



**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 11, 2022 – 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 Brandon Briones  
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  
Richard Ashe, Chief of Police  
Joe Hernandez, III, Ass't Pub. Works Dir.  
City Attorney Alessandra Gad

**Opening Agenda**

**1. Call Regular City Council meeting to order.**

The Regular Meeting of the City of Kenedy was called to order by Mayor Briones at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 11, 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.**

The City Secretary called roll. Councilmember Parker was absent; all other Council Members were present; a quorum was established.

**3. Prayer.**

Pastor Trey Hill of The Word Fellowship Church led the prayer.

**4. Pledge of Allegiance.**

Mayor Briones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**5. Citizen comment.**

No citizen comments.

**6. Presentation: Small Business of the Month Award: Lucita's Restaurant**

The City of Kenedy in joint partnership with the Kenedy Economic Development Corporation and the Kenedy Chamber of Commerce recognized Lucita's Restaurant as Small Business of the Month. Mayor Briones read a proclamation commending the owners of Lucita's Restaurant for being a valuable business in the community of Kenedy and providing food and services that positively affect the quality of life for its residents, creating jobs, and exhibiting entrepreneurial spirit in the business community.

**7. Mayoral Proclamation Declaring October 2022 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.**

Mayor Briones read a proclamation declaring October 2022 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. A representative from Guadalupe Valley Family Violence Shelter was there to receive the proclamation.

**8. Mayoral proclamation declaring October 5, 2022 as World Teacher's Day**

Mayor Briones read a proclamation declaring October 5, 2022 as World Teacher's Day. Councilmember Douglas received the proclamation on behalf of Kenedy ISD.

**9. Mayoral proclamation recognizing September 15, 2022 thru October 15, 2022 a National Hispanic heritage Month.**

Mayor Briones read a proclamation recognizing September 15, 2022 thru October 15, 2022 as National Hispanic Heritage Month.

**10. Mayor Presentation recognizing employees for outstanding continuous service to the City of Kenedy**

Mayor Briones presented awards for five years of outstanding continuous service to the City of Kenedy following employees: Debra Hahn, Jose Jaime and Michael Barboza.

**11. Departmental Reports.**

- **Public Works Report** -no report was given
- **Police Chief Report** -Chief Ashe gave the police report. He said the city hired a new animal control officer. Animal control responded to 48 calls for the month. There were some repairs done to the animal shelter. The police department also hired a new officer. The National Night out event was held on October 5. Councilmember Saenz inquired about the 3 former police vehicles at city hall. The city manager responded one would be sold at auction in the near future and two would be utilized for administration.
- **Building Department & Code Compliance Reports** -no report was given
- **Streets & Parks Reports** – A report was given by Joe Hernandez, III.
- **City Secretary Report** – The City secretary gave council an update of special events, municipal court and the fire department.

**12. City Manager Report.**

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

City Manager Linn said he, the mayor, city secretary and some council members attended the Texas Municipal League conference in San Antonio the prior week. He stated the city needs to prepare a 5, 10-to-15-year strategic plan and a comprehensive plan. He mentioned

that future agendas would contain a new section under dept reports for the grant administrators. The downtown parking project was discussed. A proposed new fire station near Butler and Fifth Street was mentioned as a long-term future project. The convention center demolition portion of the project was complete. He then discussed an overview of the financial statements, the amount of liquid funds available to pay bills is at over 7 months. Fund performance of the general fund and waterworks fund was discussed.

### **13. 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 Meeting Minutes**

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

Motion: A motion to accept the consent agenda items 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.*

#### **14. Consideration and possible action in regard to filling two (2) vacancies on the Parks and Recreation Board with each appointee to serve one (1) two-year term beginning October 12, 2022 and ending October 11, 2024; appointees to be considered from the following applicants: Samantha Pedraza, Elisa Rahmes, and Alberto Hernandez Baldarramos.**

Motion: A motion was made by Councilman Rodriguez and seconded by Councilmember Saenz to appoint Samantha Pedraza and Elisa Rahmes to fill the two vacancies on the Park and Recreation Board for a two-year term. All present voted in favor of the motion and the motion passed.

#### **15. Consideration and possible action in regard to directing the City Manager to seek Request for Proposals (RFP's) for Professional Archeological Services pertaining to the GLO Hazardous Mitigation Grant No. 22-085-066D234 (Kenedy Water Transmission Line) project; relating to the Texas Historical Commission's required archeological project site excavation.**

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Douglas and seconded by Councilmember Saenz to direct the City Manager to seek a request for proposals for the archeological services necessary for the GLO Grant relating to the Texas Historical Commission's archeological project site excavation. All present voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

#### **16. Consideration and possible action in regard to Resolution 22-11, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Kenedy selecting and designating the Karnes Countywide and Wilson County News as the official newspapers of the City of Kenedy, Texas for the fiscal year of 2022-2023; Providing for severability; and providing an effective date.**

Mr. Linn pointed out that the law says the City can have more than one official newspaper. Councilmember Douglas asked if the resolution could be amended to add the Victoria Advocate as an official newspaper. Mr. Linn said yes, the resolution could be amended to include them. Motion: Councilmember Douglas made a motion to approve Resolution 22-11 as amended to select the Karnes Countywide, the Wilson County News and the Victoria Advocate as the official newspapers of the City of Kenedy for the fiscal year of 2022-2023. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Schultz. All present voted in favor of the motion; motion passed.

**17. Consideration and possible action in regard to Ordinance 22-09, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Kenedy amending the Code of Ordinances Chapter 18 Business adding Article VIII Regulation of mobile Food Vendors; Establishing a fee and penalty; Providing a repealing clause; Providing for severability; and Providing an effective date.**

Mr. Linn stated that food trucks are a wave of the future. Councilmember Douglas asked if the ordinance includes carts, trailers, etc. City Manager Linn reminded council a background check and fee for vendors is still required. Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Douglas and seconded by Councilmember Schultz to approve Ordinance 22-09. All present voted in favor of the motion; motion passed.

**18. 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.**

Motion: At 7:16 pm a motion was made by Councilmember Douglas and seconded by Councilmember Schultz to adjourn into closed session pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551.071 (consultation with attorney) of the Texas Government Code, about pending or contemplated litigation MoCon v. Hanson and City of Kenedy. All voted in favor of the motion; motion passed.

**19. 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 began at 8:10 p.m. Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Douglas and seconded by Councilmember Saenz to take no action on this agenda item. All councilmembers present voted in favor of the motion; motion passed.

**20. Items to consider for placement on future agendas.**

No items added at this time.

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

- KISD Homecoming Parade and Bonfire will be October 26, 2022.
- Halloween Trunk or Treat will be held on October 31 on city property at Craig Street.
- Sunday, October 16 there will be a Kenedy Rotary Club Chicken BBQ fundraiser at 11:00am at Joe Gulley Park Pavilion.

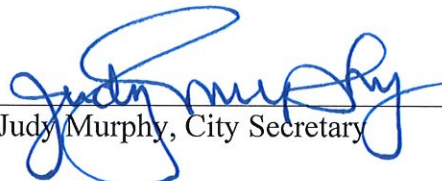
**22. Adjourn.**

Mayor Briones adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

  
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Brandon Briones, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Judy Murphy, City Secretary