MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
GARDEN RIDGE QUARRY COMMISSION MEETING
Monday, July 9, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present:
Chair Mike Shands
Commissioner Jerry Barucky
Commissioner Richard Holloway
Commissioner Johnell Holly
Commissioner Albert Haddad
Councilmember Bryan Lantzy, (Ex-officio member)

Member Absent:
Commissioner Mark DuBois
Vice Chair Wayne Mudge

City Staff Present:
Nancy Cain, City Administrator
Shelley Goodwin, City Secretary

Other City Councilmembers or Commissioners Present:
Karen Diaz, Planning and Zoning Commissioner

1. **Call to Order :**
With a quorum of the Quarry Commission Members present, Mike Shands, Chair, called the regular meeting of the Garden Ridge Quarry Commission to order at 6:02 p.m. on Monday, July 10, 2018, in the City Council Chambers of the Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas 78266.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
Mike Shands, Chair, led the pledge of allegiance.

3. **Citizens Comments – Limited to 30 minutes**
No one wished to speak.

4. **Business Items:**
The Quarry Commission may discuss, consider, and /or take possible action for possible recommendation to the City Council for the following items:

   a) **Approvals**
      i. **Approvals of Minutes for May 14, 2018, Quarry Commission Regular Meeting.**

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Holloway, seconded by Commissioner Haddad, to approve the May 14, 2018 Regular Quarry Commission Meeting Minutes. The Quarry Commission voted four (4) for, none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

b) Recommendations

i. 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. Review request and make recommendation to the City Council.

The Commission discussed and reviewed the permit application submitted from Orica for a Partial Exemption Permit to conduct blasting activities at Hanson Quarry. They also discussed the bonding insurance.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated the Partial Exemption Permit is for the period of October 1, 2018 – September 30, 2019. She stated the Commission is required to review the documents and make a recommendation to the City Council, who will set the Partial Exemption Permit fee.

Motion: Upon motion made by Commissioner Haddad and seconded by Commissioner Barucky, to recommend to City Council the approval of 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 Quarry Commission voted four (4) for, none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

c) Discussions/Reports

i. Review and discussion on the monthly Hanson Quarry blasting analysis data reported by Vibratech. Discussion with Hanson Servtex and Blasting contractors, on recent quarry operations, including any unusual blasts that occurred during reported month/s and/or current month.

Nicholas Reittinger, Vibra-Tech, presented and discussed the May blast analysis. He stated that twenty (20) blasts occurred during the month of March and none of the blasts exceeded the limits of Ordinance 34. The highest ppv readings occurred on May11, 2018, in South Wall 3C, with 0.248 ppv, at the Warden residence. He also reported the air overpressure of 120.0 dB, recorded at the Holly residence.

Mr. Reittinger, then presented and discussed the June blast analysis. He stated that twenty-three (23) blasts occurred during the month of June and one of the blasts exceeded the limits of Ordinance 34. The highest ppv readings occurred on June 14, 2018, in the Upper 1 C, with 0.310 ppv. The strongest air blast occurred on June 13, 2018, in Bench 5B, with an air overpressure of 129.0 dB recorded at the Warden residence.

ii. Review individual citizen blast report/s, follow up on citizen blast report/s and/or assign Quarry Commission member contact with citizen/s, as necessary.

Nicholas Reittinger, Vibra-Tech, discussed the citizen blast reports received for the months of May and stated there were none for June. During the discussion it was discovered that the June Blast Reports was not received by Vibra-Tech.

The Commission asked for the June reports be forwarded to Vibra-Tech and the discussion of those report be held at the September Regular Meeting. The Commission also asked that the videos and

additional information of the May and June shots be presented at the September Regular Meeting. They also discussed the Ordinance 34 violation.

Nolan Eckroade, Orica explained what happened to the blast June that created the violation to Ordinance 34. He stated there was an unknown pocket which they believe created the violation.

The Commission asked to view the video of the blast at their September regular meeting.

iii. Discussion on number of, placement and location of monitors and other matters related to monitoring of blasts by Vibratech and notification to residents of monitor placements. Discuss placement of roving monitor which is currently at the Stewart residence (5/14/18 to 6/13/18).

No requests were made for the roving monitor. The monitor will stay at the Stewart residence.

d) Updates

i. City Council June 6, 2018 and July 5, 2018, Regular Meeting.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, reported that there were no Quarry Commission recommendations brought forward to the City Council for consideration.

e) Future Agenda Items.

i. Commissioners input for items on upcoming agendas

The Commissioners had no additional items to add to the upcoming agendas.

ii. Update on future education/training sessions and Grapevine articles.

The Commission requested that another "question and answer" open forum be held at the next meeting rather than a specific training session.

Commissioner Barucky agreed to continue to write the Quarry Commission articles for the Grapevine.

iii. Announcement of next Regular Meeting -Monday, September 10, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Mike Shands, Chair, announced the next Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, September 10, 2018 at 6 p.m. at City Hall.

f) Education/Training – limited to 20 minutes

i. Question and answer session with Vibra Tech, Hanson and the public.

The Commission discussed the possibility of monitors being placed inside homes, the Vulcan Quarry, and weather effects on blasts.

5. Citizen's Participation - Limited to 20 minutes

Karen Diaz, 21010 Gunther Grove, spoke regarding the blasts at the Quarry and how they are getting better or residents are getting use to them.

6. Adjournment:

There being no further business, the Monday, July 9, 2018 Garden Ridge Quarry Commission regular session was adjourned at 7:08 p.m. Mike Shands, Chair.

Mike Shands
Chair

ATTEST

Shelley Goodwin
City Secretary