



City of Garden Ridge

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

MINUTES CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2019, 6:00 P.M.

Councilmembers Present:

Mayor Larry Thompson
Mayor Pro-Tem John McCaw
Councilmember Lisa Swint
Councilmember Bryan Lantzy
Councilmember Kay Bower
Councilmember Todd Arvidson

Councilmembers Absent:

None

City Staff Present:

Nancy Cain, City Administrator
Marisa Spencer, City Secretary
Kat Balbi, Utility Clerk
Cynthia Trevino, City Attorney
Ron Eberhardt, Police Chief
Jacob Parsons, Water Manager
Eric Lowman, Deputy Public Works Director/Animal Services
Karen Ford, Finance/HR
Linda Crosland, Librarian

City Commission Representatives Present:

Dr. Jim Miller, Chair, Planning and Zoning Commission
David Heier, Chair, Water Commission/Planning and Zoning Commissioner
Jeremiah McKinney, Wildlife Management Advisory Commissioner
Mike Shands, Chair, Quarry Commission

Other City Commissioners in Attendance:

Karen Diaz, Planning and Zoning Commissioner
Kitty Owen, Planning and Zoning Commissioner
David Dauer, Planning and Zoning Commissioner
Jesse Valdez, Planning and Zoning Commissioner/Water Commissioner
Mark DuBois, Quarry Commissioner
Joseph Haltaman, Water Commissioner
Ken Kneupper, Wildlife Management Advisory Commissioner

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, June 5, 2019, in the City Council Chambers of the Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas 78266.

2. Roll Call – See above.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Thompson spoke regarding the 75th anniversary of D Day and read the following quote from General Eisenhower's letter to the troops: "...let us all beseech the blessings of Almighty God upon this great and noble undertaking." Mayor Thompson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. City/Employee Recognitions/Employee Introductions

a) Thank you from Linda Potts to the Public Works Department.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated a thank you was received from Linda Potts to the Public Works Department for the extra attention employees have shown at Park Lane Park.

b) Thank you from Mrs. Carmichael to the Water Department.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated a thank you was received from Mrs. Carmichael to Water Department employees Kat Balbi, Duane Scognio, and Chris Graef for going above and beyond in assisting her with a water concern.

c) Thank you from Ken Lowrie to Officer Oehler.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated a thank you was received from Ken Lowrie to Officer Oehler for his professionalism during the citizen's ride along. He also expressed gratitude for the supervisor, Sgt. Dennis.

d) The Police Department received over 400 thank you notes and cards in honor of National Police Week.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated the Police Department received over 400 thank you notes and cards in honor of National Police Week from various citizens and organizations.

5. Citizen Comment Period – limited to 30 minutes total

Mayor Thompson reviewed the rules for Citizen Comment Period and reminded the citizens who signed up to speak regarding Northeast Bible Church that there will be a Public Hearing specific to this topic later in the meeting in which citizens do not have to sign up prior to speaking.

Tony Frasco, 8802 Wild Wind Park, spoke regarding a water concern in Paul Davis Park.

Karen Archondidis, 19527 Creekview Oaks, stated she would like to wait to speak during the Public Hearing.

Mark DuBois, 19530 Creekview Oaks, stated he would also like to wait until the Public Hearing to speak.

Ken Kneupper, 8891 Schoenthal Road, spoke regarding driving and traffic safety concerns in Garden Ridge.

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:

- 1. May 1, 2019 City Council Regular Meeting**
- 2. May 14, 2019 City Council Special Meeting**

b) Financial Statement, Summary Report, and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations – April 30, 2019.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Lantzy, seconded by Councilmember Bower, to approve the Consent Agenda items 6. a) – b). The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Staff Reports

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

a) 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 there will be group and individual City Council pictures taken in the City Council Chambers prior to the July meeting.

b) Police Department Monthly Activity Report

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

Ron Eberhardt, Police Chief, reviewed the police department monthly activity report. He stated all officers received NARCAN kits and training and the kits were paid for by the Garden Ridge Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association. Chief Eberhardt spoke regarding the 2nd Annual First Responders Pancake Breakfast and encouraged everyone to come support the Children's Advocacy Center of Comal County. Chief Eberhardt stated with the addition of Harvey B. Bell pocket park there is now an additional child safe zone in the City of Garden Ridge. Chief Eberhardt spoke regarding the number of violations of City Ordinance No. 55 regarding temporary signs and the difference between temporary and permanent signs. He stated due to the number of violations he mailed 54 letters to residents in order to gain compliance. He also spoke regarding a personal encounter with a resident about signs on the resident's property being in violation. He stated the resident informed him that permission was not given to put the signs up on the property, so the signs were removed.

