



SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 30, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.
CITY AUDITORIUM IN THE RUHMAN C. FRANKLIN MUNICIPAL BUILDING
303 W. MAIN ST., KENEDY, TX. 78119

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brandon Briones, Mayor
Cindy Saenz, Mayor Pro-Tem, District 1
Johnny Rodriguez, District 2
James Douglas, District 4
Saundra Schultz, District 5

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Christopher Parker, District 3

CITY PRESENT:

William Linn, City Manager
Judy Murphy, City Secretary
Gary Paredez, Director of Public Works
Joe Hernandez, Director of Parks & Streets
Jaime Albiar, Code Compliance
Clint Davis, Police Sargeant
Alessandra Gad, City Attorney

Opening Agenda

1. Call Special City Council meeting to order.

The Special Meeting of the City of Kenedy Council was called to order by Mayor Briones at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 30, 2022, in the City Auditorium in the Ruhman C. Franklin Municipal Building, 303 W. Main St. Kenedy, TX.

2. Call Roll and establish a quorum is present.

With four Council Members present a quorum was established. Councilmember Parker was absent.

3. Prayer.

The City Secretary led the prayer.

4. Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Briones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Citizen comment.

Gloria Garza of 413 Karnes St, Kenedy Tx addressed council. She stated she has been having discolored water issues. She had a plumber check out the problem and is requesting the city to replace her water line. The city manager stated an engineer has already been contacted for quotes to replace the cast iron water line.

6. Presentation: Small Business of the Month Award: A1 Auto Service

Mayor Briones read a proclamation to award A1 Auto Service with the small business of the month.

7. Departmental Reports.

- **Public Works Report** was given by Gary Paredez, the Public Works Director. He stated that there are emergency generators at all well sites now.
- **Police Department Report** – The City Secretary gave the police department report.
- **Building Department & Code Compliance Reports** -Jaime Albiar updated council about the code compliance matters. He encouraged citizens to let the City know about lots that need to have lot maintenance done to them. Another tire round-up will be held in October, 2022.
- **Streets & Parks Reports** – Joe Hernandez, III reported the City had a disc golf course donated to the city; the food truck area at city hall is still needing electrical work and a fence.
- **City Secretary Report** – The City Secretary reported the food distribution event was very successful, feeding 264 people, or 120 families. The next food distribution will occur in November and will be at the Gulley Park/Kiesling Sports Complex due to the construction of the convention center.

8. City Manager Report.

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

Mr. Linn reported a new mosquito fogging machine being ordered. Convention center remodeling should start mid-September and will take 240 days. Financial statement analysis was given and Texpool balances reported.

9. 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

B. Consideration and approval on Financials

A motion to accept the July 2022 financial statements and minutes from the July 12, 2022 Hearing and July 12, 2022 Regular Meeting and the August 19, 2022 budget workshop meeting 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.

- 10. Consideration and possible recommendation to vacate and re-plat lots 24, 25 and 26 Block 5 in the Pan American Subdivision No. 2 as shown on the plat of record in Cabinet A Page 77 of the plat records of Karnes County, Texas to be as Block 5 Lot 26A in the Pan American Subdivision No. 2 and to be further known as 103 Latin Ave.**

Code Compliance officer Jaime Albiar stated this item was approved at the August 4, 2022 Planning & Zoning Board Meeting. He added that the 3 lots will be platted to be one lot so a mobile home can be placed on the property. Motion: Councilmember Rodriguez made a motion to approve the vacate and re-plat lots 24, 25 and 26 Block 5 in the Pan American Subdivision No. 2 as shown on the plat of record in Cabinet A Page 77 of the plat records of Karnes County, Texas to be as Block 5 Lot 26A in the Pan American Subdivision No. 2 and to be further known as 103 Latin Ave. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Saenz. All present voted in favor of the motion; motion passed.

- 11. Consideration and possible action regarding approval of the proposed Property Tax Rate for the 2022 Tax Year to be considered at the Tax Rate Hearing on September 13, 2022.**

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Douglas and seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to approve the proposed property tax rate for the 2022 Tax Year to be considered at the Tax Rate Hearing on September 13, 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez. The vote was as follows:

<u>Councilmember Douglas:</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Councilmember Rodriguez:</u>	<u>Yes</u>
<u>Councilmember Saenz:</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Councilmember Schultz:</u>	<u>Yes</u>
<u>Councilmember Parker:</u>	Absent		

The motion carried.

- 12. Consideration and possible action regarding instructing and authorizing the City Manager to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Depository Services.**

Mr. Linn explained the bank depository agreement the City has with Texas Champion has expired already. Councilmember Schultz asked for more details. Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Rodriguez and seconded by Councilmember Douglas to instruct and authorize the City Manager to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Depository Services. All present voted in favor of the motion; motion passed.

