

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 9, 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 6:00 p.m.

2. Prayer.

3. Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Public Comments.

Joe Baker voiced his concerns with the water rates and City of Kenedy personnel.

Lajuana Kasprzyk invited City Council members to the rededication of the Karnes County Courthouse on April 7, 2018. Ms. Kasprzyk also stated her concerns for citizens during council meetings. She stated adequate seating was needed for all attendees. She presented pricing of a sound system to Council to review.

City Councilman Alberto Baldarramos stated City Council approved to lower the water rates at the previous meeting. He would like an explanation as to when the budget will be amended. He also questioned if the budget wasn't affected by the lowering of rates, why were water rates raised. Mr. Baldarramos requested the water rates be lowered to the rates before October 1, 2017.

David Morgan stated that in the City Council minutes dated for November 2015, LNV was contracted for water and sewer system improvements. Mr. Morgan hasn't seen any discussion from Council regarding this and would like to know the status.

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

Felipe Leal made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Gary Richards seconded the motion. Maggie Gonzales and Brandon Briones voted in favor. Alberto Baldarramos voted in opposition.

6. **Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution 18-1 for the purchase of 1.794 acres of land and the execution of an avigation easement for the Kenedy Regional Airport Automated Weather Observation System and authorizing the City Manager to execute and file any and all necessary documents. Barbara/Megan/Ron Hyde**

City Manager Barbara Shaw stated the total cost will be about \$60,000. TXDOT will cover 75% of the cost and the City of Kenedy will cover 25% of the cost. If approved, the final offer letter will be sent out to finish the process.

Gary Richards made a motion to approve Resolution 18-1 for the purchase of 1.794 acres of land and the execution of an avigation easement for the Kenedy Regional Airport Automated Weather Observation System and authorizing the City Manager to execute and file any and all necessary documents. Felipe Leal seconded the motion. All in favor.

7. **Consider and possible action on proposals to replace approximately 2,751 Linear Feet (LF) of a 6-inch water line main located at Houston Street. Barbara/Johnny**

Public Works Director Johnny Rodriguez stated the water line main is full of clamps and is one of the worst areas and will be replaced in sections.

Mayor Randy Garza asked the water line main was more to the right or left of the street. Mr. Rodriguez stated it is more to the middle of the road but will make sure the road is still accessible and will notify citizens ahead of time about the replacement of lines.

City Manager Barbara Shaw stated three proposals were received for the mentioned project. Mercer Construction for \$136,008.00, B&S Contracting Services LLC for \$137,075.00, and SLP Enterprises for \$135,710.00.

Felipe Leal made a motion to accept the proposal from SLP Enterprises for \$135,710.00 to replace approximately 2,751 linear feet (LF) of a 6-inch water line main located at Houston Street. Brandon Briones seconded the motion. All in favor.

8. Consider and possible action on proposals to replace approximately 1,120 LF of a 6-inch water line main, 40 LF of an 8-inch water line main located at East Main Street. Barbara/Johnny

City Manager Barbara Shaw explained to Council the water line main needs to be replaced before construction bids can go out for the drainage project. Mrs. Shaw stated two proposals were received for the mentioned project. SLP Enterprises in the amount of \$93,195.00 and B&S Contracting Services LLC for \$94,800.00.

Felipe Leal made a motion to accept the proposal from SLP Enterprises for \$93,195.00 to replace approximately 1,120 LF of a 6-inch water line main and 40 LF of an 8-inch water line main located at East Main Street. Maggie Gonzales seconded the motion. All in favor.

9. Discussion on the placement of additional traffic control and calming devices on Medina St. and Graham Rd. including but not limited to stop signs, speed humps, and other roadway signage in conformance with the Texas Transportation Code, Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) and the City's Code of Ordinances. Councilman Baldarramos/Chief DuBose/Barbara/Megan

Councilman Alberto Baldarramos stated he received emails from a concerned citizen about speeding vehicles and vehicles not stopping at stop signs in the neighborhood while children are outside playing. Mr. Baldarramos suggested the placement of a speed hump or stop sign.

Police Chief Dubose stated that 85% of traffic are following the speed limit, and the majority of those violating the speed limit or stop signs, are from the same neighborhood. Chief Dubose suggested doing additional studies on speeding vehicles in the area.

10. Discussion on ordinance amendment to City of Kenedy Code of Ordinances, Section 10 Animals to address "aggressive animals" in incidents of animals attacking or killing another animal. Chief DuBose/Barbara/Megan

Chief Dubose explained Section 10 addresses how to handle "aggressive animals" but not "vicious animals." He stated in previous situations, when a dog kills another animal there isn't a responsible owner. There have been two situations where a dog has killed another animal recently, and there is a responsible owner for the dog. Chief Dubose stated he would recommend adding a section in the ordinance to cover this type of situation.

11. Consider and possible action entering into an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between the City of Kenedy, Texas and the City of Runge, Texas relating to the provision of

animal services assistance for the collection, transportation and housing of stray and/or abandoned animals. Chief DuBose/Barbara/Megan

Chief Dubose stated Mayor Lott has requested assistance from the City of Kenedy. Runge is wanting to make changes to the Interlocal Agreement, therefore, will be tabled to next meeting. Chief Dubose explained City of Kenedy is only responsible for the housing. Runge employees will be responsible for capturing.

12. Consider and possible action for the Mayor and Council Members to execute a letter supporting the Escondido Creek Parkway in applying for a grant through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD). Barbara/Gaylon

City Manager Barbara Shaw stated Gaylon Oehlke, has requested on behalf of the Escondido Creek Parkway, a letter of support for a grant application to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Brandon Briones made a motion to execute a letter supporting the Escondido Creek Parkway in applying for a grant through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD). Albert Baldarramos seconded the motion. All in favor.

13. City Manager's Report

-Update from AZB Engineering TCEQ Water Pressure Violation

-Update from Congressman Vicente Gonzalez's Office

City Manager Barbara Shaw stated a formal submittal of plan sheets and ROW Permit will be made to the TxDOT Corpus Christi office for approval. The final approval may be received from TCEQ and TxDOT Corpus Christi by February or March 2018.

A representative from Congressman Gonzalez's office came by City Hall and advised that federal funding for the fire department may soon be available.

14. Adjourn

Felipe Leal made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brandon Briones seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 P.M.



Randy Garza, Mayor



Amanda Hines, City Secretary

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