Mayor Thompson thanked Chief Eberhardt and stated he would like to discuss agenda item **11. b) 2. Citizen Contact Report** at this time since it also includes the topic of temporary signs. Mayor Thompson spoke regarding citizens stating many political signs were being stolen. Mayor Thompson stated he spoke to at least 3 different landowners that personally removed 5 sets of signs from their property because they did not authorize the signs to be placed on their property. Mayor Thompson also stated the last of these signs were greased when they were placed illegally on these properties without permission.

c) 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.

Eric Lowman, Deputy Public Works Director, thanked the Water Department for their help in preparing for the 4th of July event and spoke regarding dogs and cats that are ready for adoption. Councilmember Bower thanked the Public Works Department for their hard work at Harvey B. Bell Park, adding they are all great people to work with.

Mayor Thompson thanked the Public Works and Water Departments for their continued hard work at Paul Davis Park and stated preparing for the 4th of July event is the priority right now. He stated emergencies will be addressed, but anything that can wait will be addressed after July 4th. Mayor Thompson stated the Public Works Department is currently looking to hire temporary summer workers for \$10-\$15/hour depending on qualifications and asked everyone to spread the word.

d) 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).

Jacob Parsons, Water Manager, reviewed the water department monthly activity report. He spoke regarding water usage, implementing Field Force Manager, and fire extinguishers. He stated the department received training on how to rebuild certain fire hydrants and repaired two fire hydrants that were leaking. Jacob Parsons, Water Manager, answered questions from Councilmembers.

e) Library Monthly Activity Report

- Upcoming events.

Linda Crosland, Librarian, spoke regarding upcoming events as well as annual accreditation at the Garden Ridge Library. She stated the Teen Advisory Board Movie Night is on Saturday, June 15th at 6pm.

8. City Engineer Projects Status Reports

a) CIP Project for 2015

1. Update on Warranty Items

b) FM 2252 Sewer and Water Project

c) Drainage:

- 1. Creekview**
- 2. Bindseil Lane**
- 3. Sumac Circle**
- 4. Forest Waters Circle**

Dan Mummert, City Engineer, reviewed the Trihydro Corporation – Engineering Report for June 2019 and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

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

a) Planning and Zoning Commission Recommendations and Possible Action:

- 1. Consider a petition by Northeast Bible Church for issuance of a Special Use Permit for the addition of a proposed Worship Center of approximately 14,295 square feet and a Waypoint Lobby of approximately 4,225 square feet and to include modification of the outfall structure of the existing detention pond to reduce the outflow discharge rate from the pond. Northeast Bible Church is located on Lot 1, Block 1, Northeast Bible Church Subdivision, further located at 19185 F.M. 2252, Garden Ridge, Comal County, Texas, on property zoned Residence-Agriculture (RA).**

1.1. Receive recommendation from Planning and Zoning Commission.

Chair Dr. Miller stated the Planning and Zoning Commission conducted a public hearing in April where citizens raised concerns regarding lighting, noise, and drainage. He stated the Planning and Zoning Commission requested these concerns be looked into. Dan Mummert, City Engineer, provided a presentation at the Planning and Zoning Commission's May meeting. Chair Dr. Miller stated the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the Special Use Permit submitted by Northeast Bible Church.

1.2. Hold a public hearing to receive comments for or against the petition.

Mayor Thompson opened the public hearing at 6:50 p.m. to receive comments for or against the petition.

Three (3) citizens spoke during the public hearing (see attached).

Mayor Thompson closed the public hearing at 7:01 p.m. and thanked the citizens for providing their valued input to allow the City Council the ability to make a more informed decision.

