



**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 12, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.  
CITY AUDITORIUM IN THE RUHMAN C. FRANKLIN MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
303 W. MAIN ST., KENEDY, TX. 78119**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Joe Baker  
Cindy Saenz, Mayor Pro-Tem, District 1  
Johnny Rodriguez, District 2  
Christopher Parker, District 3  
James Douglas, District 4  
Saundra Schultz, District 5

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**CITY PRESENT:**

City Manager William Linn  
City Secretary Ruby Beaven  
Police Chief Richard Ashe  
Director of Public Works Jerry Higgins  
Administrative Assistant Amy Desharnais

**CITY ABSENT:**

Director Parks & Streets Joe Hernandez, III  
Building Official Jaime Albiar

**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, October 12, 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.**

Pastor Ida Ruiz with Saving Souls Outreach – Karnes County led the prayer.

**4. Pledge of Allegiance.**

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

**5. Citizen comment.**

No citizen comments.

**6. Proclamation: Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2021**

Bobbie Jo Roberson with Guadalupe Valley Family Violence Shelter addressed the council and spoke on the importance of Domestic Violence.

Mayor Baker proclaimed the month of October Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Kenedy Texas. Mayor Baker read the proclamation and presented it to Bobbie Jo Roberson.

**7. Presentation of Appreciation Awards to Randy Garza for twenty-two (22) years of service to the City of Kenedy as a Mayor and a Councilman, Ken Reilly for fifteen (15) years of service to the City of Kenedy as a Councilman, and Brandon Briones for ten (10) years of service to the City of Kenedy as a Councilman.**

Randy Garza was not present for the presentation of appreciation award.

Mayor Baker presented an appreciation award to Brandon Briones for ten (10) years of service as a Councilman for the City of Kenedy and Ken Reiley for fifteen (15) years of service as a Councilman for the City of Kenedy.

**8. Departmental Reports.**

**Public Works Director Report**

Public Works Director Jerry Higgins addressed the Council to report the Public Works.

**Police Chief Report**

Chief Ashe addressed the council to report the Police Chief report to include Animal Control and Police Department operations.

**Building Department & Code Compliance Reports**

City Manager Linn addressed the council to report the Building Department report and Code Compliance report.

**Streets & Parks Director Reports**

City Manager Linn addressed the council to report the Streets and Parks reports.

**City Secretary Report**

City Secretary Ruby Beaven addressed the council to report the City Secretary report to include the Fire Department and Municipal Court reports.

**9. City Manager Report.**

**Current Projects, Future Projects, Current Operations, and/or Future Operations.**

City Manager Linn addressed the Council and presented an update on City projects to include East Main, Graham Road Milling, Carrizo Water Line, and Convention Center. In addition, he presented an update on City operations to include Director leadership workshop, new PPE requirement, and Ashland's Discharge Permit.

**Presentation of Financials.**

City Manager Linn presented the financial statements.

**10. Consent Agenda**

*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.*

**A. Consideration and approval of City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes of August 10, 2021.**

**B. Consideration and approval on Financials.**

**Motion:** Councilman Douglas moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilman Rodriguez 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.*

**11. Consideration and possible action regarding an equipment donation to the proposed Youth Center from 2-D Vending of three (3) pool tables and one (1) crane machine game with a donation value of \$6,500.00 and a donation contribution letter. (Presenter: City Manager Linn)**

City Manager Linn addressed the Council and explained when we purchased the convention center building, the pool tables, crane machine game, and juke box were items on lease from 2-D Vending with the previous building owner. An offer was made to 2-D Vending for \$2,000 and the remaining value of equipment be a donation. The offer was for the pool tables and the crane machine game to include a donation contribution letter if Council was to accept.

**Motion:** Councilman Douglas moved to approve an equipment donation to the proposed Youth Center from 2-D Vending of three (3) pool tables and one (1) crane machine game with a donation value of \$6,500.00 and a donation contribution letter. Councilwoman Saenz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**12. Consideration and possible action in regard to identifying possible solutions aimed at reducing the number of vandalism incidents involving graffiti within the City of Kenedy and possible ways to remove the graffiti from city landmarks, as well as public and private properties. (Presenter: Mayor Joe Baker)**

Mayor Baker brought forward a concern for graffiti and a possible solution to reduce or control incidents.

Chief Ashe addressed Council and spoke about the article 10 Steps to a Graffiti-Free City and quick removal ideas.

Discussion was held among the Council, Chief Ashe, and City Manager Linn about painting over current graffiti, public art wall, private properties. Direction was provided for City Manager Linn to establish an ordinance.

No action taken on this item.

**13. Consideration and possible action in regard to awarding a contract to Tierra Lease Service, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$145,050.00 for the 8" Waterline Extension**

**Project; and authorizing the City Manager to sign all documents relating to the project.  
(Presenter: City Manager Linn and PWD Jerry Higgins)**

Director of Public Works Jerry Higgins addressed the Council to provide details for the 8” Waterline Extension Project.

