



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 12, 2022 – 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
Johnny Rodriguez, District 2
James Douglas, District 4
Saundra Schultz, District 5

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Christopher Parker, District 3
Cindy Saenz, Mayor Pro-Tem, District 1

CITY PRESENT:

City Manager William Linn
Judy Murphy, Accounting Dept
Lt. Robert Elizondo
Public Works Director, Gary Paredez
City Attorney Alessandra Gad

CITY ABSENT:

Opening Agenda

7. 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, April 12, 2022, in the City Auditorium in the Ruhman C. Franklin Municipal Building, 303 W. Main St. Kenedy, TX.

8. Call Roll and establish a quorum is present.

With Council Members present a quorum was established.

9. Prayer.

Kristy Mejia with El Aposento Alto Church led the prayer.

10. Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Baker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

11. Citizen comment.

No citizen comments.

12. Proclamation: Fernando Martinez Day (Retirement)

Mayor Baker read a proclamation declaring April 12, 2022 as Fernando Martinez Day in the City of Kenedy. Officer Martinez has worked for the City for 21 years and has announced his retirement from the City.

13. Proclamation: National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month

Mayor Baker read a proclamation declaring the month of April as “National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month” in the City of Kenedy.

14. Proclamation: Kenedy Neck & Back Clinic

Mayor Baker read a proclamation commending Kenedy Neck & Back for being a valuable business in the community of Kenedy and providing services that positively effect the quality of life for its residents, creating jobs, and exhibiting entrepreneurial spirit in the business community.

15. Presentation: Small Business of the Month Award

The City of Kenedy in joint partnership with the Kenedy Economic Development Corporation and the Kenedy Chamber of Commerce recognized Kenedy Neck & Back for April 2022 as Small Business of the Month.

16. Departmental Reports.

- **Public Works Report** was given by Gary Paredez, the Public Works Director. He stated the projects on Waco and Live Oak Streets Sewer line was almost done and discussed Well 14 being replaced. An 800 KW generator has been started at the RO Plant.
- **Police Chief Report** -Lieutenant Robert Elizondo gave the police report. He spoke about the Crime Free Hotel program; gave the animal control report; and talked about the police grants.
- **Building Department & Code Compliance Reports** -no report was given
- **Streets & Parks Reports** – No report was given
- **City Secretary Report** – No report was given

17. City Manager Report.

- **Current Projects, Future Projects, Current Operations, and/or Future Operations.**
- **Presentation of Financials.**

City Manager Linn stated Bluebonnet Days Festival will be next week. A new digital sign was installed at city hall. A food truck park will be started on the grassy knoll at City Hall. The CDBG sewer grant is almost done as well as the East Main project. GLO grant: needs Langford Community Services to complete an environmental report and Ducet Engineers is working on the pipeline design.

18. 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 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of March 08, 2022 and Special City Council Meeting Minutes of March 22, 2022.**

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

Mr. Linn presented the monthly financial statements discussing the balances in Texpool and the liquidity of funds adequate to cover six to seven months of expenditures.

A motion to accept the financial statements and minutes from the March 8, 2022 and the March 22, 2022 meetings was made by Councilmember Douglas with a second motion made by Councilmember Rodriguez. All present voted in favor of the motion and the motion passed.

Ordinance / Resolution / Other Action Items:

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

19. **Consideration and possible action to approve a request to vacate and re-plat of lot 5 and lot 6 Block 74 in the City of Kenedy, Karnes County, Texas as shown on the plat of record in Cabinet A page 149 of the plat records of Karnes County, Texas and to be known as Lot 5A Block 74 in the City Of Kenedy, Karnes County, Texas and being further know as 198 Runge St.**

The Planning and Zoning Board heard this request to vacate and re-plat and they approved it. A motion was made by Councilmember Rodriguez and seconded by Councilmember Douglas to approve the request to vacate and re-plat of lot 5 and lot 6 Block 74 in the City of Kenedy, Karnes County, Texas as shown on the plat of record in Cabinet A page 149 of the plat records of Karnes County, Texas and to be known as Lot 5A Block 74 in the City Of Kenedy, Karnes County, Texas and being further know as 198 Runge St. All present voted in favor of the motion and the motion passed.

20. **Discussion and possible action to approve the release of lien for Kenneth R. Biediger for Lot(s) 14 and 25' of 15 Block A in the Hillcrest Park Addition of the City of Kenedy in the amount of \$260.00 for payment received on March 15, 2022.**

A motion was made by Councilmember Douglas and seconded by Councilmember Schultz to approve the release of lien for Kenneth R. Biediger for Lot(s) 14 and 25' of 15 Block A in the Hillcrest Park Addition of the City of Kenedy in the amount of \$260.00 for payment received on March 15, 2022. All present voted in favor of the motion and the motion passed.

21. **Discussion and possible action to declare Officer Martinez Glock 22 handgun with Serial Number MME330 as surplus and authorize the unit to be sold as a gift or sale for \$1.00.**

A motion was made by Councilmember Rodriguez and seconded by Councilmember Douglas to declare Officer Martinez's Glock 22 handgun with serial number MME330 as surplus and authorize the unit to be sold as a gift or sale for \$1.00. All present voted in favor of the motion and the motion passed.