The City Council discussed questions and concerns regarding lighting, noise, impervious cover, signage, previous variances, allegations regarding residents diverting water, and the legality and responsibility of the City for the developer of the Park at Garden Ridge not installing an interceptor channel.

Dan Mummert, City Engineer, answered questions from Councilmembers. Dan Mummert, City Engineer, spoke regarding the modification of the outfall structure of the existing detention pond. He stated the water is following the natural drainage path and this modification will slow down the current water flow. He stated Northeast Bible Church does not have to do any modifications to the existing detention pond and they would still be in compliance; however, they are trying to mitigate the issue by helping in any way they can and if this Special Use Permit is not approved then the drainage issue will continue.

1.3. Take action on the petition.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Lantzy, seconded by Councilmember Arvidson, to postpone this item for one (1) month to allow time to obtain additional information regarding the questions and concerns discussed. During the discussion of the motion, the City Council discussed the questions and concerns they would like answered and addressed. The City Council also discussed the relevancy of the questions and concerns to the petition by Northeast Bible Church for issuance of a Special Use Permit. Mayor Thompson asked Council if the results of these investigations and the resulting answers will have any bearing on the approval of the Special Use Permit. He reiterated that regardless of the action taken on this item, the City will be looking into these important questions and concerns raised and it will be on the agenda for the July City Council regular meeting.

Motion Rescinded: Councilmember Lantzy rescinded the motion.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Lantzy, seconded by Councilmember Swint, to accept the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation and approve the petition by Northeast Bible Church for issuance of a Special Use Permit. The City Council voted by roll call:

Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw – aye
Councilmember Swint – aye
Councilmember Lantzy – aye
Councilmember Arvidson – aye
Councilmember Bower – nay

The motion passed by a vote of 4-1.

*See page 11 for additional discussion and action on this item that occurred later in the meeting.

2. Receive recommendation to accept the resignation of Vice-Chair Hausheer.

Chair Dr. Miller stated the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends that City Council accept the resignation of Vice-Chair Hausheer.

2.1. Take action on recommendation.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Bower, seconded by Councilmember Lantzy, to approve the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation and accept the resignation of Vice-Chair Hausheer. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

Chair Dr. Miller provided City Council with an update on the topics discussed at the Commission's May meeting. He spoke regarding the Draft Zoning Ordinance and suggested the document be sent to City Council due to the length of it. Mayor Thompson stated Marisa Spencer, City Secretary, will send the document to City Council with a cover letter reiterating the document is still a draft of what the Planning and Zoning Commission is considering.

b) Quarry Commission Recommendations and Possible Action:

- 1. Ordinance No. 34-062019 An Ordinance of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, prohibiting blasting within the City limits; providing for partial exemption permit; establishing regulations pertaining to blasting; establishing criminal and civil penalties for violations; providing that this Ordinance shall be cumulative; providing for severability; including a repealer clause; and declaring an effective date.**

1.1. Receive recommendation from Quarry Commission.

Chair Shands stated the Quarry Commission spent many hours reviewing and discussing revisions to Ordinance No. 34 and although they are not pleased with this choice, this revised ordinance is the best option for the City of Garden Ridge to pursue based on all legal considerations.

Mayor Thompson asked the City Attorney to review the proposed changes. Cynthia Trevino, City Attorney, reviewed the revised Ordinance No. 34. She explained the current ordinance is not consistent with the USBM mining standard level; therefore, the revised ordinance reflects the USBM mining standard levels. She stated this change is due to legal analysis regarding the Quarry challenging the current ordinance as unconstitutional. She stated if this were to occur the City of Garden Ridge would first have to obtain a reversal on a previous court case that was initiated by residents of Garden Ridge where the court ruled that blasting was not considered a nuisance. She stated the other major change in this revised ordinance is the addition of a voluntary dispute resolution process where citizens can request an administrative type hearing or make a claim up to \$10,000, which is not an available option in the current ordinance.

Councilmember Lantzy announced there will be a Quarry Commission Special Meeting on Monday, June 10th to discuss recent blasting and requested City Council to postpone action on this item until July.

