

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
APRIL 27, 2021- 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN THE RUHMAN C. FRANKLIN MUNICIPAL BUILDING
303 W. MAIN ST., KENEDY, TX. 78119

MEMBERS PRESENT: JOE BAKER (MAYOR), CINDY SAENZ (DISTRICT 1), BRANDON BRIONES (DISTRICT 3), JAMES DOUGLAS (DISTRICT 4), LESLIE WYNN (DISTRICT 5)

MEMBERS ABSCENT: JOHN RODRIQUEZ (DISTRICT 2)

CITY PRESENT: WILLIAM LINN (CITY MANAGER), JUAN BRYAN (FIRE CHIEF), DUSTIN ARANDA (ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF), JUDY MURPHY, ALESSANDRA GAD (CITY ATTORNEY)

1. Call Workshop Meeting of City Council to order

Mayor Joe Baker called the meeting to order at 6:02p.m.

2. Call Roll and establish a quorum is present.

Mayor Baker called roll. All members were present except Councilor Johnny Rodriguez, District 2.

3. Prayer.

4. Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Open Workshop for the purpose of discussing and creating an agreement between the City of Kenedy and the Kenedy Volunteer Fire Department for firefighting, fire prevention, and fire protection services.

- City Manager Linn stated that now that Council approved an ordinance establishing the fire department as a Volunteer Fire Department, this workshop will clarify the previously drafted (but not adopted) agreement which was drew up by the City's former attorney, Mr. Ruiz.
- Boundaries that the fire department service was discussed.
- It was agreed that the agreement will automatically renew every five years unless specifically acted upon by either the City or the Volunteer Fire Department.
- Paragraph II of the draft agreement was discussed. The paragraph states "The City shall pay to the KVFD a sum to be determined by City Council". This will be changed to reflect that the City will allocate a budget to the KVFD vs. pay them a sum.
- It was stated that a paragraph regarding the Fire Chief's truck needs to be added to the agreement in paragraph VIII. The agreement needs to state that the chief can use the vehicle for practical purposes within certain parameters. Council agreed that it would be helpful for the Chief to have quicker access to respond to calls/emergencies if he did not have to make extra trips to retrieve the vehicle which will already have the necessary gear in it.
- A question was asked about the City Clerk doing paperwork at the fire department. City Manager Linn suggested the City's accountant do their accounting. It was mutually agreed that the Fire Department's accounting be handled in house at City Hall in the general ledger system already established for the City's books.
- Paragraph VI about insurance was questioned.

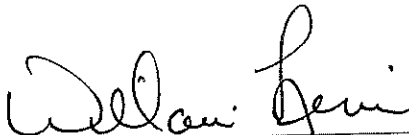
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- Paragraph VIII (5) about the KVFD's bylaws was discussed. The City's attorney, Ms. Gad stated that she is still reviewing them and she will make recommendations for any changes that may be necessary.
- Paragraph VIII (2) regarding training and travel and food reimbursements was discussed. City Manager Linn suggested they follow procedures already established by City policy. Council encouraged the fire department to be well trained and commended them for the training programs they have.
- Councilor Wynn inquired about if there were any other areas of concern or needs the fireman may have.

6. Close Workshop.

7. Adjourn.

Meeting was adjourned.



William Linn, City Manager



Joe Baker, Mayor

