



**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 8, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - RUHMAN C. FRANKLIN MUNICIPAL BUILDING
303 W. MAIN ST., KENEDY, TX. 78119**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Brandon Briones
Cindy Saenz, Mayor Pro-Tem, District 1
Johnny Rodriguez, District 2
Christopher Parker, District 3
James Douglas, District 4

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sandra Schultz, District 5

CITY PRESENT:

William Linn, City Manager
Judy Murphy, City Secretary
Richard Ashe, Chief of Police
Joe Hernandez, III, Ass't Pub. Works Dir.
Gary Paredez, Public Works Director

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, November 8, 2022

2. Call Roll and establish a quorum is present.

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

3. Prayer.

Rosemary Vickery, First Baptist Church Children and Missions Minister 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: Clip and Curl Beauty Salon

The City of Kenedy in joint partnership with the Kenedy Economic Development Corporation and the Kenedy Chamber of Commerce recognized Clip and Curl as Small Business of the Month. Mayor Briones read a proclamation commending the owners of Clip and Curl for being a valuable business in the community of Kenedy and providing services that positively affect the quality of life for its residents, creating jobs, and exhibiting entrepreneurial spirit in the business community. A proclamation and plaque were presented to the Rossett family.

7. Recognition of Meritorious and Heroic Action: Mr. Alejandro Barrientez, Mr. Bucky Braun, Mr. Ivan Cano & Mr. William Hill

Mayor Briones read a proclamation honoring local heroes Mr. Alejandro Barrientez, Mr. Bucky Braun, Mr. Ivan Cano and Mr. William Hill for the lifesaving act in which quick thinking, fast action and heroism were demonstrated and saved the life of an unconscious gentleman from a burning truck. A mayoral award was presented to each of these men and a proclamation given to them as well.

8. Presentation recognizing employees for outstanding continuous service to the City of Kenedy

- **David Mendoza for fifteen (15) years of service**
- **Santiago Morales for five (5) years of service**

Mayor Briones presented awards for outstanding continuous service to Mr. Santiago Morales. Mr. Mendoza was not present.

9. Departmental Reports.

- Grant Projects Report

o GLO Hazardous MIT Grant (Presenter: Langford Community Management Services)

Judy Langford presented council with an update of the GLO waterline grant. She said an RFP was sent out for archeological services and another for landman services will be going out pending council approval tonight.

o FEMA DR 4485 Grant (Presenter: TLC Engineering)

Georgina Ybarra with TLC Engineering presented an update on the City's application to FEMA DR 4485 grants. The application includes 12 items for funding over \$17 million. She stated the grants should be awarded within the next 90 days. Some of the drainage projects include along Nottingham, Craig St. near Live Oak, Buena Vista, Sunnyside streets, etc.

- **Public Works Report** – Report was given by Gary Paredez. He stated the line replacement at Karnes Street is pending TXDOT permit approval.
- **Police Chief Report** – Report was given by Chief Ashe. Councilmember Rodriguez inquired about 18 wheelers going down Main Street illegally and requested more monitoring.
- **Building Department & Code Compliance Reports** – Report was given by Jaime Albiar. He stated 9 violation letters were sent out. One lien was filed for \$4,120; he is working on

issuing letters for sub-standard structures. The Oct. 29 tire roundup collected 278 tires. Councilmember Douglas asked if tires could be picked up from residences. He also requested more advance notification of the event so more citizens could participate.

- **Streets & Parks Reports** – A report was given by Joe Hernandez, III. He reminded council that he needed them all to choose a street in each of their districts that needed milling and overlay. Councilmember Parker said he chooses Victoria Street.
- **City Secretary Report** – The City secretary gave council an update of numerous special events, municipal court and the fire department activities.

10. City Manager Report.

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

City Manager Linn reported that recently he, the mayor and city secretary met with two garbage collection providers for consideration of a new trash collection contract. The financial statements were discussed and liquidity amounts given.

11. 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 was made by Councilmember Douglas and seconded by Councilmember Parker to approve the consent agenda. All members present voted in favor of the motion; 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.