1.2. Take action on recommendation.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Bower, seconded by Councilmember Swint, to postpone action on Ordinance No. 34 until July to allow for the Quarry Commission to meet and discuss recent blasting. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

Chair Shands stated there has been an increase in citizen blast impact reports submitted during recent blasting.

c) Water Commission Recommendations and Possible Action:

1. Request for water bill adjustment/credit for 9546 Teakwood Dr for billing period of March 21, 2019 – April 22, 2019.

1.1. Receive information from Water Commission.

Chair Heier stated the Water Department changed the meter at the residence in question and attempted to notify the residents of the meter change even though notification would not change the fact that the meter needed to be changed. Chair Heier stated the Water Commission reviewed the usage report, which indicated the irrigation system was running twice a day every other day. Chair Heier stated the resident explained to the Water Commission they are relatively new residents and stated they did not understand how the irrigation system functioned. Chair Heier stated the residents attributed the large cost increase on their water bill to not being notified of the meter being replaced; however, the Water Commission and Water Department did not find a cause and effect relationship regarding notification of a meter replacement.

1.2. Take action on request for water bill adjustment/credit for 9546 Teakwood Dr.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Lantzy, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw, to deny the request for water bill adjustment/credit for 9546 Teakwood Drive for billing period of March 21, 2019 – April 22, 2019. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Water Rate Adjustment as prepared by Water Markets, LLC Water Rate Study.

2.1. Receive recommendation from Water Commission.

Chair Heier stated the Water Commission recommends City Council approve FY2020 rate structure from the Water Rate Study, which would be an additional \$1 to the base rate. Mayor Thompson spoke regarding the staff's proposed rate from the Water Rate Study, which would be an additional \$2 to the base rate with the same block rates as the Water Commission's recommendation. He provided examples of the differences using the lowest and highest water usage among Councilmembers. Mayor Thompson spoke regarding the need to raise rates as well as to encourage water conservation. He also noted that most cities review water rates on a yearly basis. He stated the City of Garden Ridge has not raised water rates since 2015; however, the consumer price index has gone up by 6%.

Councilmember Swint spoke regarding the population group summary analysis conducted by Texas Municipal League. Mayor Thompson stated the rate structure would need to be incorporated into Ordinance No. 54 before the new rates could go into effect.

2.2. Take action on recommendation.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Lantzy, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw, to approve the FY2020 rate structure proposed by staff. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Water Commission Place 4 Vacancy.

3.1. Receive recommendation for the appointment of Joseph Haltaman to fill the vacancy with term expiring September 30, 2020.

Chair Heier stated the Water Commission interviewed two extremely qualified candidates and recommends appointment of Joseph Haltaman to the Water Commission Place 4 with term expiring September 30, 2020.

3.2. Take action on recommendation.

Motion: A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw, seconded by Councilmember Swint, to approve the Water Commission's recommendation and appoint Joseph Haltaman to the Water Commission Place 4 with term expiring September 30, 2020. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

Chair Heier provided City Council with an update on the topics discussed at the Water Commission's May meeting. He spoke regarding working on SCADA security, water leases, the trinity aquifer, and educational opportunities.

d) Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Recommendations and Possible Action:

1. Receive recommendation for the consideration of allocating \$50,000 to the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission line item for FY2020.

Commissioner McKinney stated the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission recommends City Council to consider allocating \$50,000 to the Commission's line item for FY2020 budget.

Mayor Thompson stated City Council does not need to act on this recommendation at this time because it will be acted on during the budget process, but this is something to keep in mind during the budget process.

2. Receive recommendation to accept the resignation of Commissioner Hatch.

Commissioner McKinney stated the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission recommends that City Council accept the resignation of Commissioner Hatch.

2.1. Take action on recommendation.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Lantzy, seconded by Councilmember Bower, to approve the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission's recommendation and accept the resignation of Commissioner Hatch. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

Commissioner McKinney provided City Council with an update on the topics discussed at the Commission's May meeting. He spoke regarding the Wildlife Management Plan and upcoming educational sessions.

