

MINUTES OF A REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 10, 2018- 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN THE RUHMAN C. FRANKLIN MUNICIPAL BUILDING
303 W. MAIN ST., KENEDY, TX. 78119

MEMBERS PRESENT: RANDY GARZA (MAYOR), ALBERTO BALDARRAMOS (DISTRICT 1), FELIPE LEAL (DISTRICT 2), BRANDON BRIONES (DISTRICT 3), MAGGIE GONZALES (DISTRICT 4), GARY RICHARDS (DISTRICT 5)
CITY PRESENT: BARBARA SHAW (CITY MANAGER), AMANDA HINES (CITY SECRETARY), JOHNNY RODRIGUEZ (PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR), DUANE DUBOSE (POLICE CHIEF)

1. Call meeting to order and announce a quorum is present. Mayor Garza

Mayor Randy Garza called the meeting to order and announced a quorum present at 6:00 P.M.

2. Prayer.

3. Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Public Comments

No one spoke under this agenda item.

5. Consider/Act on the Consent Agenda:

- A. Airport Board Report**
- B. Animal Control Report**
- C. Attorney Report**
- D. Board of Adjustments Report**
- E. Building Standards Commission Report**
- F. Chamber of Commerce Report**
- G. City Council Minutes**
- H. Community Development Report**
- I. Emergency Management Report**
- J. Financial Report**
- K. Fire Department Report**
- L. Kenedy 4B Corporation Report**
- M. Municipal Court Report**
- N. Parks & Recreation Report**
- O. Planning & Zoning Report**
- P. Police Department Report**
- Q. Street Department Report**
- R. TIRZ No. 2 Report**
- S. Water & Wastewater Report**

Brandon Briones made a motion to pull Item Q, Street Department Report, from the Consent Agenda. Felipe Leal seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Felipe Leal made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Alberto Baldarramos seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Brandon Briones asked Public Works Director, Johnny Rodriguez, if the Snocum Street Project has been completed. Johnny Rodriguez stated the contractors have not yet completed the project, the driveways still need to be paved.

6. **Consider and possible action on acceptance of the City of Kenedy's 2017 Annual Financial Report prepared by Beyer & Company, CPA's. Wayne Beyer, CPA/Barbara**

Wayne Beyer asked Council if they had any questions for him regarding the City of Kenedy's 2017 Annual Financial Report. Council did not have any questions for Mr. Beyer.

Felipe Leal made a motion to approve the acceptance of the City of Kenedy's 2017 Annual Financial Report prepared by Beyer & Company, CPA's. Gary Richards seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

7. **Consider and possible action in regard to Ordinance 18-5 and Ordinance Adopting Unanimous Settlement Agreement, Setting Rates and Establishing Tariffs for the Provision of Natural Gas Service by Centerpoint Energy Resources Corp., D/B/A Centerpoint Energy Entex and Centerpoint Energy Texas Gas Company within the City of Kenedy, Declaring this Ordinance to be a Final Determination of Rates; Requiring Acceptance by Centerpoint Energy Resources Corp., D/B/A Centerpoint Energy Entex and Centerpoint Energy Texas Gas Company of the Rates Prescribed Herein; and Establishing an Effective Date. Barbara/Thomas Brocato**

City Manager Barbara Shaw stated Ordinance 18-5 will go into effect April 30, 2018.

Gary Richards made a motion to approve Ordinance 18-5 and Ordinance Adopting Unanimous Settlement Agreement, Setting Rates and Establishing Tariffs for the Provision of Natural Gas Service by Centerpoint Energy Resources Corp., D/B/A Centerpoint Energy Entex and Centerpoint Energy Texas Gas Company within the City of Kenedy, Declaring this Ordinance to be a Final Determination of Rates; Requiring Acceptance by Centerpoint Energy Resources Corp., D/B/A Centerpoint Energy Entex and Centerpoint Energy Texas Gas Company of the Rates Prescribed Herein; and Establishing an Effective Date. Brandon Briones seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

8. Consider and possible action to re-appoint Lucille Matthews and Glenna May to the Parks and Recreation Board for a three (3) year term effective January 1, 2018 to January 1, 2021. Mayor Garza

Mayor Randy Garza requested Council approve the re-appointment of Lucille Matthews and Glenna May to the Parks and Recreation Board. Mayor Garza stated the ladies take on many projects and are usually done in a timely manner.

Alberto Baldarramos asked if a new member can be elected to the Parks and Recreation Board. Mayor Garza stated there are three new members on the Board.

Felipe Leal made a motion to re-appoint Lucille Matthews and Glenna May to the Parks and Recreation Board for a three (3) year term effective January 1, 2018 to January 1, 2021. Maggie Gonzales seconded the motion. Felipe Leal and Gary Richards voted in favor. Alberto Baldarramos voted in opposition.

