



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 10, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.
CITY AUDITORIUM IN THE RUHMAN C. FRANKLIN MUNICIPAL BUILDING
303 W. MAIN ST., KENEDY, TX. 78119

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Joe Baker
Cindy Saenz, Mayor Pro-Tem, District 1
Christopher Parker, District 3
James Douglas-Meyer, District 4
Saundra Schultz, District 5

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Johnny Rodriguez, District 2

CITY PRESENT:

City Manager William Linn
City Secretary Ruby Beaven
Police Chief Richard Ashe
Director of Public Works Jerry Higgins
Director Parks & Streets Joe Hernandez, III
Building Official Jaime Albiar
Administrative Assistant Amy Desharnais

CITY ABSENT:

Opening Agenda

1. Call Regular City Council meeting to order.

The Regular Meeting of the City of Kenedy was called to order by Mayor Baker at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 10, 2021, in the City Auditorium in the Ruhman C. Franklin Municipal Building, 303 W. Main St. Kenedy, TX and video streaming via Facebook live.

2. Call Roll and establish a quorum is present.

With Council Members present a quorum was established.

3. Prayer to be led by Pastor Matt Singleton with First Baptist Church.

Pastor Matt Singleton with First Baptist Church led the prayer.

4. Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Baker led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

5. Citizen comment.

Suzanne Nunez, Parks & Recreation President, addressed the Council and stated during the Joint Kenedy 4B Corporation and Parks & Recreation Board Workshop meeting in July there was discussion to name the little league field. Nunez stated maybe we could get the citizens involved in naming the field.

6. Departmental Reports.

Public Works Director Report

Public Works Director Jerry Higgins addressed the Council to report the Public Works report. Provided a status update on TCEQ to include WWTP Phase 1. Provided a status update on current projects to include water wells 17 & 18, HWY 792 bridge, Kenedy Apartments, and water meter replacement. Provided training activities update.

Water and WWTP Summary: Water Produced 41.5 MG; Water Loss 3.0 MG / 7.95%; WWTP Flow 40.2 MG / Rain 12.0; Water Stage Restriction: Below State II

Police Chief Report

Chief Ashe addressed the council to report the Police Chief report. A new Animal Control Officer was hired. Animal Control division is currently operating with full staff members. The animal control report was given and there was a total of 34 service calls for July. The new Reserve Office has completed field training and can work shift on his own. The Police Department had 72 hours of training. The School Resource Officer has been patrolling the park but is headed back to the school when school starts again. National Night Out event will be held on October 05, 2021 at the Joe Gulley Park from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm.

Building Department & Code Compliance Reports

Building Official Jaime Albiar addressed the council to report the Building Department report and Code Compliance report. There was a total of sixty-seven (67) service calls for July. There was a total of thirteen (13) residential and commercial permits. There was a total of ten (10) residential and commercial inspections. The department remained active in the community and issued violations and warning letters for a total of ten (10). There were three (3) properties cleaned. There were two (2) commercial plan(s) submitted to Bureau Veritas for approval. One (1) lien(s) was filed this month.

Streets & Parks Director Report

Director Parks & Streets Joe Hernandez addressed the council to report the Streets and Parks reports.

The streets crew worked on hand patching/grading 15.1 cubic yards of Type D Asphalt, patching one hundred seventy-nine (179) pot holes using 46.8 cubic yards of Type D Asphalt and 5.1 cubic yards of Patch Pro Asphalt, worked on drainage using 68.3 cubic yards of base and fifteen (15) bags of cement, swept, and mowed/trimmed twenty-two (22) roadways and three (3) ally ways during the month. The crew repaired two (2) signs and installed eight (8) signs. Crews worked at the park patching and moving construction materials. In addition, the crew picked up ten (10) loads of brush, replaced twelve (12) trash carts, delivered three (3) additional carts, and nine (9) new carts. Crew sprayed for mosquitos and used eighteen (18) mosquito dunks.

The parks crew worked for seven (7) days dragging/sweeping, ten (10) days removing trash from receptacles, and ten (10) days weed trimming the fields. In addition, the crew mowed,

This section shall provide for items that require action by the Council, but where little or no discussion is anticipated. By a single motion, second and affirmation majority vote. Items under this section are approved without further discussion or action.