4. Take action on designating Ex-officio of Wildlife Management Advisory Commission.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Bower, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw, to designate Councilmember Swint as Ex-officio of the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

e) Garden Ridge Parks Committee:

1. Status of new park areas.

Shelby Trial, Parks Committee Chair, thanked City Council and all volunteers that work for the betterment of the City. He thanked the Lions of Garden Ridge and especially Mr. Holloway for adding the extra layer of brick around the Paul Davis Park playground area to help with erosion. He spoke regarding the Harvey B. Bell Park dedication and showed a video with pictures primarily taken by Nancy Bell. He stated Fairview Circle pocket park will be worked on next and Eagle Scout Tristan Arvidson will be preparing the plan for that pocket park.

2. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

Shelby Trial, Parks Committee Chair, spoke regarding work in Paul Davis Park. He stated the Parks Committee is working on the 4th of July event and could use more volunteers to help. He stated a flyer will be included with the June water bill and posted on the City's website.

Mayor Thompson spoke regarding the great event to dedicate Harvey B. Bell Park and thanked the City staff, Parks Committee, Lions Club, and neighbors in the subdivision.

f) *Volunteer Garden Ridge!*

1. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated *Volunteer Garden Ridge!* reported 311 hours for May. Mayor Thompson asked everyone to mark their calendars for September 28th for a celebration and get together at City Hall to thank all volunteers and enjoy time together. He stated this will include a ribbon cutting by the Comal Master Gardeners for their hard work in the garden area outside the Garden Ridge Library.

10. Approvals/Authorizations

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

a) Bexar Metro 9-1-1 Network's Proposed Fiscal Year 2020 Budget.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Lantzy, seconded by Councilmember Arvidson, to approve Bexar Metro 9-1-1 Network's Proposed Fiscal Year 2020 Budget. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

b) Garden Ridge Farmers' Market.

1. Discuss and take action on matters related to the event including, but not limited to the name, frequency, products, pricing/vendor fee, sustainability, and directed feasibility study.

Mayor Thompson spoke regarding the Garden Ridge Farmers' Market cost to the City of almost \$1,100 per event as well as the considerable burden on staff time. He stated City Council needs to consider the sustainability and feasibility of this event and decide on its future. He suggested City Council consider approving a directed feasibility study and a temporary support plan not to exceed \$3,000 or 3 months to keep the event going while the study is going on. He recommended a committee be formed to conduct the study and bring information and options to City Council.

Motion: A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw, seconded by Councilmember Lantzy, to approve a temporary support plan not to exceed \$3,500 or 3 months to keep the Garden Ridge Farmers' Market going while a study is being conducted. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw, seconded by Councilmember Lantzy, to form a committee consisting of Councilmember Swint, Mayor Thompson, Kat Balbi, and Nancy Cain to conduct the directed feasibility study. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

c) July City Council Regular Meeting.

1. Take action on rescheduling July City Council Regular Meeting to Tuesday, July 2, 2019, at 6 p.m.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Lantzy, seconded by Councilmember Swint, to reschedule the July City Council Regular Meeting to Tuesday, July 2, 2019, at 6 p.m. to deconflict it with the City's 4th of July events. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Updates

a) City Administrator Reports.

1. Personnel.

1.1. Promotion of Kat Balbi as Assistant City Secretary effective June 10, 2019.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated Kat Balbi was chosen out of a pool of 23 applicants and will be promoted to Assistant City Secretary effective June 10, 2019.

1.2. Hiring of Denise Bissell as Utility Clerk effective June 10, 2019.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated after interviewing three applicants, the interview panel felt Denise Bissell was a great fit for the City of Garden Ridge. Ms. Bissell was hired as Utility Clerk with an effective date of June 10, 2019. Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated she will be thoroughly trained by Kat Balbi.

2. Update on CIP projects.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated City Council was provided with an updated spreadsheet as well as an updated cost estimate, adding the goal for completion remains October 1st. Nancy Cain, City Administrator, spoke regarding the completion of projects at Paul Davis Park.

3. Update on Paul Davis Park fencing.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated a bid was awarded to Quality Fencing, the contract has been signed, and the fence should be complete by July 1st.

4. Update on City Council letter of support to Chief Eberhardt.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated all Councilmembers signed the letter of support to Chief Eberhardt and the original document has been placed in his personnel file. She also stated a copy of the signed minutes from the May 1, 2019, City Council regular meeting will be placed in Chief Eberhardt's personnel file with the letter.

