



City of Garden Ridge

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

MINUTES OF CITY WATER COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

July 25, 2017

Members Present:

Chairman David Heier
Vice-Chairman Richard Holloway
Commissioner Andre Bullard
Commissioner Keven Harshbarger
Commissioner Ray Pitzen
Mayor Larry Thompson, ex-officio

Member Absent:

Commissioner Pat Ramirez

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, July 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

Jim Bower, 8947 Garden Ridge Dr., spoke against the drilling of a proposed High School well near the City's wells 9 & 10, due to the negative impact it could have on Garden Ridge.

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) Minutes of the April 25, 2017 Water Commission Meeting

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

b) Request from Robert D. Doerr, Regency Oaks Homeowners Association Treasurer, for a reduction of water bill for the billing period of May 23, 2017 through June 23, 2017.

i. Recommendation to City Council

Robert D. Doerr, Regency Oaks Homeowners Association Treasurer, reviewed their bill, the history of their water usage and their current irrigation system. He stated no one saw puddles or water spraying, however they had some scheduled maintenance work done on the system and he feels that is when the high water usage was stopped. He also stated that the HOA is getting a new irrigation system installed and therefore they are asking to pay the normal rate for the water usage and not the higher level usage rate.

Royce Goddard, Water Manager, reviewed the water usage print out for the period of May 23, 2017 through June 23, 2017.

The Water Commission discussed the possible causes of the high water usage and the irrigation system at the entrance of the subdivision and if that large amount of water could flow through the water lines. They also discussed the different water usage rates and Ordinance 54 guidelines for variances.

The consensus was to move the request from Robert D. Doerr, Regency Oaks Homeowners Association Treasurer, for a reduction of water bill for the billing period of May 23, 2017 through June 23, 2017 forward to the City Council for their consideration.

c) Request from Leon and Evelyn Timmermann, 9926 Trophy Oaks Dr., for the City of Garden Ridge to consider leasing their 35 acre feet of Edwards Aquifer Water which is located east of Cibolo Creek.

i. Recommendation to City Council

Leon Timmermann stated he has extra 35 acre feet of Edwards Aquifer Water for lease and thought the City of Garden Ridge could use the water. He stated the lease is for \$250 per acre with the first option to buy.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Pitzen, seconded by Commissioner Holloway, to postpone until Mr. Timmerman can meet with the City Administrator and/or Water Manager. The Water Commission voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion passed unanimously.

d) Discussion and possible recommendation of reappointment of Commissioners Heier, Holloway, and Harshbarger due to expiring terms of office (September 30, 2017).

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Bullard, seconded by Commissioner Pitzen, to recommend to City Council the reappointment of Commissioners Heier, Holloway, and Harshbarger due to expiring terms of office (September 30, 2017) for a two year term ending September 30, 2019. 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 51.39 acre feet were pumped from the Edwards Aquifer and 84.22 acre feet were pumped from the Trinity. He stated the average daily usage is 1,149,300 gallons.

The Water Commission discussed the water usage and the communications currently being used to conserve water.

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

Royce Goddard, Water Manager, stated the contractor is currently working on water loop system and pump house for the well site at F.M. 3009 (Wells 9 & 10).

The Water Commission discussed the impact the proposed High School's well will have on Wells 9 & 10.

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

Royce Goddard, Water Manager reported for July the Static Level was 60.34 feet for the Edwards and 378.51 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 May, June and July City Council Regular Meetings

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, reported on the July 5, 2017 the City Council Regular Meeting and stated that Council denied the variance request from Richard Rosen for a reduction in water bill due to a water leak.

b) Set date, time and location for next meeting (August 22, 2017)

Next Water Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 22, 2017 in the City Council Chambers.

6. Citizen Participation – 3 minute limit per citizen

Kay Bowers, 8947 Garden Ridge Dr., spoke regarding the proposed High School and their well site. She also asked residents to conserve water.

7. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Holloway and seconded by Commissioner Pitzen. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.



David Heier, Chair

ATTEST:


Shelley Goodwin, TRMC
City Secretary

