



KENNEDALE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING | MARCH 17, 2026 AT 5:30 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS | 405 MUNICIPAL DRIVE, KENNEDALE, TX 76060

I. CALL TO ORDER Mayor Brad Horton opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

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- VACANT
Council Member Place 5- Jeff Nevarez- Present

All Council members were present constituting a quorum.

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

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

Council Member Place 5, Jeff Nevarez to give an invocation followed by Mayor Pro Tem, Kenneth Michels leading the pledges to both the American flag and the Texas Flag.

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

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment

III. PRESENTATIONS

Swearing in of two new Police Officers, Officer Stone and Officer Whitehead Chief Carlson read the bios of these two officers and swore them both in. Kennedale is pleased to welcome both officers and know that both of these officers are held to the highest ethical standards of our Police Department.

Proclamation for Women's History Month -Mayor Horton did read the proclamation in honor of women everywhere for Women's History month.

TCAP Presentation Drew Shores- Mr. Shores gave a brief presentation regarding TCAP. TCAP is a non-profit political subdivision organization with

173 members. Mr. Shores presented how TCAP is different from for-profit vendors. And their various energy conservation programs.

2025 City of Kennedale Annual Fire Department Report Chief Peterson gave a presentation of his annual report. The total number of service calls have decreased by 11.8%. The total calls for service this year have decreased to 1392. This is believed to be related to the additional fire prevention awareness programs. Fire calls for service have decreased by 12% while the Emergency Medical Services calls decreased by 12.8% and transports by 17%. Mutual aid responses have also slightly decreased in 2025. Our average response time has also decreased down to 4:45 seconds.

The Fire Department stays busy with the community and at public events. In 2025 they performed 506 Fire Prevention Inspections, 88 Plan Reviews and 76 Code and Fire Investigations. The Department is looking forward to moving into their new station this summer.

Mayor Horton stated that he is adjusting the agenda and moving up the Public Hearings. We will hear the supporting Ordinance presentation immediately following the Public Hearing this will allow us to be mindful of the guests and the speakers who were waiting to present.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Horton opened the Public Hearing at 6:14 p.m. There was no public Comment on this item.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Proposed Project ADA Compliant Sidewalks-Kristian Sugrim did present a short explanation of the grant we applied for thru the CDBG. This Public Hearing is a formality of the grant. Our consulting engineer from Westwood Professional Services, Rylie Perolik gave a brief presentation. Kennedale is eligible for this grant every other year so we must wait until 2028 before we can apply for county funding with this program.

Mayor Horton closed the Public Hearing at 6:25 p.m.

Mayor Horton opened the next Public Hearing at 6:26 P.M.

To Conduct a Public Hearing and Consider, PZ Case 26-01; a PROPOSED ZONING CHANGE FROM "OT-4 OLD TOWN sub-district 4" TO "C-2 General commercial district" for 444 E. Kennedale Pkwy, BOAZ, CA SUBD OF J B RENFRO Lot 31 OF THE CITY OF KENNEDALE, Tarrant County, Texas, 76060.

Community Development Director, Edward McRoy did present his recommendation of denial. This item did go to the Planning and Zoning commission who also recommended it to be denied. Edward stated the reasoning for the denial recommendation is the site proposed does not comply with the future land use plan.

Reid Herdman, who happens to own the property in question spoke in support of this zoning change. Mr. Herdman opened an office space in this location and has plans to clean up the property and give it a facelift.

Mayor Horton closed the Public Hearing at 6:36 P.M.

To Consider Ordinance # 797 a proposed zoning change from "OT-4" Old Town District to "C-2" Commercial District for 444 . Kennedale Pkwy , BOAZ, CA SUBD OF J B RENFRO LOT 31 OF THE CITY OF KENNEDALE, Tarrant County, Texas, 76060. Council Member Nevarez requested Community Development Director, Edward McRoy to come back to the podium and clarify the land use and his reasoning for the recommendation.

Council Member Kobeck made a motion to change the zoning district
Mayor ProTem Michels 2nd the motion,
No opposition, No Abstention
The motion **passed** 4-0 unanimously

The City Council took a short break at 6:46 p.m.
Mayor Horton did reconvene the City Council meeting at 6:57 p.m.

The mayor did state that we are going to continue with the Items for Individual Consideration.

**ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION
AND/OR ACTION**

Kennedale FD Contract providing Fire and EMS Services to Tarrant County ESD1 - FY 2026- City Manager Hull suggested that this item be TABLED as the contract is not complete and more negotiations are needed.

