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KENNEDALE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING | NOVEMBER 12, 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 5:31p.m.

II. WORK SESSION

A. Discussion regarding the Arts and Culture Foundation

Finance Director Brady Olsen provided a brief history of the Arts and Culture Foundation – a separate non-profit entity – that was created by a City board of the same name. The City board has since been abolished. The Foundation is a separate entity that is currently being utilized as a land bank for the City for future grant application purposes.

City Attorney Drew Larkin, Finance Director Brady Olsen, and Public Works Superintendent Larry Hoover were available to answer Council's questions regarding items including local tax exemption options and the timeframe for future grant options.

B. Discussion of Senior Center fees

Finance Director Brady Olsen provided an overview and was available to answer Council's questions regarding staff's recommendation to keep Senior Center rental revenue within the City to ensure monitoring and transparency; and to consider earmarking it for repairs, improvements, and supplies for that facility. After some discussion, Council directed staff to remit all previous and future rental fees to the membership of the Senior Center and for the Senior Center Board to turn in monthly financial reports to the City.

C. Discuss practices and procedures for blind copies of email messages sent to Councilmembers

Councilmember Joplin stated her desire for staff to blind copy the Mayor and all Councilmembers on all replies to any Councilmember's request for information.

D. Discussion of the top five new or expanded street projects

Public Works Superintendent Larry Hoover provided a brief overview and was available to answer Council's questions regarding the project list included in the packet:

- Little School Road Extension (including a grade-separated railroad crossing)
- New Hope Road (from Kennedale Parkway to Hudson Village Creek Road)
- Kennedale Sublett Road Realignment
- Village/Gail Connection
- Eden Road and Mansfield Cardinal Road Intersections
- Mansfield Cardinal Road, Tower Drive, and Swiney Hiett Road Intersections
- Collett Sublett Road Connection

There was some discussion of prioritizing (with input from the UIB), options for funding these projects, and deadlines associated with the TIRZ.

E. Discussion of proposed expansion and widening of New Hope Road
Discussion of this item was included in the discussion of Item D.

F. Discussion of the repair and reconstruction of Valley Lane
Public Works Superintendent Larry Hoover stated that there was need for soil studies and that staff was monitoring Valley Lane daily and was available to answer Council's questions.

G. Continued discussion of potential amendments to the Fiscal Year 2018-19 budget
There was no discussion at this time.

H. Discussion of items on regular agenda
There was no discussion at this time.

Mayor Johnson recessed the Work Session at 6:55 p.m.

III. REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Johnson called the Regular Session to order at 7:04 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: *Finance Director Brady Olsen (Acting City Manager), City Secretary & Communications Coordinator Leslie Galloway, Director of Human Resources & Administrative Services Danielle Clarke, Police Chief Tommy Williams, Public Works Superintendent Larry Hoover, Library Director Amanda King, and City Attorney Drew Larkin*

V. INVOCATION

Councilmember Joplin offered the invocation.

VI. UNITED STATES PLEDGE AND TEXAS PLEDGE

VII. VISITOR/CITIZENS FORUM

Taken out of order, occurred immediately following VII.B Updates from the Mayor.

- **Glen Massengill**, *628 Briar Court*, stated his desire to know where the City is regarding addressing the erosion control of Winding Creek, noting that a 2015 report showed several places that needed attention.
  Mayor Johnson stated that this topic would be on the Work Session of the December 11, 2018 Regular Meeting.

- **Chad Wandel**, *614 Reeves Lane*, spoke about his concern with the ambiguity of the speed limit signs on Sublett Road as it enters the city and the importance of bicycle safety.

- **Sarah Bishop Johnson Cotton**, *700 Crestview Drive*, stated her concerns with the potential rebuilding of Village Street; and that she has started a new group called Senior Outreach of Kennedale.

VIII. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Taken out of order, occurred immediately following the Unites States Pledge and Texas Pledge.

A. Updates from the City Council

- **ROCKIE GILLEY, PLACE 1**, announced that he attended a meeting of the TIRZ Board.
- **CHRIS PUGH, PLACE 2**, announced that he attended Public Safety Open House, an event with several local candidates in the November Election, and a Kennedale Education Foundation event.
- **MAYOR PRO TEM SANDRA LEE, PLACE 3**, announced that she had been talking with developers; and stated her opinion that the entire Council is honest and that the recent settlement of a Texas Ethics Commission complaint against herself and Councilmembers Joplin and Gilley was an attempt at unity.
- **LINDA RHODES, PLACE 4**, announced that she visited the Senior Center recently and met the new director, Patricia Tarkington.
- **JAN JOPLIN, PLACE 5**, announced that she also visited with the Senior Center, attended meetings of the TDD and TIRZ Boards, the Kennedale Education Foundation, the Arts & Culture Foundation, and the Charter Study Committee; that the water rates will be implemented soon along with a refund for the intermediary months; that the KPFFA Angel Tree Program was currently accepting applications; that the Christmas Tree Lighting was Tuesday, December 4; and that there was nothing illegal about the campaign run by herself, Mayor Pro Tem Lee, and Councilmember Gilley and that she believed that any concerns about financial decisions should have been focused on the years before 2017.

Rockie Gilley responded by stating he was subject to the Ethics Commission complaint as well, and offered general advice to anyone who might run for local office in the future.

B. Updates from the Mayor

Mayor Johnson stated his opinion that the finances are not in good order, the reserves are not in good order, the $1.6 Million error was found by Bob Hart, rather than by this Council.

Councilmember Gilley stated that the $1.6 Million error, if found by Bob Hart, was not publicized.

