

KENNEDALE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING | SEPTEMBER 17, 2018
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 405 MUNICIPAL DRIVE
WORK SESSION – 5:30 PM | REGULAR SESSION – 7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brian Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. WORK SESSION

A. Discussion of items on regular agenda

Council discussed the proposed contract for audio visual upgrades for the Council Chamber. Finance Director Brady Olsen presented an overview the contract.

The proposed ordinance providing for an increase in exemptions from ad valorem taxes relating to residential homestead property owned by adult persons age sixty-five or older or who are disabled was discussed. Councilmember Rhodes asked for clarification from staff regarding the ordinance terminology.

City Manager George Campbell stated that there are no new developments in the proposed Arlington Water contract and advised Council that the Operations Agreement is currently being reviewed by the City of Arlington.

B. Discussion of proposed FY2018-19 budget

Finance Director Brady Olsen summarized the proposed FY2018-19 budget and the options for consideration by Council. There was some discussion by Council relative to the individual funds:

1. Discussion of the General Fund
2. Discussion of the Debt Service Fund
3. Discussion of Other General Funds
4. Discussion of the Water and Sewer Fund
5. Discussion of the Storm Water Fund
6. Discussion of the Capital and Special Revenue Fund

III. REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Johnson opened the Regular Session at 7:00 p.m.

IV. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Brian Johnson; Mayor Pro Tem Sandra Lee, Place 3; Rockie Gilley, Place 1; Chris Pugh, Place 2; Linda Rhodes, Place 4; Jan Joplin, Place 5; **Absent:** NONE

Staff: City Manager George Campbell, Deputy City Secretary Kathryn Roberson, Finance Director Brady Olsen, Human Resource and Administrative Services Director Danielle Clarke, Police Chief Tommy Williams, Police Captain Darrell Hull

V. INVOCATION

Councilmember Jan Joplin delivered the invocation.

VI. UNITED STATES PLEDGE AND TEXAS PLEDGE

VII. VISITOR/CITIZENS FORUM

Sara Johnson, 700 Crestview Drive, stated her concern regarding Mayor Johnson's conduct during a past Council meeting.

Jeff Nevarez, 337 Spring Branch Lane, announced the upcoming Concert in the Park.

Richard Weber, 2703 Crestmoor Court, Arlington, requested a change in the City's speaker policy during Council meetings.

Sandra Childers, 121 Mansfield Avenue, stated her concern about the condition of a drainage ditch on New Hope and Mansfield Avenue.

VIII. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Updates from the City Council

ROCKIE GILLEY, PLACE 1, announced he attended a St. Vincent de Paul Men's Club meeting and he also completed a two week course in agile planning and project management.

CHRIS PUGH, PLACE 2, did not have any announcements.

MAYOR PRO TEM SANDRA LEE, PLACE 3, thanked the Keep Kennedale Beautiful Commission for their work.

LINDA RHODES, PLACE 4, did not have any announcements.

JAN JOPLIN, PLACE 5, announced that she attended the Bring-It event. She also discussed her decision to deny the proposed Certificates of Obligation issuance.

B. Updates from the Mayor

Mayor Johnson announced he attended Leadership Fort Worth and a TRTC meeting. He announced the upcoming Southeast Transportation Partnership meeting on October 10th, and a transit discussion with Senator John Cornyn on November 9th. He also announced the upcoming Theatre in the Park presentation.

- Announcement proclaiming the month of September as National Senior Center Month

Mayor Johnson proclaimed the month of September as National Senior Center Month.

C. Updates from the City Manager

City Manager George Campbell did not have any updates at this time.

IX. MONITORING INFORMATION

A. Monthly Financials – August 2018

There was no discussion at this time.

B. Monthly EDC Financials and Activity Report

There was no discussion at this time.

X. INCIDENTAL ITEMS

XI. REQUIRED APPROVAL ITEMS (CONSENT)

- A. Consider approval of minutes from August 9, 2018 special meeting
- B. Consider approval of minutes from August 20, 2018 regular meeting
- C. Consider approval of minutes from August 23, 2018 special meeting
- D. Consider and adopt Resolution 541 approving a negotiated settlement between the Atmos Cities Steering Committee and Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division
- E. Consider and authorize City Manager to enter into a contract for audio visual system upgrades for Council Chamber

Councilmember Joplin requested that item E be removed from Consent.

