

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 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), LANNY HOLLAND (BUILDING OFFICIAL)

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

Mayor Randy Garza called the meeting to order and announced a quorum present at 6:01 P.M.

2. Public Comments.

No one spoke under this agenda item.

3. 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**

Felipe Leal made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Brandon Briones seconded the motion. All in favor.

Maggie Gonzales made a motion to pull item S, Water & Wastewater Report. Felipe Leal seconded the motion. All in favor.

Brandon Briones made a motion to pull item P, Police Department Report. Felipe Leal seconded the motion. All in favor.

Maggie Gonzales asked City Manager Barbara Shaw for an update on the Water & Wastewater plants. Barbara Shaw stated the City of Kenedy will receive an enforcement from TCEQ at the Wastewater Plant. Once more information is available, she will give Council a detailed update.

Brandon Briones commended the Kenedy Police Department staff on traffic citations downtown. He thanked Chief Dubose and told him for the KPD to keep up the great work.

4. Consider and act on the following for the May 5, 2018 General Election

- a. **Calling for the General Election for Mayor and Districts No. 2, 4, Special Election for District 5**
- b. **Ordering the General Election for Mayor and Districts No. 2, 4, Special Election for District 5**
- c. **City Hall to remain open April 30, 2018 and May 1, 2018 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for Early Voting**

Felipe Leal made a motion to approve items a, b, & c for the May 5, 2018 General Election. Gary Richards seconded the motion. All in favor.

5. Discussion to provide direction in determining necessary steps and City liabilities for code enforcement application for substandard housing. Lanny

Building Official Lanny Holland stated he has received public complaints and concerns about structures that are being occupied due to current living conditions. Mr. Holland stated if action was taken by the City of Kenedy, it would cause controversy and the City would be responsible to provide housing for these individuals. Mr. Holland also stated he follows the state guidelines in these matters. Mayor Randy Garza asked if the information is being passed on about the City's obligation to provide housing. Mr. Holland stated yes, it is, it is a costly and delicate issue. Mayor Randy Garza asked if Mr. Holland has heard of other municipalities that have done this? Mr. Holland stated the attorney could provide that information. Gary Richards asked how the City gets access to the property if the owner declines. Mr. Holland stated a search warrant is obtained. Mayor Randy Garza directed Lanny to work with City Attorney Megan Santee to create an ordinance.

6. Consider and possible action, after public hearing, on a request from First Baptist Church to close the 500 block of Aransas Street so that it may fully develop adjacent property. This closure shall result in the petitioner, First Baptist Church, being deeded all properties adjacent to and abutting First Baptist Church properties

along the 500 Block of Aransas Street in the Kenedy Original Addition; Blocks 44 & 55; Lots 3 & 1 respectively. Lanny

Building Official Lanny Holland stated Mr. Bobby Alexander has provided plans for the First Baptist Church to the City of Kenedy. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended for Council to approve the closure and abandonment of the property. Mr. Holland stated the First Baptist Church will need a petition signed by all property owners. City Manager Barbara Shaw informed Mr. Alexander a survey will need to be turned in with the signed petition.

Felipe Leal made a motion to close the public hearing. Brandon Briones seconded the motion. All in favor. Public Hearing was closed at 6:32 P.M.

Felipe Leal made a motion to approve Building Official Lanny Holland to move forward with the First Baptist Church. Albert Baldarramos seconded the motion. All in favor.

7. Consider and possible action, after public hearing, on a request from City of Kenedy Parks & Recreation Commission to close the platted Brentwood Drive from Bellaire Boulevard intersection on the East to the entrance of the Kenedy Convention Center on the West. Lanny

Mayor Randy Garza stated the Parks and Recreation Commission had originally requested the closure. The Planning and Zoning Commission did not recommend the approval of the closure. Mayor Garza wants to come up with something that will work for the citizens and property owners. Gary Richards expressed his concern of the ordinance violations resulting from the closure of the street. Mayor Garza stated the Parks Board did agree to negotiate with property owners to obtain land.

Randy Garza opened the public hearing at 6:36 P.M.

Angie Castillo, a resident of Nottingham Drive, is concerned with the development of the Kenedy Convention Center. Mrs. Castillo request that everyone in the area receive a notice of a meeting anytime this topic will be addressed. She also requests that all questions concerning this matter be answered. Mrs. Castillo stated she would like the City of Kenedy to provide information in case of a natural disaster. Mayor Garza stated the drainage will remain the same, no matter where the Convention Center is built.

Pat Sanchez, a resident of Nottingham Drive, is concerned with the rain and flooding. Mrs. Sanchez stated flooding has increased since Nottingham Drive has opened on the other end. City Manager Barbara Shaw stated she will have engineers look into the problems associated with the flooding.

David Morgan asked if a rain collection system for irrigation has been considered. Building Official Lanny Holland stated he has been looking into it.

Felipe Leal made a motion to close the public hearing. Gary Richards seconded the motion. All in favor. Public Hearing closed at 6:53 P.M.

8. **Consider and possible action, after public hearing, on a request from City of Kenedy Parks & Recreation Commission to close the platted Brentwood Drive from FM 2102 to the West entrance of the Kenedy Convention Center and establish a 40 foot right of way to be used as a drive way entrance. Lanny**

Building Official Lanny Holland stated the Planning & Zoning Commission did not recommend to approve the closure of the street due to the violation of the ordinance.

Brandon Briones made a motion to open the public hearing. Albert Baldarramos seconded the motion. All in favor. Public Hearing open at 6:55 P.M.

Angie Castillo asked if this item will come up at a future meeting. Mayor Garza answered, no. Lanny explained it is a part of a process that has to be followed.

Gary Richards made a motion to close the public hearing. Brandon Briones seconded the motion. All in favor. Public Hearing closed at 6:56 P.M.

9. **Adjourn**

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 P.M.



Randy Garza, Mayor



Amanda Hines, City Secretary