

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 13, 2018- 6:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN THE RUHMAN C. FRANKLIN MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
303 W. MAIN ST., KENEDY, TX. 78119**

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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 Workshop to order.**

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. Citizen Comment.**

Rebecca Diaz, a citizen of Kenedy, stated the problem of the water wells outside the city limits is not the problem of the tax payers. New council members and mayor were elected to tend to major issues in Kenedy.

Joe Baker expressed his concerns with the water & water wells on FM 743.

**6. 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**

Consent Agenda items received as of posting of agenda: B, G, H, J, P, Q, R, and S.

Councilor Brandon Briones made a motion to pull item "P". Councilor Leslie Wynn seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Councilor Brandon Briones made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilor Leslie Wynn seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Councilor Brandon Briones asked Chief Bratton how the morale is at the Kenedy Police Department. He also asked for the police officers to please patrol the town evenly; without preference to a certain part of town.

Chief Bratton stated the morale is high with the police officers. There is very little patrol time, but will let all the officers know.

**7. PUBLIC HEARING: to hear comments or questions regarding the request from the First Baptist Church to close the 500 block of Aransas Street.**

**Open Public Hearing**

**Close Public Hearing**

Mayor James Sutton opened the Public Hearing at 6:39 P.M.

Ron Hyde stated they are concerned for the children crossing the street to the bus barn and activity center.

Bobby Alexander stated they are wanting to close the 500 block of Aransas Street to build a baseball/soccer field for the children.

City Attorney Megan Santee stated approval from two property owners on the street is required.

Mayor James Sutton closed the Public Hearing at 6:48 P.M.

**8. Consideration and possible action on a request from the First Baptist Church to close the 500 block of Aransas Street, so that the church may fully develop adjacent property. This closure shall result in 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.**

Councilor Leslie Wynn made a motion to approve the request from the First Baptist Church to close the 500 block of Aransas Street, so that the church may fully develop adjacent property. This closure shall result in 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. pending confirmation of the two property owners. Property owner will be responsible for re-plat. Councilor Alberto Baldarramos seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

**9. Update of City of Kenedy projects with Hanson Professional Services.**

Grace Souder and Steve Synovitz with Hanson presented Council with an update on the current projects.

**10. Presentation and Discussion of 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Country Christmas in K-Town to be held on the first Saturday in December (December 1, 2018) Downtown Kenedy from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM.**

Christina Benavides informed Council of the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Country Christmas in K-Town. She stated there will be an artificial ice-skating rink, horse drawn carriage rides, hot chocolate, and smores available to the public at no cost.

**11. Discussion of water wells and the proposed Certificates of Convenience and Necessity (CCN).**

Councilor Leslie Wynn made a motion to open item 11 for discussion. Councilor Justin Meyer seconded the motion.

Tina Shearman expressed her concerns about water wells and water.

Maurice Yarder stated he has not experienced a shortage of water and hasn't had any issues with his wells.

No action taken.

**12. Update in regard to the Karnes County Humane Organization (KCHO).**

City Manager Barbara Shaw stated the KCHO has found land. No action taken.

**13. Consideration and possible action authorizing the City Manager to execute a Contract for Services with Artificial Ice Events LLC for an ice rink and related costs for the Special Projects Committee in the amount of \$6,966.44.**

Councilor Justin Meyers made a motion to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract for services with Artificial Ice Events LLC for an ice rink and related costs for the Special Projects Committee in the amount of \$6,966.44. Councilor Brenda Cano seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

**14. Consideration and possible action in regard to Resolution 18 – 12 a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Kenedy authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Bureau Veritas North American Inc., (BVNA) related to general consulting services for Code Enforcement.**

Councilor Brandon Briones made a motion to approve Resolution 18-12, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Kenedy authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Bureau Veritas North American Inc., (BVNA) related to general consulting services for Code Enforcement. Councilor Justin Meyer seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

**15. Consideration and possible action in regard to Resolution 18 – 13 a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Kenedy in Recognition and Profound Appreciation of the Distinguished Service by Juan S. Cruz, and the Naming of the new Kenedy Training Center to be Known as the Juan S. Cruz Municipal Training Center in Honor of his Service and Dedication to the City of Kenedy.**

Councilor Brandon Briones made a motion to open item 15 for discussion. Councilor Alberto Baldarramos seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

City Manager Barbara Shaw stated Juan has been with the City of Kenedy for 43 years. His first job was with the City of Kenedy. He was transferred to Viola when they took over the water for Kenedy and came back when Viola left. He is a mentor to the younger staff.

Councilor Leslie Wynn made a motion to approve Resolution 18-13, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Kenedy in Recognition and Profound Appreciation of the Distinguished Service by Juan S. Cruz, and the Naming of the new Kenedy Training Center to be Known as the Juan S. Cruz Municipal Training Center in Honor of his Service and Dedication to the City of Kenedy. Councilor Justin Meyer seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

**16. Consideration and possible action in regard to Ordinance 18 – 14 an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Kenedy Creating a Special Projects Committee, Defining Members, Appointment, Vacancies, Removal, Compensation, Term of Office, Organization, Rules and Bylaws, Powers and Duties.**

Councilor Leslie Wynn made a motion to approve Ordinance 18-14, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Kenedy Creating a Special Projects Committee, Defining Members, Appointment, Vacancies, Removal, Compensation, Term of Office, Organization, Rules and Bylaws, Powers and Duties. Councilor Brandon Briones seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

**17. Consideration and possible action in regard to former Kenedy Police Department building located at 221 West Main, Kenedy, Texas 78119.**

Councilor Brandon Briones made a motion to open item 17 for discussion. Councilor Alberto Baldarramos seconded the motion.