Mayor ProTem, Michels made a motion to table this item until the April Meeting
Council Member Glover 2nd the motion,
No opposition, No Abstention

The motion **passed** 4-0 unanimously

Multipurpose Fields Contract with Speed Fab Concrete- Both Mitch Hanzi with Speed Fab-Crete and Alan Hucaby with Callahan & Freeman Architects presented on the proposed Kennedale Sports Complex. There was lots of discussion regarding drainage, landscaping, parking, seating, lighting, soil, fencing, concession stand restrooms, etc. After much discussion regarding the needs and wants of this project, The City Council agreed that the best interest for Kennedale was to do the full field renovations (Option 1B) with full irrigation and new LED lighting.

Council Member Nevarez made a motion to sign a contract with Speed Fab Crete for the Kennedale Sports Complex for Option 1B (Full Field Renovations) and 2 (Full irrigation) and 3 (Site Lighting upgrades)

Mayor ProTem Michels 2nd the motion,
No opposition, No Abstention
The motion **passed** 4-0 unanimously

Resolution #645 To Consider Authorizing Members of ATMOS, payment of four cents per capita.

Council Member Kobeck made a motion to approve Resolution #645

Council Member Nevarez 2nd the motion,
No opposition, No Abstention
The motion **passed** 4-0 unanimously

Briar Court Hillside Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project- City Manager Hull has requested that we TABLE this item until the next meeting.

Council Member Kobeck made a motion to TABLE this item until the next regular Council Meeting.

Mayor ProTem Michels 2nd the motion,
No opposition, No Abstention
The motion **passed** 4-0 unanimously

2025 City of Kennedale Annual Library/ Senior Center & Communications Report Elizabeth Partridge did present her annual report on not only the Library but also the Senior Center and Communications. The Kennedale Library did receive the achievement of Excellence by the Texas Municipal Library Directors Association. As far as Library activities, the actual number of visits was 23,993. The number of electronic materials checked out was up at 11,454. They did issue 392 library cards in 2025.

The Senior Center activity has increased. In 2025, they have served 4,988 lunches and they have had 531 activities with 5885 participants.

Our Website has had over a million views. We have had lots of participation in our community events. The car show last year had 2340 people and we believe that to be more for 2026. Trunk or Treat brought in 2200 people but we did get lots of rain and lightning. As did our Hometown Christmas that had 3300 people.

2025 City of Kennedale Annual Court Report Bertha Vindel presented the annual Court Report. In 2025 we have had 3,098 court cases. And we have 2,478 Court filings. In 2025 we have issued 1,565 Warrants. That is up 5% from the year before. The Court has assisted 2,276 customers at the service window. Kennedale Municipal court was also awarded the 2025 TMCEC Traffic Safety Initiative Award (Low Volume Category) they have also implemented a new court software system.

2025 City of Kennedale Annual Finance/ I.T. Report Jonathan Horton Presented the Finance Annual Report. Mr. Horton did report that his department did earn the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting and the distinguished Budget Presentation Award. Both are issued by the Government Financial Officers Association. Some of the major projects completed in this department is the early adoption of the 2026 budget in August, the Payroll shift from ADP to Tyler and the purchasing policy modifying the spending authority. The Finance department also was able to increase payments made by ACH to 15% of payments initiated through the City's operating account.

Mr. Horton also presented the Information Technology annual report. In partnership with NetGenius, there were 756 user tickets submitted and closed and 247 automated system tickets all closed. There were 7 hours and 29 minutes of phone calls. Some of the major projects completed in 2025 were the Tyler deployment assistance, Temporary Fire Station setup, Library cabling moves and fixes, Moving the server room to a secure and structurally sound area, shift to Microsoft 365 and participating the Emergency

Management tabletop exercises. There was a suggestion regarding getting Wi-Fi for our City Park.

V. REGULAR SESSION

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Updates for the City of Kennedale Mayor and City Council

Council Member Glover stated that he attended and participated in the Rotary Chili Cookoff as well as the Economic Development after hours Meet and Greet with business owners. He attended the Car Show last weekend and it was a great turn out.

Council Member Kobeck stated that she has been busy with calls and emails.

Mayor ProTem Michels also attended the Rotary Chili cookoff as well as the EDC After Hours event. He also attended the Car Show.

Jeff Nevarez- Gave a shout out for everyone who helped make the car show successful. He also attended the after-hours EDC event and he also attended the TML midyear conference and he is working on getting on the legislative committee. This would allow him to fight for city rights at the next legislative session. Council member Nevarez not only attended the Chili Cookoff, he won it! He had used an old family recipe from a friend who has passed away, so that made it extra special. He displayed the large trophy he won. This event raised \$16,000 for the Rotary to go towards scholarships. Mr Nevarez also gave a shout out to his wife wishing her a "Happy Anniversary".