- 22. Consideration and possible action in regard to awarding a contract to Dirt Boys, Inc in an amount not to exceed \$76,000.00 for the Dahl St and Jones St. milling and overlay project; and authorizing the City Manager to sign all documents relating to the project.**

A motion was made by Councilmember Douglas to award a contract to Dirt Boys, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$76,000 for the Dahl St and Jones St. milling and overlay project; and authorizing the City Manager to sign all documents relating to the project. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez; all present voted in favor of the motion and the motion passed.

- 23. Consideration and possible action in regard to awarding a contract to Dirt Boys, Inc in an amount not to exceed \$192,000.00 for the Houston St. milling and overlay project; and authorizing the City Manager to sign all documents relating to the project.**

A motion was made by Councilmember Rodriguez to award a contract to Dirt Boys, Inc in an amount not to exceed \$192,000.00 for the Houston St. milling and overlay project; and authorizing the City Manager to sign all documents relating to the project. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Douglas; all present voted in favor of the motion and the motion passed.

- 24. Consideration and possible action on submitting a nomination to be considered for the vacant seat on the Karnes County Appraisal District Board of Directors.**

City Manager Linn stated that the City received a letter from the Karnes County Appraisal District indicating one vacancy exists on the Karnes County Appraisal Board of Directors, since Brenda Janysek resigned April 3, 2022, and seeking the City to submit nominees to be considered to fill this vacancy. The requested deadline was by April 18, 2022. Mr. Linn stated that the vacancy needed to be posted on the City's social media account and Savvy Citizen to announce the request for candidates. Council took no action at this time.

- 25. Consideration and possible action to ratify the City of Kenedy's Proposed Conveyance of 19.8128 acres of property situated along the Escondido Creek to the San Antonio River Authority under the drainage exception of Texas Local Government Code Section 253.001(b) in regard to Ordinance No. 22-06.**

The City's attorney, Alessandra Gad spoke to Council to state that the purpose of the public hearing was for transparency purposes. She recommended the ordinance no. 22-06 state the City has advertised and posted notice of a public hearing on April 12, 2022 at its regular city council meeting to further invite the public to comment on the matter before this ordinance goes into effect for the conveyance of the 19.8128 acres of property along the Escondido Creek to the San Antonio River Authority under the drainage exception of Texas Local Government Code Section 253.001(b).

A motion was made by Councilmember Douglas and seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to ratify the City of Kenedy's Proposed Conveyance of 19.8128 acres of property situated along the Escondido Creek to the San Antonio River Authority under the drainage exception

of Texas Local Government Code Section 253.001(b) in regard to Ordinance No. 22-06 as amended to state the City advertised and posted notice of a public hearing on April 12, 2022 at its regular city council meeting to further invite the public to comment on the matter before this ordinance goes into effect. All present voted in favor of the motion and the motion passed.

26. Consideration and possible action in regard to Resolution 22-02 amending the City of Kenedy July 15, 2020 adopted Personnel Policy; adding Section 13.19 Mental Health Leave Policy.

City Manager Linn gave the background for the proposed resolution and a need for a policy and used post-traumatic stress disorder as an example of potential situations that our employees may be faced with especially compounded with the pandemic. Councilmember Douglas expressed concerns with the HIPPA requirements and stated the amount of leave is 36 hours. A motion was made by Councilmember Douglas to approve Resolution 22-02 amending the City of Kenedy July 15, 2020 adopted Personnel Policy; adding Section 13.19 Mental Health Leave Policy adding Section 13.19 Mental Health Leave Policy. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Schultz; all present voted in favor of the motion and the motion passed.

27. Consideration and possible action in regard to establishing a date and time to conduct a workshop for the purpose of discussing items related to Section 7.09 Complaints and Grievance Procedure of the July 15, 2020 adopted Personnel Policy.

City Manager Linn requested the workshop take place in June. Councilmember Rodriguez requested a separate workshop not a part of the regular meeting. Because two councilmembers were absent from the council meeting today, it was discussed to table the item until next month. A motion was made by Councilmember Douglas to set aside the item until the next council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez; all present voted in favor of the motion and the motion passed.

28. Consideration and possible action in regard to establishing a date and time to conduct a workshop for the purpose of discussing items related to partnering with the San Antonio Food Bank pertaining to implementing a quarterly food distribution pantry and/or permanent food pantry within the municipal limits.

City Manager Linn stated that the cost per quarter to host a food distribution event for approximately 11 pallets of food which would feed 250 households would be \$2,500. County Commissioner Shelby Dupnick spoke about Karnes County's food distribution event and stated it may be difficult to get volunteers to assist with the distribution and mentioned the cost of food is rising. A Workshop date of April 26, 2022 at 6p.m. was set. A motion was made by Councilmember Douglas to direct the City Manager to coordinate the workshop meeting on April 26, 2022 with Mr. Obledo with the San Antonio Food Bank. Councilmember Schultz seconded the motion; all present voted in favor of the motion and the motion passed.

29. Items to consider for placement on future agendas.

No items added at this time.


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

- Karnes County is hosting a bulk waste collection event on May 7, 2022
- Bluebonnet Days Festival will be held on April 22 and April 23 and will have a parade and float for councilmembers to ride on and there will be various food and arts/crafts vendors and children's activities at Joe Gulley Park

31. Adjourn.

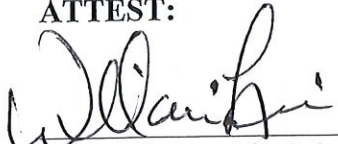
Mayor Baker adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

APPROVED:



Joe Baker, Mayor

ATTEST:



William Linn, City Manager