

Local Park Grant application and was motioned for approval by Pendleton and seconded by Rogers.

Motion Approved: 4-0

3. Consider and approve Ordinance 09132021-2 Levying a property tax rate of \$0.5959 for the City of Edgewood 2021/2022 budget year. Rogers made the motion to approve lowering the tax rate from \$0.6546 down to \$0.5959 and was seconded by Smith.

Motion Approved: 4-0

4. Consider and approve Budget Ordinance No. 09132021-1 adopting the proposed budget for the City of Edgewood 2021/2022 budget year. Pendleton motioned to approved the proposed budget and was seconded by Smith.

Motion Approved: 4-0

5. Consider and approve the Edgewood Economical Development Corporation's proposed budget for the 2021/2022 budget year. Rogers motioned to approve as presented and was seconded by Smith.

Motion Approved: 4-0

6. Consider and approve a contract with OpenGov for the Municipal Court's reporting software. The current system, LT Systems, was bought out by OpenGov. Pendleton motioned to sign the contract and was seconded by Goggans.

Motion Approved: 4-0

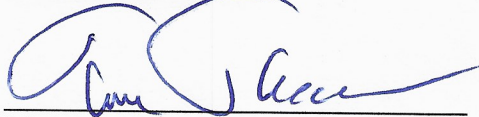
7. Consider and approve a City Wide Clean Up to be held the first full week of October (October 4-9, Mon-Sat). Rogers motioned to approve and was seconded by Smith.

Motion Approved: 4-0

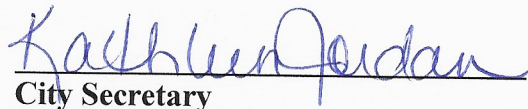
Departmental reports were given by Chief Hammonds and Secretary Jordan.

Upon a motion made by council members Smith and Rogers, the council voted to adjourn the Edgewood City Council meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Motion Carried 4-0



Mayor



City Secretary

September 13, 2021 at 6:30pm

Edgewood City Council met in a regular meeting.

Council members present were Jack Pendleton, Inez Goggans, Keith Rogers, and Ruby Smith; Steve Steadham as Mayor, and Kathleen Jordan as City Secretary were present. Councilman Louis Dunn and Petra Marley as City Administrator were absent. Prayer was led by Councilman Jack Pendleton and pledge was led by Councilwoman Ruby Smith.

Guests: Pastor David McGlocklin, Andy Reese, Officer Russell Prather, Kody Thompson, Janet Morris, Cody Wilcoxson, and Precinct 1 Commissioner Chad LaPrade.

Consent Agenda:

Upon a motion made by council members Smith and Rogers, the council voted to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the August 9, 2021 minutes, and paying of the expenses.

Motion Carried 4-0

Open Forum/Citizen Comments:

There were several guests in attendance to voice the importance of the Edgewood City Lake Park. Guest Kody Thompson addressed the council as well as provided a written letter of the statement he presented to the council (Included with minutes). Mr Thompson is a lifelong resident and was an avid frequenter of the lake during all of his youth. He explained in great detail the benefit of the lake to the community, the youth and families in general. Please see the attached letter addressing the council. Janet Morris also addressed the council regarding the Edgewood City Lake Park. She moved here nearly 15 years ago and took her son often. They enjoyed that time as a family up until the park was closed. She also expressed her belief that it would be a great tool helping keep children out of trouble. She also suggested that it could be made available to the school for potential league practice and use. Ms Morris even offered her assistance just to see it open again. The final citizen to address council was Cody Wilcoxson, the Edgewood ISD Ag teacher. Mr. Wilcoxson is a lifelong resident and dedicated community servant. He recounted stories of his youth going duck hunting and fishing with his family. He feels like the City Lake Park would be highly utilized by the school children and would support a school sponsored fishing league as there are always children fishing in the small un-stocked tank on the school property. Currently there is no fishing league due to not having resources in town and all students currently going to Grand Saline to participate. Mr. Wilcoxson also reiterated the positive impact for the City businesses, sales tax and an overall sense of community. He finished addressing the council saying, "This is a great place where memories are made."

New Business:

1. Consider and approve a Resolution Authorizing the Application for the Local Park Grant Program through Texas Parks & Wildlife. Rogers motioned to approve authorizing the application in regards to the City Lake Park and was seconded by Smith.

Motion Approved: 4-0

2. Consider and approve Ordinance 09132021-3 prohibiting drilling and mining or the reopening of any abandoned well or mine in any public park located within or owned by the city of Edgewood, TX. This ordinance is in direct relation to the

Kody Thompson - Addressing Council during Open Forum / Citizen Comments - 9-13-2021

Ladies and gentlemen, thank you for your time and the opportunity to speak this evening.

I'm here to address the topic of reopening the Edgewood City lake to the public.

As an avid outdoorsman and family man, the reopening of the lake is a great topic of importance to me.

The advantages of having a small city lake open to the public are numerous and include benefits to the community, outdoorsmen, youth, and local families.

How public parks benefit the community.

1. With a local clean area to go, families time spent in the outdoors will be encouraged
2. In bringing others in to the area, the city and local business will prosper from the money spent locally
3. Helps keep the kids off the streets, while providing activities they are not used to having

How public parks enhance the community's marketability.

1. With families moving into the area from other areas that have parks, a local clean park will be attractive to them
2. Home purchasing and building market is at an all time high right now. A public park will increase the property values, by reaching out to buyers who are looking for areas to walk and enjoy the outdoors.
3. Helps bring in the Retiree families, who will stay and spend money locally
4. Provides accessible place to enjoy nature

How fishing, hunting and swimming benefit families in the community.

1. Physical and Psychological health
2. Reduces stress
3. Better health in later years
4. Encourages family time
5. Kids to have activities rather than be in trouble

Being from a small, rural town, having the ability to enjoy the pleasures of fishing and swimming is something only possible for most families, through the use of a public lake. With fishing being such a large part of my growing up years, I know what a positive impact it had on me personally. Fishing provided me an academic scholarship, along with knowledge I still use today. The love of outdoors, encouraged bonding time with my dad and brother. Also, having a local swimming area is always so nice in the hot Texas summers. Making these activities available to the City of Edgewood would help grow the connections for families and friends and positivity impact the youth of the community.