Mayor Horton

Jeff Nevarez Certified Municipal Official Designation –Mayor Horton read a press release regarding Council Member Place 5 and his achievement in earning the Certified Municipal Official (CMO) Designation.

Updates from the City of Kennedale City Manager Darrell Hull, City manager Hull stated how proud he was of his staff and all of the achievements made for the betterment of the city. There will be additional Director reports at the next

- 3 Financial Reports for the City and for the EDC -- Finance Director Jonathan Horton
Presented his monthly financials.

Results through February represent 41.7% of the fiscal year.

GENERAL FUND (01)

- ◇ Property tax revenues received year-to-date \$5,775,293; 96.3% of total budget; prior year receipts through February were 96.0% of budget
- ◇ Sales tax revenues received year-to-date \$804,073; 22.0% of total budget; receipts from the State are two months delayed; i.e. October sales taxes are received in December
- ◇ General Fund expenditures year-to-date \$5,001,278; 35.0% of total budget
- ◇ Fund Balance year-to-date is \$7,615,071; 194 days of total budgeted expenditures and transfers out

WATER/SEWER FUND (10)

- ◇ *Water service sales year-to-date \$1,257,467; 29.2% of budget
- ◇ *Sewer service sales year-to-date \$929,433; 40.1% of budget
- ◇ Utility Billing and Operations expenditures year-to-date \$3,501,882; 66.2% of total budget

STORMWATER FUND (07)

- ◇ *Drainage fees year-to-date \$92,499; 30.3% of budget
- ◇ Stormwater Fund expenditures year-to-date \$158,914, 40.8% of total budget

EDC FUND (15) ◇ Sales tax revenues received year-to-date \$267,974; 25.6% of total budget; receipts from the State are two months delayed; i.e. October sales taxes are received in December

- ◇ *Rental fees for the Shopping Center year-to-date \$76,816; 32% of budget
- ◇ EDC Operations expenditures year-to-date \$545,378; 45.1% of budget
- ◇ *EDC Town Shopping Center expenditures year-to-date \$237,681; 23.17% of budget
- ◇ Fund Balance year-to-date is \$1,959,203; 320 days of total budgeted expenditures and transfers out.

*Indicates February activity was not available at time of publish.

B. CONSENT AGENDA

1. February 17, 2026 City Council Minutes
2. 2025 Racial Profiling Report
3. Ordinance 585 Amending the Water Bill Termination from 5 days to 30 days

Council Member Kobeck made a motion to approve the consent agenda
Mayor ProTem Michels 2nd the motion,
No opposition, No Abstention
The motion **passed** 4-0 unanimously

EverBridge – Fire Chief Eric Peterson gave a brief presentation regarding Everbridge. Chief Peterson explained how EverBridge works and how important that it is for everyone to sign up. Chief Peterson gave a demonstration as to how to go about signing up.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Kobeck made a motion to recess into Executive Session
Council Member Nevarez 2nd the motion,
No opposition, No Abstention
The motion **passed** 4-0 unanimously

Mayor Horton did Recess the regular session to go into Executive session at 8:36 p.m.

- A. Section 551.072 - deliberation regarding purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property;**
Description: Potential Land Purchase
- B. Section 551.087- Deliberation regarding Economic Development Negotiations, Section 551.071 Consultation with Council on Legal Matters.**
Description: Potential Use of EDC Property located at 811 W Kennedale Parkway

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

Mayor Horton did reconvene from Executive session into Regular session at 9:20 p.m.

Council Member Kobeck made a motion to adjourn the meeting
Council Member Nevarez 2nd the motion,

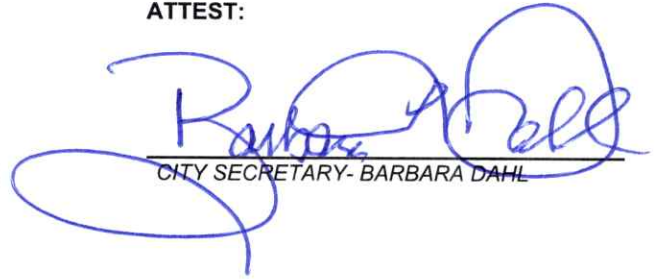
VIII. ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

APPROVED:



MAYOR -BRAD HORTON

ATTEST:



CITY SECRETARY- BARBARA DAHL