City Attorney Drew Larkin noted this discussion was outside of the scope of what was posted on the agenda and advised against further discussion.

Mayor Johnson announced that the Charter Study Committee had its first meeting, he emceed an event with Senator John Cornyn on Transportation, that street lights were being replaced by LEDs, that the Christmas Tree Lighting is Tuesday, December 4, and that City Manager George Campbell has suffered a back injury that could require surgery.

• Proclaiming November 2018 as Alpha-1 Awareness Month
The Proclamation was taken out of order; discussed immediately following VII. Visitor/Citizens Forum.

C. Updates from the City Manager
Acting City Manager Brady Olsen had no updates at this time.

IX. MONITORING INFORMATION

A. Monthly Financials – October 2018
This item was taken out of order; discussed after XI. REQUIRED APPROVAL ITEMS (CONSENT).

In response to Councilmember Joplin's question regarding FY18-19 Sales Tax revenue ending approximately $250,000 higher than projected, Finance Director Brady Olsen stated that this was largely due to one business paying four years of delinquent taxes.

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 October 9, 2018 special meeting

B. Consider approval of minutes from October 15, 2018 special meeting

C. Consider approval of minutes from October 16, 2018 regular meeting

D. Consider adoption of Ordinance 655, amending Chapter 2, Article III, Sec. 2-74 (9) of the City Code to reflect adopted purchasing policy amounts
This item was taken out of order; discussed after VIII.B. Updates from the Mayor.

Motion To Approve Consent Agenda. **Action** Approve, **Moved By** Mayor Pro Tem Lee, **Seconded By** Pugh. **Motion passes Unanimously.**

Following the vote, there was some discussion of the procedure for reflecting submitted written statements in the minutes.

XII. DECISION ITEMS

A. Consider appointment to various Advisory Boards and Commissions

After some discussion, the City Council proposed the following appointments:

Board or Adjustment / Building Board of Appeals (BOA/BBA): Place 2: Promote Jeff Nevarez; Place 4: Reappoint Martin Young; Place 6: Appoint Kelli Rod; Place 8: Appoint Thelma Kobeck; **Economic Development Corporation Board (EDC):** Place 1: Appoint Johnny Trevino; Place 2: Appoint Josh Altom; Place 4: Appoint Darold Tippey; Place 6: Reappoint Mark Yeary; Place 7: Appoint April Coltharp; **Keep Kennedale Beautiful Commissioner (KKB):** Place 2: Reappoint Darlene Winters; Place 4: Reappoint Michael Chandler; Place 6: Appoint Kenneth Michels; Place 7: Appoint Linda Miller; Place 8: Reappoint Laurie Sanders; Place 9: Appoint Lauren Warn; **Library Advisory Board:** Place 1: Appoint Susan Dalrymple; Place 2: Reappoint Josh Virnoche; Place 4: Appoint Troy Brannon; **Parks and Recreation Board:** Place 2: Reappoint Jeff Nevarez; Place 4: Reappoint Gary Swan; Place 6: Reappoint Josh Hayes; Place 7: Appoint Donald Spikes; **Planning & Zoning Commission (P&Z):** Place 2: Reappoint Chad Wandel; Place 3: Promote Bob Gruenhagen; Place 4: Reappoint Kayla Hughes; Place 6: Appoint Billy Don Gilley; Place 8: Appoint Brent Jones; Place 9: Appoint Allen Ray; **Utility & Infrastructure Board (UIB):** Place 2: Appoint Kenneth Michels; Place 3: Appoint Johnny Trevino; Place 4: Appoint Jeff Gregory; Place 6: Appoint Idin Deljavan; **Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Board (TIRZ):** Place 1: Appoint Darold Tippey; Place 2: Appoint Bruce Cates; Place 4: Reappoint Councilmember Rockie Gilley; **TownCenter Development District Board (TDD):** Place 1: (*To be filled by EDC President*); Place 2: Reappoint Mark Yeary; Place 4: Reappoint Mayor Pro Tem Sandra Lee; Place 5: Appoint Councilmember Rockie Gilley

Motion To Approve the entire slate of Advisory Board and Commission appointments as discussed, except for the Planning & Zoning Commission. **Action** Approve, **Moved By** Mayor Pro Tem Lee, **Seconded By** Pugh. **Motion passes Unanimously.**

Motion To Approve the appointment of the Planning & Zoning Commission slate as discussed. **Action** Approve, **Moved By** Pugh, **Seconded By** Rhodes. **Motion passes 4-0-1** with Gilley abstaining.

After a brief discussion, the Council directed staff to draft an ordinance for consideration on the next Regular Meeting agenda that would add two alternate places to the UIB.

B. Consider Appointments to the Charter Study Committee

Motion To Approve the appointment of Cheryl Pond to the Charter Study Committee. **Action** Approve, **Moved By** Pugh, **Seconded By** Mayor Pro Tem Lee. **Motion passes Unanimously.**

Mayor Brian Johnson recessed to Executive Session at 8:20 p.m.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Discuss pending legal matters regarding Ron Sturgeon vs. City of Kennedale

B. Discussion of the Arlington Water Contract

C. Discussion of City Manager's Annual Evaluation

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

Mayor Brian Johnson reconvened into Open Session at 8:56 p.m.

There was neither discussion nor action taken at this time.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion To Adjourn. **Action** Adjourn, **Moved By** Joplin, **Seconded By** Rhodes. **Motion passed Unanimously.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

APPROVED:

BRIAN JOHNSON, MAYOR

CITY OF KENNEDALE SEAL TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS

ATTEST:

Leslie Galloway

LESLIE GALLOWAY, CITY SECRETARY