City Manager Barbara Shaw stated Mayor Sutton had ideas of a possible soup kitchen or homeless shelter.

Councilor Justin Meyer suggested the building be used as a public restroom during City events.

Councilor Leslie Wynn suggested an evaluation to see if the building is salvageable.

Councilor Justin Meyer made a motion authorizing Hanson to do an evaluation of the building located at 221 West Main Street.

**18. Consideration and possible action to award the bid for the Freeny Lift Station Emergency Generator Project.**

Councilor Brandon Briones made a motion to open item 18 for discussion. Councilor Leslie Wynn seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

City Manager Barbara Shaw stated 4 bids were received. Klecka Electric was the lowest bidder and recommended by Hanson.

Councilor Brandon Briones made a motion to award the bid for the Freeny Lift Station Emergency Generator Project in the amount of \$85,570. Councilor Alberto Baldarramos seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

**19. Consideration and possible action in regard to Ordinance 18 – 3 an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Kenedy Amending Chapter 18, Businesses, Article IV, Show, Exhibits, Circuses and Other Performances of the City of Kenedy Code of Ordinances; Providing for Severability and an Effective Date.**

Councilor Justin Meyer made a motion to approve Ordinance 18-3, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Kenedy Amending Chapter 18, Businesses, Article IV, Show, Exhibits, Circuses and Other Performances of the City of Kenedy Code of Ordinances; Providing for Severability and an Effective Date. Councilor Brenda Cano seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

**20. Consideration and possible action in regard to Resolution 18 – 14 a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Kenedy Approving the Special Events License Policy and License Application.**

Councilor Leslie Wynn made a motion to open item 20 for discussion. Councilor Brandon Briones seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

City Attorney Megan Santee explained the application to Council.

Councilor Leslie Wynn made a motion to approve Resolution 18-14, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Kenedy Approving the Special Events License Policy and License Application. Councilor Justin Meyer seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

**21. Consideration and possible action to accept a quote recommendation from the Kenedy Regional Airport Board for the T-Hangar remodel project from KMB Construction for an amount not to exceed \$115,000.00, and allow the City Manager to negotiate the contract.**

Councilor Brandon Briones made a motion to open item 21 for discussion. Councilor Alberto Baldarramos seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Councilor Justin Meyer asked if the funds would be taken out of the Capital Improvement Fund. City Manager Barbara Shaw confirmed they are.

Councilor Justin Meyer made a motion to accept a quote recommendation from the Kenedy Regional Airport Board for the T-Hangar remodel project from KMB Construction for an amount not to exceed \$115,000.00, and allow the City Manager to negotiate the contract. Councilor Leslie Wynn seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

**22. Consideration and possible action amending the contract with Texas Auditors, the firm selected to perform a forensic audit on multi-user accounts.**

Councilor Leslie Wynn made a motion to open item 22 for discussion. Councilor Alberto Baldarramos seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

City Attorney Megan Santee stated \$15,000 covered the apartment complex audits, recommends amending contract.

Councilor Leslie Wynn asked if the City has the information needed for the apartment complex audit. City Manager Barbara Shaw stated Texas Auditors needs to come speak with Council about results.

Councilor Leslie Wynn made a motion to approve additional funds for presentation from Texas Auditors at next council meeting, including travel expenses.

**23. Consideration and possible action in regard to the Contract for Hotel Occupancy Tax Expenditures.**

Councilor Leslie Wynn made a motion to open item 23 for discussion. Councilor Alberto Baldarramos seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Councilor Leslie Wynn made a motion to convene into executive session. Councilor Brenda Cano seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

CLOSED SESSION: In accordance with the Texas Government Code Sections 551.071, Consultation with Attorney, the Council shall convene into Executive Session.

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

Councilor Brandon Briones made a motion to reconvene into Open Session. Councilor Brenda Cano seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

No action taken.

**24. Consideration and possible action to set a date for a public hearing to solicit input on an application to the 2019-2020 Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) program.**

Councilor Leslie Wynn made a motion to open item 24 for discussion. Councilor Alberto Baldarramos seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

City Manager Barbara Shaw stated a date needed to be set for a public hearing, suggested November 28, 2018.

Councilor Justin Meyer made a motion to set the public hearing for November 28, 2018. Councilor Brenda Cano seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

**25. Consideration and possible action to authorize Mayor/City Manager to advertise a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for engineering services relating to the 2019-2020 TxCDBG program.**

Councilor Justin Meyer made a motion to authorize the mayor/city manager to advertise a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for engineering services relating to the 2019-2020 TxCDBG program. Councilor Brandon Briones seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

**26. Consideration and possible action to appoint a local Selection Review Committee for reviewing and evaluating the engineering services Statement of Qualifications (SOQs) for the TxCDBG.**

Councilor Leslie Wynn made a motion to re-appoint the current committee for reviewing and evaluating the engineering services Statement of Qualifications for the TxCDBG. Councilor Alberto Baldarramos seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

**27. City Manager's Report**  
**-Employee of the Month – Joel Mead**  
**-Airport Projects Update**

Phase II has begun. Bid Opening was November 1, 2018. The lowest bidder was Jordan Foster.

**-Booe and Nueces**

The water line has been completed.

**28. Adjourn**

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

Meeting adjourned.



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James D Sutton, Mayor



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Amanda Hines, City Secretary