8. Consideration and approval of Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of July 13, 2021.

9. Consideration and approval on Financials.

Motion: Councilwoman Schultz moved to approve consent agenda item 8 and item 9 on as presented. Councilman Douglas seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance / Resolution / Other Action Items:

This section shall provide for all other official discussion and action items provided for consideration by the Council.

10. Announcement regarding Karnes County Airport nominated for Aviation Airport of the Year Award.

City Manager Linn addressed the council and introduced Ron Hyde, Airport Operator. Hyde addressed council and gave a brief overview of the history of the Karnes County Airport and the great strides in improvement that has been accomplished in the past few years such as, built runway, new lights, taxi ways lighting, self-serve, automatic weather observation, ramp, and upgraded T-Hangers. Hyde stated the Karnes County Airport was nominated for the Aviation Airport of the Year Award and was the winner. Hyde presented a plaque to Mayor Baker on behalf of the City of Kenedy.

11. Consideration and possible action to approve a request to vacate and re-plot Pan American subdivision in the City of Kenedy, Karnes County, Texas; Block 3 Lots 9,10,11; as shown on the plat of record in Cabinet A Page 42 of the plat records of Karnes County, Texas, to be known as Lot 9A Block 3 in the Pan American subdivision and to be further known as 106 Crosley St. (Presenter: Building Official Jaime Albiar)

Jaime Albiar, Building Official, addressed council and discussed the owners request to vacate and re-plot for 106 Crosley St.

Motion: Councilman Douglas made the motion to approve a request to vacate and re-plot Pan American subdivision in the City of Kenedy, Karnes County, Texas; Block 3 Lots 9,10,11; as shown on the plat of record in Cabinet A Page 42 of the plat records of Karnes County, Texas, to be known as Lot 9A Block 3 in the Pan American subdivision and to be further known as 106 Crosley St. Councilman Parker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

12. Consideration and possible action to approve a request to vacate and re-plot Pan American #1 subdivision in the City of Kenedy, Karnes County, Texas; Block 1 Lots 20, 21,22; as shown on the plat of record in Cabinet A Page 42 of the plat records of Karnes County, Texas, to be known as Lot 20A and Lot 22A Block 1 in the Pan American #1 subdivision and to be further known as 900 Maytag St. and 902 Maytag St. respectively. (Presenter: Building Official Jaime Albiar)

Jaime Albiar, Building Official, addressed council and discussed the owners request to vacate and re-plot for 900 Maytag St. and 902 Maytag St.

Motion: Councilman Douglas made the motion to approve a request to vacate and re-plat Pan American #1 subdivision in the City of Kenedy, Karnes County, Texas; Block 1 Lots 20, 21,22; as shown on the plat of record in Cabinet A Page 42 of the plat records of Karnes County, Texas, to be known as Lot 20A and Lot 22A Block 1 in the Pan American #1 subdivision and to be further known as 900 Maytag St. and 902 Maytag St. respectively. Councilwoman Saenz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

13. **Consideration and possible action in regard to Ordinance No. 21-10, an ordinance affecting participation of city employees in the Texas Municipal Retirement System granting the additional rights authorized by Section 854.202(g) of Title 8, Texas Government Code, as amended, and prescribing the effective date for the ordinance. (Presenter: City Manager William Linn)**

City Manager Linn addressed the council to explain the ordinance to roll back retirement eligibility from twenty-five (25) years to twenty (20) years. Linn explained City Secretary Beaven contributed to the efforts to build a stronger retention package.

Discussion held among the Council and City Manager.

