



MINUTES
QUARRY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020, 6:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present:

Chair Johnell Holly
Vice-Chair Jerry Barucky
Commissioner Wayne Mudge
Commissioner Mike Shands
Commissioner Albert Haddad
Commissioner Armando Diaz
Councilmember Bryan Lantzy, Ex-officio

Commissioners Absent:

Vacant Position

City Staff Present:

Nancy Cain, City Administrator
Kat Balbi, Assistant City Secretary

1. Call to Order

With a quorum of the Quarry Commissioners present, Chair Holly called the regular meeting of the Garden Ridge Quarry Commission to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 14, 2020, 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: Chair Holly led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Citizen Comment Period: No one signed up to speak.

5. Business Items

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

a) Approvals

1. Approval of Minutes for March 9, 2020, Quarry Commission Regular Meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Shands, seconded by Commissioner Mudge, to approve the March 9, 2020, Quarry Commission Regular Meeting Minutes. The Commission voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

b) Discussions/Reports/Updates

1. Review and discussion on the monthly Hanson Quarry blasting analysis data reported by Vibratex. 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 Reitinger, Vibra-Tech, presented and discussed the January blast analysis. He stated that 11 shots occurred during the month of January and none of the blasts exceeded the limits of Ordinance 34. He reported the highest PPV reading of 0.078 occurred on January 23rd at the Holly Residence and the highest Air Overpressure of 114 dB occurred on January 7th at the Holly Residence.

Nicholas Reitinger, Vibra-Tech, presented and discussed the February blast analysis. He stated that 11 shots occurred during the month of February and none of the blasts exceeded the limits of Ordinance 34. He reported the highest PPV reading of 0.145 occurred on February 25th at the Warden Residence and the highest Air

Overpressure of 111 dB occurred on February 18th at the Holly Residence and on February 28th at the Warden Residence.

Nicholas Reittinger, Vibra-Tech, presented and discussed the March blast analysis. He stated that 15 shots occurred during the month of March and none of the blasts exceeded the limits of Ordinance 34. He reported the highest PPV reading of 0.215 occurred on March 18th at the Holly Residence and the highest Air Overpressure of 116 dB occurred on March 6th and the 17th at the Holly Residence.

Nicholas Reittinger, Vibra-Tech, presented and discussed the April blast analysis. He stated that 16 shots occurred during the month of April and none of the blasts exceeded the limits of Ordinance 34. He reported the highest PPV reading of 0.2 occurred on April 7th at the Holly Residence and the highest Air Overpressure of 112 dB occurred on April 16th at the City Property Line.

Nicholas Reittinger, Vibra-Tech, presented and discussed the May blast analysis. He stated that 13 shots occurred during the month of May and none of the blasts exceeded the limits of Ordinance 34. He reported the highest PPV reading of 0.185 occurred on May 1st at the Warden Residence and on May 27th at the Holly Residence. He reported the highest Air Overpressure of 113 dB occurred on May 18th at the Warden Residence.

Nicholas Reittinger, Vibra-Tech, presented and discussed the June blast analysis. He stated that 11 shots occurred during the month of June and none of the blasts exceeded the limits of Ordinance 34. He reported the highest PPV reading of 0.173 occurred on June 5th at the Warden Residence and the highest Air Overpressure of 120 dB occurred on June 22nd at the Warden Residence.

Nicholas Reittinger, Vibra-Tech, presented and discussed the July blast analysis. He stated that 10 shots occurred during the month of July and none of the blasts exceeded the limits of Ordinance 34. He reported the highest PPV reading of 0.175 occurred on July 20th at the Warden Residence and the highest Air Overpressure of 120 dB occurred on July 20th at the Warden Residence.

Nicholas Reittinger, Vibra-Tech, presented and discussed the August blast analysis. He stated that 11 shots occurred during the month of August and none of the blasts exceeded the limits of Ordinance 34. He reported the highest PPV reading of 0.148 occurred on August 26th at the Warden Residence and the highest Air Overpressure of 119 dB occurred on August 5th at the Warden Residence.

Councilmember Lantzy spoke regarding truck traffic near the Quarry and Pat Pieton, Lehigh Hanson, addressed questions regarding truck traffic.

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

Nicholas Reittinger, Vibra-Tech, spoke regarding the 52 citizen blast reports received from March through August. He answered questions from the Commission and stated the siren horn at Hanson Quarry did not work for several months. Pat Pieton, Lehigh Hanson, stated the siren horn has been replaced with a siren whistle, which goes off 30 seconds before the blast and goes off 3 times for an all clear.

