

KENNEDALE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING | JANUARY 21, 2025 AT 5:30 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS | 405 MUNICIPAL DRIVE, KENNEDALE, TX 76060

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brad Horton called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL

Mayor Horton, Mayor Pro Tem Michels, Place 1 Glover, Place 2 Kobeck, Place 4 Gary, and Place 5 Nevarez were in attendance, thus constituting a quorum.

The City Manager, City Secretary, department directors, and other various staff were also present.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. AND TEXAS FLAGS

"Honor the Texas Flag; I Pledge Allegiance to Thee, Texas, One State under God; One and Indivisible."

Place 5 Nevarez offered the invocation, followed by the Pledges to the American and Texas flags led by Mayor Pro Tem Michels.

II. PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclamation designating February as Black History Month in the City of Kennedale as presented by Mayor Brad Horton.

Mayor Brad Horton presented a proclamation designating February as Black History Month to members of the community.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

The Kennedale City Council welcomes comments from the public. Those wishing to speak must sign in prior to the start of the meeting. Speakers may speak on any topic, whether on the agenda or not. The Kennedale City Council cannot act upon, discuss issues raised or make any decisions at this time. Speakers under citizens' comments shall observe a three-minute time limit. Inquiries regarding matters not listed on this agenda may be referred to staff for research and/or possible future action by the board.

Sara Johnson, 221 Village St., concerns relating to naming of the roundabouts in Kennedale.

Tamiko Sargent, Kennedale, concerns relating to naming of the roundabouts in Kennedale.

Neil Foreman, 4730 Eden Rd. South, regulation of Industrial Zoning outside the City Limits.

Mayor Brad Horton requested a motion to adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.0171 of the Government Code, Consultation with the City Attorney.

Mayor Pro Tem Michels motioned to enter into Executive Session at 5:44 p.m.

Place 5 Nevarez seconded the motion.

No opposition, No abstentions

Vote: Motion passed unanimously

Mayor Horton adjourned the Council from Executive Session at 6:19 p.m.

Place 2 Kobeck motioned to approve a settlement agreement with W. Eddie Patterson and Tammy Patterson.

Place 1 Glover seconded the motion.

No opposition, No abstentions

Vote: Motion passed unanimously

IV. REGULAR SESSION

A. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

In addition to any items below, the Kennedale City Council, the presiding officer, and/or staff may give or receive reports regarding items of community interest, including, but not limited to, recognition of officials, citizens, staff, or departments; information regarding holiday schedules; and upcoming or attended events.

1. Updates from the City of Kennedale Mayor and City Council

The City Council and Mayor gave updates on items of public interest, including Ethics Training, TML Region 8 meeting, Historical Society filed trip, Illegal Dumping, and the warming station.

2. Updates from the City of Kennedale City Manager

a. Infrastructure Update

City Manager, Darrell Hull, gave an update on infrastructure projects including the ground storage tank, the sewer realignment project and SCADA updates.

3. Financial Reports for the City and/or the EDC

a. Quarterly Investment Report

b. Bond Rating Update

Finance Director Jon Horton gave an overview of the City of Kennedale's financials including the Quarterly Investment Report and a positive Bond Rating Update.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Conduct a Public Hearing on Ordinance 779, an Ordinance of the City of Kennedale, Texas, amending the City of Kennedale's Fee Schedule.

Mayor Horton opened the Public Hearing at 6:34 p.m.

No comments were given at this time.

Mayor Horton closed the Public Hearing at 6:34 p.m.

C. CONSENT AGENDA

These matters have appeared on previous agendas, require little or no deliberation, or are considered routine or ministerial tasks. If discussion is desired, items may be removed for separate consideration.

1. Ordinance 779, an Ordinance of the City of Kennedale, Texas, amending the City of Kennedale's Fee Schedule.
2. Resolution R636, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Kennedale, Texas, Calling for a General Election to be held on May 3, 2025, to Elect City Council Places 1, 3, and 5, for a Term of Two-Years, Approving Entering into a Joint Election Agreement with Tarrant County Elections, and Establishing Procedures for the General Election.
3. December 17, 2024, City Council Minutes

Mayor Pro Tem Michels made a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Place 5 Nevarez seconded the motion.

No opposition, No abstentions

Vote: Motion passed unanimously

D. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

1. Discuss and take action to award a contract for Solid Waste Disposal Services. - Action Item

The City Council discussed the proposals that had been received by the city. City Manager Hull briefed the council and made a recommendation that the city council award a contract for Solid Waste Disposal Services to Frontier Waste Solutions.

Representatives with Frontier Waste Solutions addressed the council and answered questions and concerns including the pick up schedule and bulky waste requirements.

Place 1 Glover motioned to approve entering into a contract for Solid Waste Disposal with Frontier Waste Solutions.

Place 2 Kobeck seconded the motion.

No opposition, No abstentions

Vote: Motion passed unanimously

2. Discuss and take action to name a roundabout located at the intersection of Mansfield Cardinal Rd. and Little School Rd., in Honor of Mr. Robert Mundy. - Action Item

The City Council held discussion regarding the roundabout located at the intersection of Mansfield Cardinal Rd. and Little School Rd. City Manager Hull confirmed that EDC funding could be used for a beautification project at the roundabout however, the naming of the roundabout would need action of the City Council. Mayor Horton

read a letter from the Kennedale Historical Society in support of naming the roundabout after Mr. Robert Mundy.

Place 5 Nevarez motioned to approve naming the roundabout located at the intersection of Mansfield Cardinal Rd. and Little School Rd., in Honor of Mr. Robert Mundy.

Place 2 Kobeck seconded the motion.

No opposition, No abstentions

Vote: Motion carried unanimously

3. Discuss and take action requesting that the Kennedale Historical Society select nominations for naming roundabouts located in the City of Kennedale. - Action Item

The City Council discussed the process of naming the roundabouts in Kennedale with Ms. Laurie Saunders who was in attendance as a representative of the Kennedale Historical Society. Ms. Saunders stated that the Historical Society would be in favor of reviewing naming rights of the landmarks and bringing the recommendations back to the City Council. The consensus of the council was to allow staff to work with the Historical Society in future naming projects.

4. Receive an update and discuss direction to City Staff regarding the Youth Advisory Council. - Discussion only

The City Council and city staff held discussion on the current ordinances in place regarding the Youth Advisory Council. Staff was directed to move forward with reviewing and making changes to the ordinances in order to hopefully fund in the upcoming budget cycle for implementation in October of 2025.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Kennedale City Council reserves the rights to meet in Executive (Closed) Session at any time during the meeting pursuant to the below cited sections of the Texas Government Code.

- A. PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.0171 - consultation with the City Attorney pertaining to any matter in which the duty of the City Attorney under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct may conflict with the Open Meetings Act, including discussion of any item posted on the agenda, legal issues regarding the Open Meetings Act, to discuss pending and contemplated litigation, or a settlement offer.

1. W. Eddie Patterson and Tammy Patterson - Litigation
2. Collett Sublett Rd.

- B. PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.087 - to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations.

1. Prospective 380 Agreement

Place 5 Nevarez motioned to adjourn into executive session at 7:25 p.m.

Place 2 Kobeck seconded the motion.

No opposition, No abstentions

Vote: Motion passed unanimously

VI. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION, AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council reconvened from executive session at 8:04 p.m.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Michels motioned to adjourn at 8:04 p.m.

Place 1 Glover seconded the motion.

There being no further business, Mayor Horton adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

MAYOR BRAD HORTON

CITY SECRETARY BOBBIE JO TAYLOR