

**Commissioners Present:**

Chair William Pohl  
Vice-Chair Nathan Dorsey  
Commissioner Don Stone  
Commissioner Keven Harshbarger  
Commissioner Steven Stedman  
Commissioner Dr. Richard Carmichael  
Commissioner Brian Strickland  
Councilmember James Mueller, Ex-Officio

**Commissioners Absent:**

None

**City Staff, City Councilmembers, and Other Commissioners Present:**

Ryan Rapelye, City Manager  
Michelle Hinojosa, Administrative Coordinator  
Monica McCaslin, Utility Clerk  
Steven Steinmetz, Public Works Director  
Jason Vreeland, City Engineer

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

With a quorum of the Water Commissioners present, Chair Pohl called the regular meeting of the Garden Ridge Water Commission to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, in the City Council Chambers of the Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas 78266.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Pohl led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Citizen Comment Period**

Jesse Valdez, 9035 Cinnabar Ct, spoke regarding the Wastewater Ordinance.

**4. Business Items**

**The following items are for discussion, consideration, and/or action.**

**4.1 Approval of Minutes for January 20, 2026, Water Commission Regular Meeting.**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Commissioner Carmichael, seconded by Commissioner Stone, to approve the Minutes for the January 20, 2026, Water Commission Regular Meeting. The Commission voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

**4.2 Utility Department Monthly Activity Report.**

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

Public Works Director Steven Steinmetz reviewed the monthly activity report and addressed questions from Commissioners.

**4.3 Items applicable to the Water Commission discussed at City Council Meetings.**

Chair Pohl provided the Commission with an update on items applicable to the Water Commission discussed at City Council Meetings.

**4.5 Wastewater Ordinance.**

City Engineer Jason Vreeland provided the Commission with an update on the status of the Wastewater Ordinance and addressed questions from Commissioners.

**4.6 Future Agenda Items**

Chair Pohl requested to receive updates related to the Wastewater Ordinance.

**5. Citizen Comment Period**

No one wished to speak.

**6. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Tuesday, March 17, 2026, Water Commission Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m. by Chair Pohl.



William Pohl  
Chair

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Michelle Hinojosa  
Administrative Coordinator

**SIGN IN TO SPEAK AT THE MARCH 17, 2026  
WATER COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING  
CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD**

**Citizen Comment Period Guidelines:**

The Commission welcomes citizen participation and comments at all Commission Meetings. First Citizen Comment Period: Speakers are required to sign up to speak before the meeting and shall limit their comments to three (3) minutes each. Second Citizen Comment Period: Speakers are not required to sign up to speak and shall limit their comments to two (2) minutes each. Speakers are only allowed to speak once per topic, unless also speaking during a posted Public Hearing. If you speak, you must follow these guidelines:

- Direct your comments to the entire Commission, not to an individual member, nor to the audience.
- Show the Commission the same respect that you would like to be shown.
- State your name and address before your comments begin.
- The Commission may not discuss or take action on any presented issue.
- Topics of operational concern shall be directed to the City Manager.

*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	EMAIL AND/OR PHONE NUMBER	SUBJECT
1. <i>Jesse Valdez</i>	<i>9035 Cimmaron Ct</i>	<i>361-484-4522</i>	<i>Waste Water Ord.</i>
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