

KENNEDALE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING | JANUARY 16, 2024 AT 5:30 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS | 405 MUNICIPAL DRIVE, KENNEDALE, TX 76060

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jan Joplin called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Jan Joplin, Kenneth Michels, Jeff Nevarez, David Glover, Bryant Griffith; **ABSENT:** none ; **STAFF:** City Manager Darrell Hull, City Secretary Raeanne Byington, Director of Planning and Economic Development Nathan Gonzales, Director of Finance Jonathan Horton, Library Director Elizabeth Partridge, Director of Human Resources Caroline Green, Public Works Director Kristian Sugrim, Fire Chief James Brown, Police Chief Michael Holguin, City Attorney Carvan Adkins; **CONSULTANTS:** Jason Gray of Willdan Financial Services.

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."

Pastor Holley Drost of Iglesia R Church gave the invocation and Mayor Pro Tem Kenneth Michels led the Pledges.

II. VISITOR AND CITIZEN FORUM

No one signed up to speak.

III. WORK SESSION

A. WORK SESSION REPORTS

1. Presentation from Willdan Financial Services on the 2024 Water and Wastewater Rate Study.

Mr. Jason Gray of Willdan Financial Services gave a presentation of the Water and Wastewater study that his firm conducted for the city and was available to answer questions from the Council.

B. DISCUSSION AND/OR REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION OF ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

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. Promotional Ceremony for firefighters Chance Warren and Zachery Dayton to Driver Engineer.

Chief James Brown presented the firefighters with a certificate of promotion.

2. Badge pinning for Police Officer Juan Rodriguez.

This item was postponed.

3. Updates from members of the Kennedale City Council

Councilmember Jeff Nevarez mentioned the Rotary Chili Cook Off, Saturday, 2/24/24. It will raise money for scholarships for Kennedale Seniors. He also mentioned the Chamber Luncheon on 1/17/24 where Mayor Joplin will be speaking.

Councilmember Bryant Griffith updated the Council on the Veteran's Memorial Committee meetings.

Mayor Pro Tem Kenneth Michels updated the Council on the Charter Study Committee and the need for a special meeting to propose the changes.

Councilmember David Glover had no updates.

4. Updates from the Mayor

Mayor Joplin mentioned the Chili Cook Off for the Rotary and reminded everyone that if you hear or see anything, feel free to call the Council or City Manager.

5. Updates from the City Manager

EDC Purchase of Russell, Jesse Survey Abstract, 1328 Tract 3B3 on Eden Road. Offer accepted on 6720, 6724, 6728, 6732 Oak Crest Dr. W.

Traffic Control Update

- Device on 1100 Bowman Springs Rd

Public Works Update:

- Above Ground Water Storage
- Sewer Line (2023 Bond)
- Eden Road (Tarrant County Precinct 2)
- Construction on Collett Sublett

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

Finance Director Jon Horton presented the budgets for the City and the EDC for council.

7. Schedule of Investment Activity for quarter ending December 31, 2023.

Finance Director Jon Horton presented the investment activity for the quarter and was available for questions.

B. 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. Approval of the minutes from the December 19, 2023 Regular Meeting

Motion Approve. Action Approve Approval of the minutes from the December 19, 2023 Regular Meeting, **Moved By** Kenneth Michels, **Seconded By** Bryant Griffith. **Motion passed unanimously.**

C. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

1. Discussion and approval of an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Kennedale and the Fort Worth Transportation Authority for door-to-door paratransit services for elderly and persons with disabilities within Tarrant County.

Motion Approve. Action Approve Discussion and approval of an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Kennedale and the Fort Worth Transportation Authority for door-to-door paratransit services for elderly and persons with disabilities within Tarrant County., **Moved By** David Glover, **Seconded By** Jeff Nevarez. **Motion passed/failed unanimously.**

2. Approval of an agreement for Mutual Aid in Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services with Tarrant County and any action necessary to authorize the City Manager or his deisgnee to execute same on behalf of the City.

Motion Table. Action Table Approval of an agreement for Mutual Aid in Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services with Tarrant County and any action necessary to authorize the City Manager or his deisgnee to execute same on behalf of the City., **Moved By** Jeff Nevarez, **Seconded By** Bryant Griffith. **Motion passed unanimously.**

3. Discussion and approval for a 4% increase with Waste Connections beginning February 1, 2024.

District manager Abel Moreno with Waste Connections presented for approval an increase of 4% for FY24. He stated that although we approved last year's 5% increase, Waste Connections forgot to charge us so this year's increase will be the 5 plus 4% for a total of 9% beginning February 1, 2024.

Councilmember Nevarez had some items to ask Mr. Moreno to work on in the city. Mr. Moreno stated he would look into them.

Motion Approve. Action Approve Discussion and approval for a 4% increase with Waste Connections beginning February 1, 2024. **Moved By** David Glover, **Seconded By** Jeff Nevarez. **Motion passed unanimously with a vote of 3-1-0**, with Bryant Griffith voting against approval.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. PURSUANT TO §551.071 — *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.*

1. Investigation Update.

B. PURSUANT TO §551.072 — *Deliberation regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.*

C. PURSUANT TO §551.087 — *(1) Deliberation 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; or (2) to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect described by Subdivision.

D. PURSUANT TO §551.074 — 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.

1. Removal and appointments for boards.

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

Mayor Joplin reconvened into open session at 8:40 pm.

Motion to appoint the following to Boards:

EDC - Bryant Griffith, Place 4, David Glover Place 7.

TIRZ - Jeff Nevarez, Place 3, David Glover, Place 1 and Chad Wandell, Place 4.

KKB and Parks - Amy Cowan as Place 1 on both Boards.

Motion Approve. **Action** Approve RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION, AND TAKE ACTION NECESSARY PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION, IF NEEDED, **Moved By** Kenneth Michels, **Seconded By** Jeff Nevarez. **Motion passed/failed unanimously.**

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Adjourn. **Action** Adjourn ADJOURNMENT, **Moved By** Jeff Nevarez, **Seconded By** David Glover. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm.

APPROVED:


MAYOR PRO TEM KENNETH MICHELS

ATTEST:


CITY SECRETARY RAEANNE BYINGTON