5. Update on City use of password management system.

Marisa Spencer, City Secretary, stated after completing a free trial period, City Administration Staff has chosen to use LastPass as the password management system for City Staff as well as City Council. She stated implementation training sessions will be scheduled in order to help everyone set up accounts as well as provide training on how to use the many features. Mayor Thompson spoke regarding the benefits, reasoning, and various features of using a password management system, adding this is an effective tool to provide staff in order to protect the City.

b) Mayor's Projects.

1. Communication Report.

Mayor Thompson spoke regarding his Grapevine article regarding vaccinating, registering, and taking care of pets. He thanked Eric Lowman, Animal Services, for doing a great job of taking care of animals. The City Council discussed issues with feral cats.

2. Citizen Contact Report.

Mayor Thompson stated a citizen asked why backflow preventer testing is conducted every year and Mayor Thompson felt this was a good question for everyone to know about. He stated he asked Jacob Parsons, Water Manager, to look into this and thanked him for his thorough research. Mayor Thompson stated backflow preventer testing every year is a requirement regulated by TCEQ due to our having septic systems, adding this is a safety measure and the City does not receive any money. He also stated that some cities are only required to conduct testing every two years because they do not have septic systems.

3. City Facility Update.

3.1. Audio/Visual Upgrades and Streaming.

Marisa Spencer, City Secretary, stated additional cable drops were recently installed and she is currently in the process of finalizing the hardware completion, which includes testing all the hardware upgrades. She stated she is in the process of customizing and modifying the software aspect of the project and will have more details regarding the software at the July City Council meeting. She stated the City Council meetings are currently being live streamed to the City's YouTube channel then, once complete, the link to watch the meeting is attached to the agenda in the media column on the City's website.

4. Ordinance Revision Process.

Mayor Thompson stated the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance is currently in the revision process by the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Water Ordinance is currently in the revision process by the Water Commission. He also reminded Councilmembers to review Ordinance 34 from the Quarry Commission.

5. TxDOT Coordination.

6. GRES Traffic Flow and FM 3009 Safety.

Mayor Thompson stated he does not have new updates at this time, but these items are still pending.

c) City Council Projects.

1. Design on Water Tanks at Well Site 9 and 10 (McCaw).

Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw stated he is still working on gathering information and looking at various options regarding this project, including a mural, the City of Garden Ridge seal, and paint.

2. Design on Retainer Wall of City Hall (McCaw).

Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw spoke regarding painting a design that represents Garden Ridge on the retainer wall.

3. Speeding in Garden Ridge (Lantzy).

Councilmember Lantzy spoke regarding an additional stop sign location. Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated Ordinance No. 22 would be on the July agenda in order to be amended to include the exact location.

4. Signs in Garden Ridge (Lantzy).

Councilmember Lantzy spoke regarding time limits on temporary banner type signs. The City Council discussed City Administrator Nancy Cain and Councilmember Lantzy meeting with the City Attorney to research options available for the City and provide these to City Council in July.

5. Update on Vulcan Construction Materials, LLC Project (Arvidson).

Councilmember Arvidson stated contested case hearings begin on June 10th in Austin.

12. Discussion of Future Agenda Items

Councilmember Bower requested to add the park monument project to the July agenda and Councilmember Lantzy requested an update regarding Oak Wilt in the City of Garden Ridge.

13. Citizen Comment Period – limited to 20 minutes total

David Dauer, 20003 Regency Run, spoke regarding blasting activity at the Hanson Quarry.

J. A. Niland, 9308 Berean Way, brought forth an ethical concern regarding members on City Council also being members of Northeast Bible Church.

Shelby Trial, 21657 Forest Waters Circle, spoke regarding Councilmembers using microphones and a Farmers' Market manager.

Ken Kneupper, 8891 Schoenthal Road, spoke regarding water drainage at his house since he lives at the bottom of a hill and water runs downhill.

Scott Miller, 9312 Berean Way, spoke regarding concerns about the expansion of Northeast Bible Church.

