

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 22, 2019- 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN THE RUHMAN C. FRANKLIN MUNICIPAL BUILDING
303 W. MAIN ST., KENEDY, TX. 78119**

**MEMBERS PRESENT: JAMES D SUTTON (MAYOR), ALBERTO BALDARRAMOS (DISTRICT 1), BRENDA CANO (DISTRICT 2), BRANDON BRIONES (DISTRICT 3), JUSTIN MEYER (DISTRICT 4), LESLIE WYNN (DISTRICT 5)
CITY PRESENT: BARBARA SHAW (CITY MANAGER), AMANDA HINES (CITY SECRETARY)**

1. Call Meeting to order and announce a quorum is present.

Mayor James D Sutton called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M and announced a quorum present.

2. Roll Call.

3. Prayer.

4. Pledge of Allegiance.

5. CLOSED SESSION:

Pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, the City of Kenedy will consult in Closed Session with its attorney and to receive legal advice regarding pending or contemplated litigation, a settlement offer, or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act to wit:

- a) Country Village Apts. v. CO Kenedy**
- b) Forensic Audit of commercial multi-user water accounts**

Councilor Brandon Briones made a motion go convene into Closed Session. Councilor Leslie Wynn seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Council convened into Closed Session at 6:02 P.M.

6. OPEN SESSION:

The City Council will reconvene in Open Session at which time action on the matter discussed in closed session may be considered.

- a) Country Village Apts. v. CO Kenedy**
- b) Forensic Audit of commercial multi-user water accounts**

Councilor reconvened into Open Session at 6:51 P.M.

- a) Councilor Justin Meyer made a motion to direct attorneys to continue in same direction. Councilor Leslie Wynn seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

- b) Councilor Leslie Wynn made a motion to take no action. Councilor Brenda Cano seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

7. Update on Personnel Policies and Procedures.

Mayor James D Sutton stated there are people living in fear due to rumors being spread about the City of Kenedy. The City has answers and they need to be given. The City Council is not controlled by the Mayor or City Manager.

Councilor Brenda Cano stated all employees are at will employees.

City Manager Barbara Shaw stated she and City Secretary Amanda Hines sat with all employees in the Water/Sewer Department and no one had any complaints or concerns.

Councilor Brandon Briones asked if all employees were aware of the policies and procedures. City Manager Barbara Shaw stated all employees have signed off stating they have read and understand the City Policy.

8. Consideration and possible direction to staff in regard to the Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church Project.

Councilor Leslie Wynn made a motion to open item 8 for discussion. Councilor Alberto Baldarramos seconded the motion.

Community Development Officer Jaime Albiar stated Lanny Holland, prior Building Official, was inspecting the project as it went along. Jaime took over the project in 2018 and stated what has been built to date will be accepted by the City of Kenedy. Bureau Veritas will perform all inspections from this point on. The Catholic Church has been working on this project since January 2016. The building must have a fire suppression system due to the building being over 5,000 square feet, according to the 2012 Building Code.

No action taken.

9. Consideration and possible action to appoint an Emergency Management Director/Coordinator.

Shelby Dupnik stated the City of Kenedy needs representation to be in compliance. The conference for emergency management will be April 17-19, 2019.

Councilor Leslie Wynn made a motion to appoint Police Chief Rick Ashe as the Emergency Management Director/Coordinator for the City of Kenedy. Councilor Brandon Briones seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

10. Consideration and possible action to appoint an Assistant Emergency Management Director/Coordinator.

Councilor Brandon Briones made a motion to table item 10. Councilor Alberto Baldarramos seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

11. Update on the East Main Drainage Project.

John with Hanson stated the gas lines have been completed. There will be a meeting with the City of Kenedy to find the depth of sewer lines and tie residents to the main line. He will then approach the contractor with a cost estimate for the addition of sewer lines.

12. Update on the Street and Culvert Repair Projects.

The street department has been properly trained on fixing potholes. The City has hired a contractor to assist in fixing potholes. New culverts are being installed around the City. Booe, Ruhmann, Russell, and Nueces streets will be receiving new sewer lines and then the roads will be paved.

13. Adjourn.

Councilor Leslie Wynn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Justin Meyer seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 P.M.



James D Sutton, Mayor



Amanda Hines, City Secretary