- 13. Consideration and possible action in regard to Resolution 22-06 amending the City of Kenedy July 15, 2020 adopted Personnel Policy; amending Article V: Working Hours, Attendance and Leave; Section 5.03 Holidays adding the Juneteenth National Independence Day (June 19th) holiday.**

Mr. Linn stated this resolution would make Juneteenth National Independence Day (June 19) a permanent holiday when it is placed in the personnel policy. Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Douglas and seconded by Councilmember Saenz to amend the City of Kenedy

July 15, 2020 adopted Personnel Policy; amending Article V: Working Hours, Attendance and Leave; Section 5.03 Holidays adding the Juneteenth National Independence Day (June 19th) holiday. All present voted in favor of the motion; motion passed.

14. Consideration and possible action in regard to Resolution 22-07 amending and updating the City of Kenedy Investment Policy.

Mr. Linn stated that the previous investment policy needed to be updated to be more in line the Public Funds Investment Act. Councilmember Douglas asked for the key changes. The new policy placed certain standards of care and broke out authorized investments & increased types of allowed investments; some definitions were added and weighted average maturity details. Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Douglas and seconded by Councilmember Schultz to approve Resolution 22-07 amending and updating the City of Kenedy Investment Policy. All present voted in favor of the motion; motion passed.

15. Consideration and possible action in regard to Resolution 22-08 adopting the City of Kenedy Banking Depository Policy.

Mr. Linn stated this policy should cover not more than five years. It talks about collateral for City funds being at 103% of money being held by banks, etc. This policy should be reviewed annually. Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Douglas and seconded by Councilmember Saenz to approve Resolution 22-08 which adopts the City of Kenedy Banking Depository Policy. All members present voted in favor of the motion; motion passed.

16. Consideration and possible action in regard to Resolution 22-09 Designating the Mayor ProTem to act in place of the Mayor in their duties regarding the Housing Authority to avoid potential conflicts of interest.

Mr. Linn mentioned this resolution was to appoint the mayor ProTem to act on Housing Authority affairs in the event of a conflict of interest by the Mayor. City Attorney Alessandra Gad addressed council and asked if there were any questions about the proposed resolution. No one had questions. Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Douglas and seconded by Councilmember Schultz to approve resolution 22-09 Designating the Mayor ProTem to act in place of the Mayor in their duties regarding the Housing Authority to avoid a potential conflict of interest. Councilmembers Douglas, Rodríguez and Schultz voted in favor of the motion. Councilmember Saenz abstained from voting. Motion passed.

- 17. Closed Session: City Council will meet in Closed session pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in:**
- a. Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) A governmental body may conduct a private consultation with its attorney when the governmental body seeks the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation: MoCon v. Hanson and City of Kenedy.**

- b. **Section 551,074 (Personnel Matters) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee: District 4 Councilman.**

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Rodriguez and seconded by Councilmember Saenz to go into closed session. All present voted in favor of the motion; motion passed. Open session ended at 7:54 pm.

18. Open Session: The City Council will reconvene in Open Session at which time action on the matter(s) discussed in Closed Session may be considered.

- a. **Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) A governmental body may conduct a private consultation with its attorney when the governmental body seeks the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation: MoCon v. Hanson and City of Kenedy**

Open Session reconvened at 9:32p.m. Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Rodriguez to authorize the City Manager to sign the disclosures and other documents related to the MoCon v. Hanson and City of Kenedy litigation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Douglas. All present voted in favor of the motion; motion passed.

- b. **Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee: District 4 Councilman.**

Motion: Councilmember Schultz stated the situation was a private matter and made a motion that council take no action. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez. All councilmembers present voted in favor of the motion except councilmember Douglas who abstained. Motion passed.

19. Items to consider for placement on future agendas. None

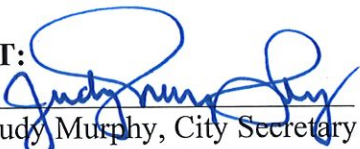
20. Announcements of Community interest and/or upcoming events.

- Mayor Briones suggested a Halloween Trunk & Treat event be sponsored by the City.
- Labor Day Festival will take place Saturday of Labor Day weekend at Joe Gulley Park – there will be a carnival and fireworks, food trucks & other vendors.
- Kenedy ISD will be having their 1,000th football game this Friday, Sept. 2.

21. Adjourn.

Mayor Briones adjourned the meeting at 9:38 p.m.

ATTEST:


Judy Murphy, City Secretary

APPROVED:


Brandon Briones, Mayor