



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 14, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.
CITY AUDITORIUM - 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
Joe Hernandez, Dir. Of Public Works

Richard Ashe, Chief of Police
Jaime Albiar, Code Compliance

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, February 14, 2023

2. Call Roll and establish a quorum is present.

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

3. Prayer.

Matt Singleton, Pastor of First Baptist Church, led the prayer.

4. Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Briones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Citizen comment.

Gloria Garza, resident of Karnes Street addressed mayor and council and asked about progress of the city replacing her water line on Karnes Street. The city manager said the bid openings will occur this week and once awarded the contractor will have 10 calendar days to mobilize and 90 days to complete the project.

6. Presentation: Small Business of the Month Award: Alexander Auto Center

Alexander Auto Center was recognized as Small Business of the Month. Mayor Briones read a proclamation commending the owners 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 will be presented to the owners.

7. Departmental Reports.

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

A representative from Langford Community Services spoke to council and mentioned that a budget performance modification was submitted to the GLO and is still pending. This notice is required to be posted at city hall until February 24, 2023. Invoice #2 from Paleo West for archeological services will need to be submitted to TIGRS.

- Archeologist (Presenter: Julie Densmore, Paleo West) – Julie Densmore was not present so the city manager will update council during his report.
- FEMA DR 4485 Grant (Presenter: TLC Engineering) – the city manager will give council an update on FEMA projects.
- Public Works Report -was given by Joe Hernandez, III
- Police Chief Report – was given by Chief Ashe
- Building Department & Code Compliance Reports – was given by Jaime Albiar
- Streets & Parks Reports – was given by Joe Hernandez
- City Secretary Report – was given by Judy Murphy

8. City Manager Report.

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

The City manager stated there were eleven applications received for the position of City Secretary and interviews will begin this week. There were two applications received for the Code Compliance position. Councilmember Saenz asked if there were any applications for the RO position. None were received. A request for proposals will be sent for garbage collection services with a start date of January 1, 2024, and the city's attorney will mail out a termination letter to Waste Connections. He also stated that last March council approved a project manager so the city manager will send out a RFQ (Request for qualifications) for companies to submit a proposal to handle the GLO and various projects the city has in the works. Twelve of the submitted applications for the FEMA grants have gone from TDEM to FEMA.

Friday, February 17 is the last day to submit an application to be on the May 6, 2023 ballot for city council districts 1,3 and 5. The city manager then discussed the monthly financial statements and discussed new vehicles for the student resource officers.

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 City Council Meeting Minutes

B. Consideration and approval on Financials

Motion: Councilmember Rodriguez made a motion to approve the January 10, 2023 minutes as amended with the following correction: Agenda item 23, the motion made by Councilmember Parker and seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez should state “the City Manager’s contract that expires on March 9, 2023 and the seat to be vacant on March 10”. The amended motion is to change the wording from “seat” to “position”. The revised statement should read “Councilmember Parker made a motion to not renew the City Manger’s contract that expires on March 9, 2023 and the position to be vacant on March 10. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Douglas. All 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.

10. Consideration and possible action on selecting a Grant Administration firm, for grant administration services to be performed pertaining to the TxCDBG 2023-2024 Community Development Fund relating to the Maytag, Latin, & Booe St Waterline Replacement Project and authorizing the City Manager to enter in to a Professional Services Agreement with the selected firm.

The city manager explained that the grant project was for the Maytag, Latin & Booe St. waterline replacement grant. The only submittal received was from Langford Community Management Services. The submittal was scored by staff and the conflict-of-interest box was checked. The conflict-of-interest possible implications were discussed. Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Rodriguez and seconded by Councilmember Parker to direct the city manager to re-submit the request for grant administrator for the Maytag, Latin & Booe St. Waterline replacement grant. Three votes were in favor of the motion; Councilmember Douglas abstained from voting; motion passed.

11. Consideration and possible action regarding rescheduling the March 14, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting.

Councilmember Douglas stated he will be out of state during the time of the March 14, 2023 regular city council meeting and requested a different date to schedule the regular meeting. Motion: A motion was made by councilmember Rodriguez and seconded by councilmember Parker to take no action on this agenda item. All present voted in favor of the motion; motion passed.

12. Items to consider for placement on future agendas.

- None


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

- Congratulations to the Kenedy Leopards on winning the Bi-District title. They will play against Falls City in Nixon.
- Food Bank distribution will be on February 27, 2023 at Joe Gulley Park
- The City Manager thanked mayor and council for allowing him to serve as city manager and stated it was his privilege and honor to serve the community. He hopes God will continue will bless the City of Kenedy.

14. Adjourn.

Mayor Briones adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

APPROVED:



Brandon Briones, Mayor

ATTEST:


Judy Murphy, City Secretary