Motion: Councilman Douglas made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 21-10, an ordinance affecting participation of city employees in the Texas Municipal Retirement System granting the additional rights authorized by Section 854.202(g) of Title 8, Texas Government Code, as amended, and prescribing the effective date for the ordinance. Councilman Parker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

14. **Consideration and possible action in regard to Ordinance No. 21-11, an ordinance authorizing and allowing, under the act governing the Texas Municipal Retirement System, "Updated Service Credits" in said system on an annual basis for service performed by qualifying members of such system who at the effective date of the allowance are members of the City of Kenedy; providing for increased prior and current service annuities for retirees and beneficiaries of deceased retirees of the city; providing for a change in the municipal contributions to the current service annuity reserve at retirement of the employees of the city; and establishing an effective date for the ordinance. (Presenter: City Manager William Linn)**

City Manager Linn addressed the council to explained the ordinance to increase the City matching rate from 1:1 to 2:1. Linn explained City Secretary Beaven contributed to the efforts to build a stronger retention package.

Discussion held among the Council and City Manager.

Motion: Councilwoman Saenz made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 21-11, an ordinance authorizing and allowing, under the act governing the Texas Municipal Retirement System, "Updated Service Credits" in said system on an annual basis for service performed by qualifying members of such system who at the effective date of the allowance are members of the City of Kenedy; providing for increased prior and current service annuities for retirees and beneficiaries of deceased retirees of the city; providing for a change in the municipal contributions to the current service annuity reserve at retirement of the employees of the city; and establishing an effective date for the ordinance. Councilman Parker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

15. **Consideration and possible action in regard to Resolution 21-06, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Kenedy in support of an application for RMS, CSS-COVID 19 response plan; providing a repealing clause; providing for severability; and providing an effective date. (Presenter: City Manager William Linn)**

City Manager Linn addressed the council and explained trying to get paid \$39,000 and the application is for RMS, CSS-COVID 19 response plan and need to amend the resolution for designation to Mayor or City Manager.

Motion: Councilman Douglas made the motion to approve Resolution 21-06, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Kenedy in support of an application for RMS, CSS-COVID 19 response plan; providing a repealing clause; providing for severability; and providing an effective date. Councilwoman Saenz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

16. **Consideration and possible action regarding participation in the AEP LED Lighting replacement program and authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with AEP. (Presenter: City Manager William Linn)**

City Manager Linn addressed the council to explain lighting services are available from AEP to replace failing lights to LED light at no charge.

Motion: Councilman Douglas made the motion to participate in the AEP LED Lighting replacement program and authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with AEP. Councilwoman Saenz seconded the motion. Motion carries with council members Schultz, Saenz, and Douglas voting in favor. Council member Parker abstained due to a conflict of interest.

17. **Consideration and possible action in regard to establishing a date and time to conduct a workshop for the purpose of discussing items related to modifying the operations and maintenance agreement between the City of Kenedy and San Antonio River Authority for the Escondido Creek Parkway and possible future changes to the ownership and/or lease of the property as a way to ensure the long-term care and maintenance of the park. (Presenter: City Manager William Linn)**

Citizen Shelby Dupnik addressed the council to express her concerns in favor of the San Antonio River Authority assuming full control of the park.

Motion: Councilwoman Schultz moved to TABLE to the next meeting on September 14, 2021 for establishing a date and time to conduct a workshop for the purpose of discussing items related to modifying the operations and maintenance agreement between the City of Kenedy and San Antonio River Authority for the Escondido Creek Parkway and possible future changes to the ownership and/or lease of the property as a way to ensure the long-term care and maintenance of the park. Councilman Douglas seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

18. **Items to consider for placement on future agendas. (Governing Body, City Manager, City Attorney)**

Mayor Baker addressed the naming of the ballpark field and asked the City Manager to work with Suzanne Nunez.

The tax hearing will be on September 14, 2021 at 5:45 pm and the regular meeting at 6:00 pm.

19. Announcements of Community interest and/or upcoming events. **(Governing Body, City Manager, City Secretary)**

Councilman Douglas stated the children return to school on August 16, 2021.

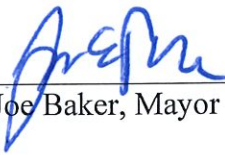
Mayor Baker stated the Coffee in the Park with the Mayor is the second Saturday of the month from 9:00 am to 11:00 am.

Mayor Baker stated the Fin Addict will be at Escondido on August 14, 2021 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.

20. Adjourn.

Mayor Baker adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

APPROVED:



Joe Baker, Mayor

ATTEST:



Ruby Beaven, City Secretary