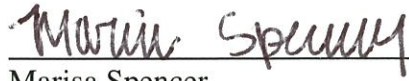
Motion: A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw, seconded by Councilmember Erickson, to adjourn the Wednesday, September 5, 2018, Garden Ridge City Council regular meeting at 10:12 p.m. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.



Larry Thompson
Mayor

Minutes prepared by Shelley Goodwin

ATTEST



Marisa Spencer
Interim City Secretary

**SIGN IN TO SPEAK AT THE SEPTEMBER 5, 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
 1. You are required to sign up to speak.
 2. You are limited to one 3 minute period.
 - ii. Business item period
 1. You are required to sign up to speak.
 2. You are limited to one 3 minute period.
 - iii. Second citizen comment period
 1. You are not required to sign up.
 2. 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. Tony FRASCO	8802 Wild Wind Park	Deer
2. David Ringle	9234 Blazing Star Trail	Deer culling & state wildlife
3. Ken Knipper	9891 Scheenbach	ETIQUETTE
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September Council Meeting

1. August was a month of finishing up certain programs like Science Club, Books and More, Adult Reading Bingo and the Children's Summer Reading, *and then we got quiet...for a time.*
2. FFFN was very successful in August³ 66 people present. The people from **Mathnasium** did the entire program and **First United Bank** donated pizza. Mathnasium set up 8 Legos stations, put kiddos in teams of 4 and presented the challenge of building a car, all out of Legos, which would support a 3 lb-weight and a short bridge to go over a gap of about 18-20 inches. Children did an amazing job. Parents were asked to let the children do it without help, but it was very difficult for parents to keep their itchy hands off the project. One adorable child was extremely active when he first came in, but when he started the challenge, he focused so completely on the Legos that it was a dramatic transformation.
And then we got quiet... for a time.
3. This coming Friday we are having a Back to School Bash with games, build-your-own-sundae and a special guest of Ted Myers who owns Kung Jung Mu ^{Sul} martial arts studio. He is quite inspiring as he encourages children to show how strong they are by using good study skills, good discipline to do your work and listening to teachers.
4. There are other programs we are working on starting, plus some old favorites are back after taking the summer off: adult coloring and preschool storytime (after taking August off). Kelly has added "Stay and Play" after storytime. It's a time where the children can have *American Girl Tea Party* free play and learn how to socialize and the parents/grandparents can get better acquainted. I'd also like to organize a Bluebonnet Book Club for grades 3-5 because the schools do a big push to have these grade levels read at least 5 BB books.
Continuing balancing exercises only.

And then we really are getting busy...

5. In August we began a gardening series for the 4th Wednesday of each month. Troy Luepke from Texas A & M Agri-Life is coming to ^{9/26}present those. Likewise, we have several Lunch-n-Learns lined up for the coming months including Instant Pot classes, a class on Native Americans, another on Uganda and one on jewelry-making....so far

6. Beginning in October **Lego Robotics** will return on Thursdays after school and we are proud to introduce the **Ozobot** program on Tuesdays. The tiny toy-looking **Ozobot** robot can teach young kids programming. It can identify lines, colors, and codes on both digital surfaces, such as an iPad, and physical surfaces, such as paper. My husband discovered these and saw the possibilities for teaching kiddos for the techie world we live in. Very clever.

7. Naturally, I'm planning a Veterans Day celebration again. ^{Nov. 9}

Do you have any questions?

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NAME	ADDRESS	SUBJECT
1. Pam Fritz	8927 Garden Ridge Dr,	Ms. Owens new
2. Tony Frisco	8802 Wildwood Park	attendance guany
3. Mary Bethman	9450 Cincinnati	
4. Tom Miller	9910 Marie Meadow	Economic Analysis
5. Deborah Dacour	20003 Regency Green	economic survey
6. David Ringold	9234 Bleeding Star Trail	Hope
7. Dawn Hatcher	8377 Twisted Oaks	Reflective
8. David Dacour	20003 Regency Run	System
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Urban Wildlife Management

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Tony FRASCO

South Texas Wildlife District



Did you know that the top three sounds that people prefer are natural sounds, such as birds singing, wind in the trees, and gently moving water? The least preferred sounds are urban noise, such as traffic, sirens, and gunfire. As Texas becomes increasingly urban, the need for nature in our cities becomes more and more critical. Over 80% of the Texas population live in urban areas. The six largest cities combined total over 30% of the state's population. Habitat fragmentation, habitat alteration, and the process

of urbanization are major issues facing wildlife populations in urban areas.

Not only do most people within our society crave contact with nature, we benefit greatly from those positive experiences. For example, proximity to natural areas increase property values. Studies have demonstrated that people heal faster with natural views outside their hospital window. Employee satisfaction has been demonstrated to improve dramatically when natural areas are created for use on corporate sites. Wildlife-related recreation is at an all time high.

Programs associated with Urban Wildlife Programs

[Texas Master Naturalist Program in South Texas](#)

[Texas Wildscapes Program in South Texas](#)

[Wildlife Education](#)

To assist cities as they strive to enhance the livability of their urban environments, Texas Parks and Wildlife has assigned wildlife biologist to work in each of the largest urban areas. The duties of these "urban biologist" include providing opportunities for urban residents to reconnect with the natural systems, presenting educational programs for adults and students on a variety of habitat/wildlife issues, serving as technical advisors on multi-agency conservation planning initiatives, and assisting landowners with habitat restoration or enhancements. The South Texas Wildlife District has 3 urban biologists, one stationed in the Rio Grande Valley and the other 2 in San Antonio.

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Wildlife Contacts

Name	Title	Address	Phone
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