3. 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 Baker residence.

The Commission discussed moving the roving monitor to places recommended by Vibra-Tech. The Commission agreed to leave the roving monitor at the Baker residence. Nicholas Reittinger, Vibra-Tech, spoke regarding possible locations for the roving monitor. Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated the Commission may agree by consensus for relocation of the roving monitor without requiring a meeting.

The Commission agreed by consensus for the City Administrator to contact Vibra-Tech with a new location for the roving monitor provided by the Chair.

4. Items applicable to the Quarry Commission discussed at the May, June, July, August, and September City Council Regular Meetings.

Chair Holly provided the Commission with an update on the items discussed at the May, June, July, August, and September City Council Regular Meetings.

5. Update on Grapevine articles.

The Commission had none at this time.

c) Recommendations

1. Request from Buckley Powder Co., for a Partial Exemption Permit to conduct blasting activities at the Hanson Quarry for the period of October 1, 2020-September 30, 2021.

i. Review request and make recommendation to City Council.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, presented the Partial Exemption Permit submitted by Buckley Powder Co.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Mudge, seconded by Vice-Chair Barucky, to recommend to City Council to approve the request from Buckley Powder Co., for a Partial Exemption Permit to conduct blasting activities at the Hanson Quarry for the period of October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021. The Commission voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Ordinance No. 210-022018 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge adopting board and commission policy and procedures; providing that this Ordinance shall be cumulative of all Ordinances; providing a severability clause; providing a savings clause; and providing an effective date.

i. Update on former Commissioner DuBois's resignation.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, updated the Commission on former Commissioner DuBois's resignation.

ii. Interview possible candidates for the Quarry Commission Place 7 vacancy (term expiring September 30, 2022).

iii. Make recommendation to City Council for appointment of Commissioner.

Chair Holly stated the candidate slated to be interviewed could not attend the meeting due to a family emergency.

iv. Discuss expiring terms (September 30, 2020) of Commissioner Holly and Commissioner Barucky.

The Commission reviewed the expiring terms of Commissioner Holly and Commissioner Barucky. Commissioner Holly and Barucky indicated they both wish to continue to serve the City on the Commission. The Commission discussed the Terms of Office detailed in Ordinance No. 210 as it relates to Commissioner Holly. Nancy Cain, City Administrator, spoke regarding the possible good cause exception in Ordinance No. 210 to extend Commissioner Holly's term.

v. Make recommendation to City Council.

Motion: A motion was made by Vice-Chair Barucky, seconded by Commissioner Shands, to recommend to City Council the reappointment of Commissioner Holly to serve an additional two (2) year term on the Quarry Commission with term expiring September 30, 2022, for good cause exception provided for in Ordinance No. 210 due to lack of candidates. The Commission voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Mudge, seconded by Commissioner Haddad, to recommend to City Council the reappointment of Commissioner Barucky to serve an additional two (2) year term on the Quarry Commission with term expiring September 30, 2022. The Commission voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

vi. Discuss and make recommendations related to application of ordinance provisions to commission members, if needed.

Commissioner Haddad spoke regarding submitting his resignation. Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated City Council agreed by consensus to waive the requirement of Commissioners attending at least two (2) City Council regular meetings during each calendar year during the COVID-19 health emergency.

d) Education/Training

1. Discuss “Blasting Educational Materials” with Vibratech, Hanson representatives, blasting contractors, and the public.

Nicholas Reittinger, Vibra-Tech, presented an updated “Blasting Education Materials” and answered questions from the Commission.

2. Discuss future education/training sessions.

Pat Pieton, Lehigh Hanson, spoke regarding various outreach techniques for residents and answered questions from the Commission. He requested a secondary method of contact to City Hall for blast warnings.

e) Future Agenda Items

1. Commissioners input for items on upcoming agendas.

Chair Holly requested the interview for the Quarry Commission Place 7 vacancy (term expiring September 30, 2022).

2. Announcement of next Quarry Commission Regular Meeting.

Chair Holly announced the next Quarry Commission Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, November 9, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

6. Citizen Comment Period: No one wished to speak.


7. Adjournment

Motion: A motion was made by Vice-Chair Barucky, seconded by Commissioner Mudge, to adjourn. The Commission voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously. There being no further business, the Monday, September 14, 2020, Quarry Commission Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m. by Chair Holly.

ATTEST:



Kat Balbi
Assistant City Secretary



Johnell Holly
Chair