



City of Garden Ridge

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MINUTES OF CITY WATER COMMISSION **REGULAR MEETING** **April 25, 2017**

Members Present:

Chairman David Heier
Vice-Chairman Richard Holloway
Commissioner Andre Bullard
Commissioner Keven Harshbarger
Commissioner Pat Ramirez
Mayor Nadine Knaus, ex-officio

Member Absent:

Commissioner Ray Pitzen

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, April 25, 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) February 28, 2017 Water Commission Meeting

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Ramirez, seconded by Commissioner Harshbarger, to approve the minutes of February 28, 2017 Regular Water Commission Meeting, with corrections. The Water Commission voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion passed unanimously.

Margarita Peralta stated she is here to speak on the water bill reduction with Mr. Rosen, but he is running late.

David Heier, Water Commission Chair, moved up Agenda Item #4.

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 4.09 acre feet were pumped from the Edwards Aquifer and 39.54 acre feet were pumped from the Trinity. He stated the average daily usage is 8,179.682 gallons.

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

Royce Goddard, Water Manager, stated waterline construction on Phase I has begun and the contractor has until September 6, 2017 to complete this project. He also stated the contractor has broken dirt at the well site at F.M. 3009 (Wells 9& 10) and is currently boring under F.M. 3009 to Georg Ranch and eventually will connect to Schoenthal Road. He updated the Water Commission on the 2252 Well repairs and stated the rehab project has included new casing and pump inspection.

The Water Commission discussed the need for new casing and details of the rehab work on the 2252 Well. They also discussed the last rehab of other wells and the preventive maintenance schedules of all the wells.

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

Royce Goddard, Water Manager reported from April 1st till April 19th the difference in the Static Level was .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.

3. b) Request from Richard Rosen, 21110 Tree Top Cove, for a reduction of water bill for the billing period of January 2017 through March 2017.

Richard Rosen, stated 21110 Tree Top Cove has a rental property that belongs to his mom and he oversees it for her. He stated the tenants moved out and the next month he received a large bill, so he did some investigating and found out the issue was due to electricity going out and resetting the irrigation system to run more.

Royce Goddard, Water Manager, stated he sat down with Mr. Rosen and showed him the usage print out and suspects a faulty valve may be involved.

Mr. Rosen explained that the value has been replaced, the system has new batteries and a surge protector has also been installed.

Margarita Peralta, stated she is a friend of the rental property owner and has been contacted to assist Mr. Rosen with maintaining the property in the future.

The Water Commission reviewed Ordinance 54 and explained that Ordinance 54 no longer provides for leak adjustments. They explained they can only make a recommendation for the City Council to consider the request.

Margarita Peralta, stated she has been a resident in Garden Ridge for many years and feels this situation warrants a leak adjustment.

The Water Commission agreed by consensus to forward the leak adjustment request to City Council for a decision.

5. Administrative Items

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

a) Items discussed at the April 5, 2017 City Council Regular Meetings

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, reported at the April 5, 2017 the City Council Regular Meeting and stated that Council denied Johanna Lizama's variance request to Ordinance 54 for a reduction in water bill due to a water leak.

b) Set date, time and location for next meeting (May 23, 2017)

Next Water Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 23, 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 Holloway and seconded by Commissioner Harshbarger. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.


David Heier, Chair

ATTEST:


Shelley Goodwin, TRMC
City Secretary