Motion To Approve Consent Agenda, except Item E. **Action** Approve, **Moved By** Rhodes, **Seconded By** Mayor Pro Tem Lee. **Motion passes Unanimously.**

Motion To Postpone Consent Agenda Item E. **Action** Postpone, **Moved By** Mayor Pro Tem Lee, **Seconded By** Joplin. **Motion passed 3-2** with Rhodes and Pugh voting against.

XII. DECISION ITEMS

- A. Discuss and consider Ordinance 649 providing for an increase in exemptions from ad valorem taxes relating to residential homestead property owned by adult persons age sixty-five or older or who are disabled

Motion To Approve Ordinance 649 providing for an increase in exemptions from ad valorem taxes relating to residential homestead property owned by adult persons age sixty-five or older or who are disabled. **Action** Approve, **Moved By** Rhodes, **Seconded By** Pugh. **Motion passes Unanimously.**

- B. Discuss and consider Ordinance 650 of the City of Kennedale, Texas, adopting the Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2018, and ending September 30, 2019; appropriating resources for each department, project, operation, activity, purchase, account, and other expenditures; providing for emergency expenditures and expenditures as allowed by applicable State Law; providing for the filing and posting of the Budget as required by State Law; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date

Motion To Approve Ordinance 650 of the City of Kennedale, Texas, adopting the Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2018, and ending September 30, 2019; appropriating resources for each department, project, operation, activity, purchase, account, and other expenditures; providing for emergency expenditures and expenditures as allowed by applicable State Law; providing for the filing and posting of the Budget as required by State

Law. **Action** Approve, **Moved By** Pugh, **Seconded By** Rhodes. **Motion passed 3-2** with Gilley and Joplin voting against.

- C. Discuss and consider ratification of property tax increase reflected in FY2018-2019 Adopted Budget

Motion To Approve ratification of property tax increase reflected in FY2018-2019 Adopted Budget. **Action** Approve, **Moved By** Pugh, **Seconded By** Rhodes. **Motion passed 3-0-2** with Gilley and Joplin abstaining.

- D. Discuss and consider approval of Ordinance 651, fixing and levying municipal Ad Valorem Taxes for the City of Kennedale, Texas, for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2018, and ending September 30, 2019; directing the assessment and collection thereof; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date

Motion To Approve Ordinance 651, fixing and levying municipal Ad Valorem Taxes for the City of Kennedale, Texas, for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2018, and ending September 30, 2019. **Action** Approve, **Moved By** Pugh, there was no second. **Motion dies.**

After some discussion, the motion was amended by Councilmember Joplin.

City Manager George Campbell requested the Minutes reflect that staff recommends against an action that would reduce the tax rate to the effective rate of .725714 rather than the rate recommended to support the budget the Council had just approved.

Motion To Approve Ordinance 651, fixing and levying municipal Ad Valorem Taxes for the City of Kennedale, Texas, for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2018, and ending September 30, 2019 (at the tax rate of .725714). **Action** Approve, **Moved By** Joplin, **Seconded By** Gilley. **Motion passed 3-2** with Pugh and Rhodes voting against.

- E. Consider adoption of Ordinance 652, revising the rates for water service and sanitary sewer service

Motion To Approve Ordinance 652, revising the rates for water service and sanitary sewer service with amendments (to set tier 3 and 4 water rates at the tier 3 level). **Action** Approve, **Moved By** Gilley, **Seconded By** Joplin. **Motion passed 3-2** with Pugh and Rhodes voting against.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Briefing on Arlington Water Contract negotiations

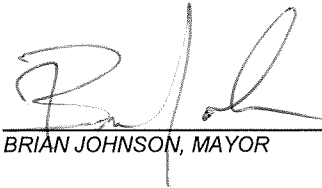
XIV. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION, AND TAKE ACTION NECESSARY PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION, IF NEEDED

XV. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion To Adjourn. Action Adjourn, Moved By Mayor Pro Tem Lee, Seconded By Joplin.
Motion passed Unanimously.**

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

APPROVED:


BRIAN JOHNSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:


LESLIE GALLOWAY, CITY SECRETARY