9. City Manager's Report

- Update in regard to Community Development Director – Welcome Jaime Albiar.
- Update on Exxon located on Hwy. 181.
- Update on proposed date to meet with residents of Nottingham Lane-April 16, 2018 at 6:00 PM at the Park Pavilion. Hanson staff will be available to answer questions and discuss proposed plans.
- City of Kenedy's Annual Spring Clean Earth Day is Saturday, April 21, 2018.
- New hours of operation for the City of Kenedy's Bulk Collection Station.
- Compliments to David Mendoza and Park Staff from area schools/individuals during ball games at Joe Gulley Park.

City Manager Barbara Shaw stated Lanny Holland has resigned and has promoted Jaime Albiar to the administrative role. Jaime has stepped in and done an excellent job. Jaime was highly recommended and is highly qualified.

Alberto Baldarramos asked if the position was offered to other employees and if it was posted in the local newspaper. City Manager Barbara Shaw stated it was announced at an employee luncheon and Jaime was the only employee interested. She stated it was not posted in the newspaper. City of Kenedy's policy states to hire within before offering the position to the public.

City Manager Barbara Shaw stated the canopy at the Exxon located on Hwy 181 was hanging and has been pulled down.

City Manager Barbara Shaw announced City Officials and Hanson Engineering staff will meet with residents of Nottingham Lane on April 16, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. at the Park Pavilion to discuss proposed plans and answer any questions.

City Manager Barbara Shaw announced the Annual Spring Clean Earth Day will be Saturday, April 21, 2018 at 201 School Street. Tires and batteries will not be accepted

The City of Kenedy's Bulk Collection Station hours of operations has changed. Residents wishing to use the collection station must present a recent water bill.

An out of town coach called City Manager Shaw and complimented the fields and park. Mrs. Shaw stated she has received numerous compliments about the park.

10. Water Workshop (all aspects and needs of Kenedy Water Related Issues may be discussed).

- A. Water Leak Forgiveness Ordinance.**
- B. Locating Land for Water Resources in the Carrizo Aquifer.**
- C. Possible Water Partner(s).**

A) Brandon Briones made a motion to take the Water Leak Forgiveness Ordinance off the table. Gary Richards seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Mayor Randy Garza stated the Ordinance needs to be simple and keep in consideration when a customer has a leak outside the home and the water not draining into the sewer system. City Manager Barbara Shaw stated customers will not be charged for sewer services not received.

Mayor Garza asked if the water payment plans may be extended. City Manager Shaw stated the City will work with customers to set up a payment plan that works best for them.

Gary Richards asked what the current policy in place is. City Manager Barbara Shaw stated sewer adjustments are given and payment plans offered.

Mayor Randy Garza advised the same concern was presented to Council a couple of years ago and Council voted on leaving the decision at the City Manager's discretion.

Felipe Leal asked if the landlords will be the one to receive the large water bills. City Manager Shaw stated that a rental agreement must be presented when opening a water account.

Alberto Baldarramos stated he would like for Inside and Outside, Residential and Commercial accounts to benefit from the Water Leak Forgiveness Ordinance. City Manager Barbara Shaw stated it would be for Council to decide.

Felipe Leal requested if different options of the Ordinance can be presented at the next Council meeting for them to choose.

B) City Manager Barbara Shaw requested Council give her the ability to start negotiations to secure land for water resources in the Carrizo Aquifer. She stated the City of Kenedy will need at least two wells, possibly three, if the City of Kenedy continues to expand. City Manager Shaw clarified El Oso does not have water lines to John B Connally Unit.

Mayor Randy Garza asked for a rough estimate to go to the Carrizo Aquifer. City Manager Barbara Shaw stated it would cost between \$16 million to \$18 million.

Felipe Leal stated the former city manager quoted between \$24 million to \$25 million. City Manager Shaw stated that pricing was for 24-inch pipe.

C) City Manager Barbara Shaw stated she would like to be put on El Oso's next agenda or visit with them to discuss the possibility of partnering with them.

11. Consideration and possible action in regard to Water Workshop item(s).

A. Water Leak Forgiveness Ordinances.

B. Locating Land and Entering into Negotiations for Water Resources in the Carrizo Aquifer.

C. Possible Water Partner(s).

A) Brandon Briones made a motion to table Water Leak Forgiveness Ordinance to the next meeting, to choose the best Ordinance for the City of Kenedy. Alberto Baldarramos seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

B) Gary Richards made a motion giving City manager Barbara Shaw negotiating power to secure land in the Carrizo Aquifer. Maggie Gonzales seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

C) Brandon Briones made a motion authorizing City Manager Barbara Shaw to gain insight on possible water partners. Maggie Gonzales seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

12. Adjourn

Felipe Leal made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gary Richards seconded the motion. All voted in favor.



Randy Garza, Mayor



Amanda Hines, City Secretary