14. 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

Boy Scouts and/or Girl Scouts

City of Garden Ridge sponsored events and outreach efforts

Comal ISD/Garden Ridge Elementary

Counties (Bexar, Comal and Guadalupe)

Garden Ridge Lions Club

Garden Ridge Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association/Citizen Patrol

Garden Ridge Women's Club

Greater Bexar County Council of Cities

Joint Base Land Use Study-Randolph

Northeast Partnership

Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw spoke regarding the Joint Base Land Use Study-Randolph. He stated this item could be removed from the agenda.

Mayor Thompson announced the City Council will recess at 9:57 p.m. and reconvene at 10:05 p.m.

Mayor Thompson reconvened the City Council regular meeting at 10:05 p.m. and stated he needed to confer with legal counsel because he takes an allegation of ethical failure very seriously. Mayor Thompson polled the City Council about being a member of Northeast Bible Church.

Councilmember Bower stated she is not a member.

Councilmember Arvidson stated he is not a member.

Councilmember Lantzy stated he is not a member.

Councilmember Swint stated she is not a member.

Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw stated he is not a member but has attended with his wife, who is a member.

Mayor Thompson stated although there is no monetary interest or conflicts involved, he would like to exercise an abundance of caution. Therefore, he would like to and revisit agenda item **9. a) 1.** and particularly the action taken regarding the petition by Northeast Bible Church for issuance of a Special Use Permit.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Lantzy, seconded by Councilmember Bower, to rescind the motion and votes for approval of the petition by Northeast Bible Church for issuance of a Special Use Permit. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Swint, seconded by Councilmember Lantzy, to reopen agenda item **9. a) 1. Consider a petition by Northeast Bible Church for issuance of a Special Use Permit for the addition of a proposed Worship Center of approximately 14,295 square feet and a Waypoint Lobby of approximately 4,225 square feet and to include modification of the outfall structure of the existing detention pond to reduce the outflow discharge rate from the pond. Northeast Bible Church is located on Lot 1, Block 1, Northeast Bible Church Subdivision, further located at 19185 F.M. 2252, Garden Ridge, Comal County, Texas, on property zoned Residence-Agriculture (RA).** 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 Councilmember Arvidson, to accept the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation and approve the petition by Northeast Bible Church for issuance of a Special Use Permit as submitted. The City Council voted by roll call:

Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw – abstention for cause out of an abundance of caution

Councilmember Swint – aye

Councilmember Lantzy – aye

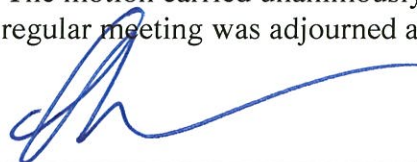
Councilmember Arvidson – aye

Councilmember Bower – nay

The motion passed by a vote of 3-1.

15. Adjournment

Motion: A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw, seconded by Councilmember Swint, to adjourn. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously. There being no further business, the Wednesday, June 5, 2019, City Council regular meeting was adjourned at 10:11 p.m. by Mayor Thompson.



Larry Thompson
Mayor

ATTEST



Marisa Spencer
City Secretary

**SIGN IN TO SPEAK AT THE JUNE 5, 2019
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD**

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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	TRUTH
2. Karen Archondidis	19527 Creekview Oaks	NBC Permit
3. Mark DuBois	19530 CREEKVIEW OAKS	NBC PERMIT
4. Ken Kuepper	8891 SCHREINER RD.	TRAFFIC IN L.R.
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LAST SIGN UP

JUNE 5, 2019, CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

PUBLIC HEARING

(1)

PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS.

1. Karen Arzondidis 19527 Creekside Oaks Garden Ridge
2. MARK DUBOIS 19530 CREEKSIDE OAKS GARDEN RIDGE
3. Scott Miller 9312 Berean Way Garden Ridge
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2nd Citizen Comment Period

NAME	ADDRESS	SUBJECT
1. David Dauen	20003 Regency Run	Garden Ridge Tx Quarry Blast
2. J. A. Wilmon	9208 Boreon Way	Garden Ridge Tx Church 2C.
3. SHELBY TRIAL	21657 FOREST WATERS CIR.	GARDEN RIDGE, TX MISC. COMMENTS
4. KEN KNEUBER	8891 SCHWENTHAL RD	GARDEN RIDGE, TX DRAINAGE.
5. Scott Miller	9312 Boreon Way	Garden Ridge TX Church
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