

KENNEDALE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING | JULY 15, 2025 AT 5:30 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS | 405 MUNICIPAL DRIVE, KENNEDALE, TX 76060

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Michels called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL

Mayor Brad Horton- Present
Council Member Place 1- David Glover- Present
Council Member Place 2- Thelma Kobeck- Present
Mayor Pro Tem/Place 3- Kenneth Michels- Present
Council Member Place 4- Chris Gary- Present
Council Member Place 5- Jeff Nevarez- Present

All Council members present, thus constituting a quorum

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 Pledges to the American and Texas Flags led by Mayor Pro Tem Michels.

II. 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., Spoke on Mission Pantry Concert news as well as accountability of public officials.

III. PRESENTATIONS

Police Chief Michael Holguin Issued the Oath of Honor to Police Officer Michael Garcia. Chief Holguin read his biography as well as a host of awards and honors before the swearing in.

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.

Council member place 5- Nevarez: Attended TML Region 8 meeting and was able to discuss Items with the Texas house with other surrounding cities, Next one will be in Burleson. Also meet with a representative with the McMillian property and the potential sell regarding the future of.

Council member place 4- Gary: No report

Mayor Pro tem- place 3 -Michels: Also attended the Region 8 TML meeting and attended an EOC training incident command as well as a mental health class along with a majority of Kennedale employees.

Council Member place 2- Kobeck: Working on coordinating support and relief for the victims of recent flooding.

Council Member place 1-Glover: Attended Quarter Auction the First United Methodist Church, where they raised \$450 for the Senior Center. The next one will be on July 28th and the proceeds will go to the Library. Please plan to attend and support.

Mayor Horton- Flooding in central Texas, is heartbreaking, please keep them in your thoughts and prayers, That area is looking for donations and not necessarily volunteers at this time. Swiney Hiatt project is underway. Two-month time frame. Could be delayed due to the rain, however. Please refer to the city website to learn more. Also met with Mayors of Everman, Forest Hill regarding collaborations with resource sharing and cost sharing.

2. Updates from the City of Kennedale City Manager.

City Manager Darrell Hull was not in attendance so there was no report.

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

Finance Director Jonathan Horton gave a financial update for the City of Kennedale and the Kennedale Economic Development Corporation. Mr. Horton advised that the city is currently treading at about the same pace as the year prior. Mr. Horton also briefly gave a quarterly Investment report.

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.

Council Member place 2- Kobeck requested that item B3 Raise spending limits to \$50,000 be pulled from the Consent Agenda, and tabled due to the absence of our City Manager.

1. June 17, 2025, City Council Minutes
2. Resolution R637: A resolution of the City Council suspending Oncor Electric Delivery Company, LLC's proposed rate increase, effective date of July 31, 2025, for Ninety Days

Mayor Pro Tem place 3- Michels moved to approve Consent Agenda items C1 and C2

Council Member place 5-Nevarez seconded the motion.

No opposition, No abstentions

Vote: Motion passed unanimously 5-0

3.
Raise spending limits to \$50,000 for the City Manager

Council Member place 2- Kobeck made a motion to **table** this item until next month so that the City Manager is present.

Council Member place 5 Nevarez seconded the motion.

Mayor Horton did state for the record, that the State of Texas does allow \$100,00 spending limits for all City Managers.

No opposition, No abstentions

Vote: Motion passed unanimously 5-0

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

1. Take action to consider approval of Change Order #2 for T4-Ground Storage Water Tank with Texas Aquastore.

Kristian Sugrim- Public Works director gave a brief presentation in regards to the need for the change order. This is because of the City of Arlington requests two-meter vaults with actuators, valves and cathodic protection for the system. This is necessary to make sure the tank is functioning efficiently and correctly as it's supposed to for TCQ requirements.

There was some discussion as to where these additional funds to pay for the change order will come from. Mayor Horton asked Finance Director Jonathan Horton to explain the funding allocations for this project.

Council Member place 1- Glover made a motion to approve D1.

Council Member place 2 -Kobeck seconded the motion.

No opposition, No abstentions

Vote: Motion passed unanimously 5-0

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 551 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE. If, during the course of the meeting and discussion of any items covered by this notice, the Kennedale City Council determines that a Closed or Executive session of the Board is required, then such closed meeting will be held as authorized by Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Section 551.071 consultation with counsel on legal matters; Section 551.074 personnel matters (1) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or (2) to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee. (b) Subsection (a) does not apply if the officer or employee who is the subject of the deliberation or hearing requests a public hearing. Section 551.072 - deliberation regarding purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property; Section 551.073 - deliberation regarding a prospective gift; Section 551.087 - deliberation regarding economic development negotiation; Section 551.089 - deliberation regarding security devices or security audits, and/or other matters as authorized under the Texas Government Code. If a Closed or Executive Session is held in accordance with the Texas Government Code as set out above, the Kennedale City Council will reconvene in Open Session in order to take action, if necessary, on the items addressed during Executive Session.

Mayor Pro Tem place 3- Michels moved to adjourn into executive session at 5:58pm

Council Member place 1- Glover seconded the motion.

No opposition, No abstentions

Vote: Motion passed unanimously 5-0

A. PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.074 - Personnel Matters, certain deliberations about officers and employees of the governmental body to be held in executive session.

Description: City Manager Annual Contract

B. PURSUANT TO SECTION Chapter 551, Section 551.071 consultation with counsel on legal matters;

Description: Investigation Update

V. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION, AND TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION @ 6:32

Mayor Horton requested that the City Attorney, give a brief update on the Investigation. City Attorney, Carvan Adkins did state that he has engaged with an outside attorney for assistance who has been active in conducting interviews. A written report will be made available upon completion.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem place 3- Michels made a motion to adjourn.

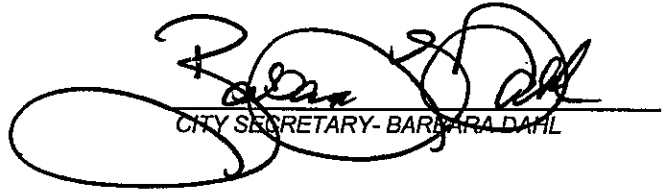
Council Member place 5- Nevarez seconded the motion.

There being no further business, Mayor Horton adjourned the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

APPROVED:


MAYOR -BRAD HORTON

ATTEST:


CITY SECRETARY- BARBARA DAHL