12. Consideration and possible action in regard to authorizing Pro Field Services, Inc. to place a manufactured home in the commercially zoned area legally identified as the C. Martinez Grant Section 1 Abstract 6 Tract N; and commonly known as 446 N. Sunset Strip, Kenedy, Texas; in accordance with Ordinance 11-11 dated August 9, 2011, Section 10 "C" Commercial District, Subsection B(a) Permitted Uses: office.

Code Compliance officer Jaime Albiar stated that the planning and zoning board approved this item at their meeting. He also mentioned that Jeffrey Freeman from the P&Z board was present if council had any questions. Mayor Briones asked about the potential of Pro Field Services letting staff stay overnight at their office. Mr. Albiar stated he could do some random checks to be sure they stayed compliant. Motion: Councilmember Saenz made a motion to authorize Pro Field Services, Inc. to place a manufactured home in the commercially zone area legally identified as the C. Martinez Grant Section 1 Abstract 6 Tract N; and commonly known as 446 N. Sunset Strip, Kenedy, Texas; in accordance with Ordinance 11-11 dated August 9, 2011, Section 10 "C" Commercial District,

Subsection B(a) Permitted Uses: office. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Douglas. All present voted in favor of the motion; motion passed.

13. Consideration and possible action in regard to directing the City Manager to seek Request for Proposals (RFP's) for Professional Acquisition Specialist Services; relating to ROW's, ROE's, land/easement acquisition's, land/easement leases, and any pertaining to the GLO Hazardous Mitigation Grant No. 22-085-066D234 (Kenedy Water Transmission Line) Project other land/easement project detrimental to, or, necessary for the completion of the Kenedy Water Transmission Line Project.

City manager Linn stated GLO was given a budget amendment to include land acquisition. The Authority to use grant funds (AUGF) has not been received from GLO yet. This RFP will be done and the actual hiring will be done after the AUGF is received. Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Douglas and seconded by Councilmember Parker to direct the City Manager to seek Request for Proposals (RFP's) for Professional Acquisition Specialist Services; relating to ROW's, ROE's, land/easement acquisition's, land/easement leases, and any pertaining to the GLO Hazardous Mitigation Grant No. 22-085-066D234 (Kenedy Water Transmission Line) Project other land/easement project detrimental to, or, necessary for the completion of the Kenedy Water Transmission Line Project. All members voted in favor of the motion; motion passed.

14. Consideration and possible action on selecting an Archeological firm, for archeology services to be performed pertaining to the GLO Hazardous Mitigation Grant No. 22-085-066D234 (Kenedy Water Transmission Line) Project and authorizing the City Manager to enter in to a Professional Agreement with the selected firm.

City manager Linn said the RFPs were tabulated and the highest scoring firm was Paleo West. The amount of their bid was \$156,577. Motion: Councilmember Rodriguez made a motion to award the contract to PaleoWest, for an amount not-to-exceed \$156,577 for archeology services to be performed pertaining to the GLO Hazardous Mitigation Grant No. 22-085-066D234 (Kenedy Water Transmission Line) Project and authorizing the City Manager to enter in to a Professional Agreement with the selected firm. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Saenz. All present voted in favor of the motion; motion passed.

15. Consideration and possible action on selecting a Bank Depository firm, for banking and depository services on behalf of the City of Kenedy and authorizing the City Manager to enter in to a Professional Services Agreement with the selected firm.

City manager Linn went over the tabulated results received from banks and said that Frost Bank scored the highest followed by Karnes County National Bank. With Frost Bank not having a local branch the cash deposits would be an issue and armored car services would be necessary. Motion: Councilmember Parker made a motion to select Karnes County National Bank as the City's Bank Depository firm, for banking and depository services on behalf of the City of Keney and authorizing the City Manager to enter in to a Professional Services Agreement with them for the term of 2 years.

The motion was seconded by councilmember Saenz. There were 3 votes in favor of the motion and 1 vote against the motion. Motion passed.

16. 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:

- **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.**

Mayor Briones stated that there was no need to go into executive session.

17. 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.

- **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**

Council did not convene into closed session so there was no need to re-open the session.

18. Items to consider for placement of future agenda.

- TLC Engineering update on broadband grant opportunities

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

Nothing added to this item – see City Secretary detailed events report.

20. Adjourn.


Mayor Briones adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVED:



Brandon Briones, Mayor

ATTEST:



Judy Murphy, City Secretary