



City of Garden Ridge

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MINUTES OF CITY WATER COMMISSION **REGULAR MEETING** **JANUARY 24, 2017**

Members Present:

Chairman David Heier
Vice-Chairman Richard Holloway
Commissioner Keven Harshbarger
Commissioner Ray Pitzen
Commissioner Pat Ramirez

Member Absent:

Commissioner Andre Bullard
Mayor Nadine Knaus, ex-officio

City Staff Present:

Nancy Cain, City Administrator
Royce Goddard, Water Department Manager
Shelley Goodwin, City Secretary

1. Call to Order

With a quorum of the City Water Commission present, Chairman Heier called the regular meeting of the Garden Ridge City Water Commission to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 in the City Council Chambers of the Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas 78266.

2. Citizen's Participation – 3 minute limit per citizen

No one wished to speak.

3. Business Items

The City Water Commission may discuss, consider and/or take possible action on recommendation to the City Council on the following:

a) October 25, 2017 Water Commission Meeting

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Holloway, seconded by Commissioner Harshbarger, to approve the minutes of October 25, 2017 Regular Water Commission Meeting, with corrections. The Water Commission voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion passed unanimously.

b) Request from Mary Longloy, 9207 Cipriani Way, for a 50% reduction of water bill for the billing period of October 24 through November 21, 2016

Mary Longloy, 9207 Cipriani Way, stated she has met with Royce Goddard, Water Manager, regarding a high water bill for the amount of \$2,610.54. She stated she did not have a broken pipe, running toilet or other issues, but in the past she has had missing water hoses and while construction was occurring in the neighborhood her water has been used without her permission. She stated due to her mother's health, she is rarely at home and did not notice anything suspicious around her house. He stated she is asking for a relief of 50% of her bill, the higher charge for the higher usage be removed, bringing her bill to \$900.00.

Royce Goddard, Water Manager, reviewed the Water Rate charges.

The Water Commission discussed the possibility of meter misreading, witnesses to strange activity, homeowner's insurance coverage, and police report.

The Water Commission agreed by consensus for the City Council to consider the variance request, since there are special circumstances and the Commission does not have the authority to recommend the variance request.

c) Amendments to Ordinance 54-032016, Section 15.03-Requirements, b. Policy(4)(b)and (c) , (6), (7) and c. Inspections (1), (2) and (3) with amendments being for the purpose of updating ordinance to align with TCEQ rules and administrative in nature

Royce Goddard, Water Manager, stated he was reviewing Ordinance 54 and realized parts of Section 15.03 did not match the requirements of TCEQ rules. He reviewed the changes that needed to be made in order for the City to be in compliance with TCEQ.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Ramirez, seconded by Commissioner Harschbarger, to admend Section 15.03- Requirements (4)(b) and (c), (6), (7) and (c). Inspections (1), (2) and (3). The Water Commission voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Water Manager Monthly Activity Report

a) Water pumping/usage from city wells

Royce Goddard, Water Manager reviewed the monthly water pumping/usage from the city wells and discussed the water system operations (see attached report).

Royce Goddard, Water Manager reported 9.35 acre feet were pumped from the Edwards Aquifer and 26.14 acre feet were pumped from the Trinity. He stated the average daily usage is 7,342.22 gallons.

b) Water system infrastructure maintenance, repairs and/or projects

Royce Goddard, Water Manager stated waterline construction begun on Sumac and Teakwood.

c) Static levels, drawdown levels and flow rates has on the Trinity Well

Royce Goddard, Water Manager reported from January 1st till January 24th the difference in the Static Level were .09 feet for the Edwards and .09 feet for the Trinity.

d) Water and/or Drought Management

The City of Garden Ridge is currently under no watering restrictions.

5. Administrative Items

The Commission may discuss, consider and/or take possible action on the following items:

a) Items discussed at the November 2, December 7, 2016 , and January 4, 2017 City Council Regular Meetings

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, reported from November 2, 2016 – January 4, 2017 the City Council did not discuss any Water Commission items at their Regular Meeting.

b) Set date, time and location for next meeting (February 28, 2017)

Next Water Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 in the City Council Chambers.

6. Citizen Participation – 3 minute limit per citizen

No one wished to speak.

7. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Pitzen and seconded by Commissioner Ramirez. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.


David Heier, Chair

ATTEST:


Shelley Goodwin, TRMC
City Secretary