**Motion:** Councilman Rodriguez made the motion to approve awarding a contract to Tierra Lease Service, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$145,050.00 for the 8” Waterline Extension Project; and authorizing the City Manager to sign all documents relating to the project. Councilman Parker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

14. **Consideration and possible action in regard to Resolution No. 21-10, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Kenedy approving the submission of a grant application for the Office of the Governor’s Body Cam Grant No. 4363601 by the Kenedy Police Department; Providing a repealing clause; Providing for severability; and Providing an effective date. (Presenter: City Manager Linn)**

City Manager Linn addressed the council to explain this was on last month’s agenda with zero match and should have been 25 percent match.

**Motion:** Councilman Douglas made the motion to approve Resolution No. 21-10, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Kenedy approving the submission of a grant application for the Office of the Governor’s Body Cam Grant No. 4363601 by the Kenedy Police Department; Providing a repealing clause; Providing for severability; and Providing an effective date. Councilwoman Saenz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

15. **Consideration and possible action in regard to Resolution No. 21-11, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Kenedy casting votes for the Karnes County Appraisal District, Board of Directors for the 2022-2023 Term; Providing a repealing clause; Providing for severability; and Providing an effective date. (Presenter: City Manager Linn)**

City Manager Linn addressed the Council and explained the Karnes County Appraisal District needed the City of Kenedy to cast votes for the Board of Directors for the 2022-2023 Term.

Discussion held among the Council to cast 15 votes for Brenda Janysek and 14 votes for Lee Hext.

**Motion:** Councilman Rodriguez made the motion to approve Resolution No. 21-11, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Kenedy casting votes for the Karnes County Appraisal District, Board of Directors for the 2022-2023 Term; Providing a repealing clause; Providing for severability; and Providing an effective date. Motion to include the cast of 15 votes for Brenda Janysek and 14 votes for Lee Hext. Councilwoman Saenz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

16. **Consideration and possible action in regard to Ordinance No. 21-15, an Ordinance amending the adopted budget of the City of Kenedy, Texas for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022 for the purpose of funding line items relating to the daily operations of the municipality; authorizing expenditures; providing**

**for a severability clause; and providing for an effective date. (Presenter: City Manager Linn)**

City Manager Linn addressed the Council to discuss amending the adopted budget.

**Motion:** Councilman Douglas made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 21-15, an Ordinance amending the adopted budget of the City of Kenedy, Texas for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022 for the purpose of funding line items relating to the daily operations of the municipality; authorizing expenditures; providing for a severability clause; and providing for an effective date. Councilwoman Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**17. Consideration and possible action in regard to Ordinance No. 21-16, an Ordinance of the City of Kenedy, Texas repealing the City's Parks and Recreation Board Ordinance of March 27, 1972 and abolishing the Parks and Recreation Board; Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 66 Parks and Recreation Article II Parks and Recreation Board; Providing a repealer; Providing for a severability clause; and Providing for an effective date. (Presenter: City Manager Linn)**

City Manager addressed Council about the need for restructuring the placement of the City's Parks and Recreation Board and recommended the abolishment under a City controlled board and having the establishment of an advisory board under the Economic Development Corporation (4B) board.

Discussion held among the Council and City Manger Linn about sole control, budget, and the concern that the Economic Development Corporation (4B) board should be present for this discussion before making a decision.

**Motion:** Councilwoman Schultz made the motion to TABLE the item to the next meeting on November 09, 2021. Councilman Rodriguez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**18. Consideration and possible action in regard to Ordinance No. 21-17, an Ordinance amending the water and wastewater fee schedule for commercial customers inside and outside the city limits; providing a repealer; providing for a severability clause; and providing for an effective date. (Presenter: City Manager Linn)**

City Manager addressed Council about amending the water and wastewater fee schedule for commercial customers inside and outside the city limits.

Discussion held among the Council and City Manager Linn about the pros and cons to increase the fee schedule, last rate increase in 2018, comparison of other cities to have better educated decision, and potential item to table.

**Motion:** Councilman Douglas made the motion to TABLE the item to the next meeting on November 09, 2021. Councilman Rodriguez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Baker recommended the change for water restriction from stage II to stage I.

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

Councilman Douglas stated October 22, 2021 Varsity Football game and Homecoming during the half-time.

Councilwoman Schultz stated November 4, 2021 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm will be the Second Street Gallery show for Donald Dunn. In addition, the Rotary BBQ plate pickup is scheduled for Sunday, October 16, 2021.

Mayor Baker stated the Escondido Creek anniversary event will be held from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm and will have live music, food trucks, and the splash pad will be open.

City Secretary Beaven stated the City of Kenedy Fall Festival will be held on October 16, 2021 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm and will have a movie in the park.

Next workshop is scheduled for October 18, 2021 for potential convention center location.

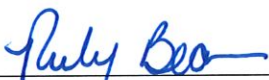
**21. Adjourn.**

Mayor Baker adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

  
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Joe Baker, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Ruby Beaven, City Secretary