

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
MARCH 30, 2021- 6:00 P.M.
CITY AUDITORIUM IN THE RUHMAN C. FRANKLIN MUNICIPAL BUILDING
303 W. MAIN ST., KENEDY, TX. 78119

MEMBERS PRESENT: JOE BAKER (MAYOR), CINDY SAENZ (DISTRICT 1), JOHN RODRIQUEZ (DISTRICT 2), BRANDON BRIONES (DISTRICT 3), JAMES DOUGLAS (DISTRICT 4), LESLIE WYNN (DISTRICT 5)
CITY PRESENT: WILLIAM LINN (CITY MANAGER), JUDY MURPHY, ALESSANDRA GAD (CITY ATTORNEY)

1. Call Workshop Meeting of City Council to order and announce a quorum is present.

Mayor Joe Baker called the meeting to order and announced a quorum was present at 6:04 P.M.

2. Roll Call.

All councilors were present.

3. Prayer.

4. Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Open Workshop for the purpose of discussing and modifying adopted Ordinance 21-04 c Creating and Establishing the Kenedy Fire Department as a Volunteer fire Department.

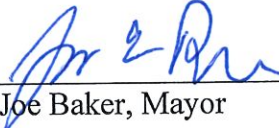
- City Manager Linn stated that this workshop will clarify the previously adopted ordinance which was adopted with an “as amended” clause.
- David Salas, a volunteer fireman handed out a previous proposed agreement from the City Manager and City Attorney. It was an agreement that council will need to adopt later.
- Councilor Douglas asked if the fireman had legal questions, could the City’s attorney represent them. He questioned Section 38.4 of the proposed ordinance 21-04c. Specifically, in question was if language needed to be added to respond to calls outside of Kenedy city limits. Alessandra Gad responded that yes there does need additional language in this section to state that is allowed. Fire Chief Bryan mentioned that they handle “zones” with other cities.
- Councilor Wynn inquired about what other areas of concern do the fireman have.
- Chief Bryan and the Assistant Chief inquired about Section 38.12 and asked if additional language could be added about previous years of service. The new ordinance will not adversely affect the years of service worked by the fireman.
- A question was raised about the ordinance caption. Ms. Gad said she just listed “boiler plate” language in the ordinance. She said additional words could be added in regard to a penalty on finding of fact.
- Mayor Baker questioned section 38.6 about the selection of officers. Councilors Rodriguez and Briones said council needs an updated list of officers. Councilor Douglas and Mayor Baker both pointed out that the council does not “approve” the list, but merely needs to have the list.

- Section 38.7 was discussed. The fireman do “rescue calls” but do not provide “medical services”. The ordinance needs to reflect that they “provide assistance with first aid” instead of saying provide “emergency medical service”.
- Section 38.5: Councilor Douglas questioned if all officers are certified. The word “shall” was questioned. All but two firemen are certified. Ordinance language needs to be adjusted to reflect training and working towards certification. Councilor Wynn asked the City’s attorney to tweak the language and add the word “encouraged” to be certified.
- Section 38.10: Bylaws should not be in conflict with any other City Ordinances. Mr. Salas gave the city attorney a copy of the fire department’s by-laws.
- Fire chief Bryan questioned the Chief’s truck. It was agreed to detail out the regulations in the agreement to be worked out at a later date in a separate meeting.
- Councilor Briones asked the City attorney about the “suspension of by-laws”.
- The assistant fire chief asked about section 38.8 in regards to a fireman also being a City employee.
- Councilor Wynn asked if there were any other needs or questions the fireman may have so Kenedy can go forward in a positive light. He stated Kenedy needs to grow our community and stop the negativity. Councilor Saenz echoed the need for cooperation among the fire department and the City. A final question was raised about utilizing the City owned lot on Craig Street.
- City Manager Mr. Linn stated that he appreciates all the work done by the fire department. Councilor Wynn thanked everyone for coming.


6. **Close Workshop.**

7. **Adjourn.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 P.M.



 Joe Baker, Mayor



 William Linn, City Manager

