

KENNEDALE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING | SEPTEMBER 17, 2019
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. Continue interviews of applicants for appointment to Advisory Boards and Commissions, if needed

There was no discussion at this time.

- B. Discussion regarding the composition, purpose, and charge of the Utility and Infrastructure Board (UIB)

City Manager George Campbell stated that the Council had not yet made appointments to the Utility and Infrastructure Board (UIB) as there had been some discussion regarding changing the charge and composition of the board, perhaps to meet only at the request of the Council to consider specific issues (e.g., water and sewer rates, prioritizing drainage projects, etc.), and to be primarily composed of members of other boards due to past difficulty assembling a quorum.

Following a brief discussion, there was a consensus among Council to have the City Attorney draft an amending Ordinance and to delay appointments until after the adoption of such an ordinance.

- C. Discussion of contracting with Chute 2 Productions to hold the "Kennedale Western Festival", a Professional bull riding event with various vendors to be held on Saturday, November 9, 2019 in TownCenter, at a cost of \$15,000.00

Public Works Director Larry Hoover gave an overview of the events hosted by Chute 2, noting that the Parks and Recreation Board was supportive of the event, but that staff did not feel there was enough time to draft a sufficient contract, identify an appropriate location, and publicize the event by the proposed date of November 9. He added that staff would recommend postponing, looking into ways to manage the associated vendors, consider making this a part of a larger event to broaden the appeal, consider adding it to a future year's budget, and continue looking for the best venue.

Following a brief discussion, there was a consensus among Council to postpone the event.

- D. Continued discussion regarding the City Manager's Proposed Fiscal Year 2019–2020 annual budget

There was some discussion regarding salary adjustments for civilian employees and the continued planned implementation of the public safety step plan.

E. Discussion of items on the regular agenda

In response to a question from Mayor Johnson, Public Works Director Larry Hoover stated that staff planned to present a contract for Peggy Lane on the next agenda.

Mayor Brian Johnson recessed to Executive Session at 5:55 p.m.

III. REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Brian Johnson convened the Regular Session at 7:01 p.m.

IV. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Brian Johnson; Mayor Pro Tem Sandra Lee, Place 3; Chris Pugh, Place 2; Linda Rhodes, Place 4; Chad Wandel, Place 5; **Absent:** Josh Altom, Place 1. **Staff:** *City Manager George Campbell, City Secretary & Communications Coordinator Leslie E. Galloway, Director of Finance and Information Technology Lakeita Sutton, Director of Planning & Economic Development Melissa Dailey, Director of HR and Administrative Services Danielle Clarke, Public Works Director Larry Hoover, Library Director Amanda King, Fire Chief James Brown, Police Chief Tommy Williams, Planner Meghan Riddlespurger, City Attorney Drew Larkin.*

V. INVOCATION

Sara Johnson Cotton offered the invocation.

VI. UNITED STATES PLEDGE AND TEXAS PLEDGE

VII. VISITOR AND CITIZEN FORUM

- **Joe Palmer**, 4017 Sanguinet Court, Fort Worth, spoke on behalf of the Kennedale Alliance of Business Owners (KABO), spoke about businesses being a vital part of the community.
- **Jeff Nevarez**, 338 Spring Branch Lane, spoke on behalf of the Parks Board, announcing Concert in the Park on Saturday, October 12, including vendors, "Kennedale's Got Talent" as a fundraiser for Theatre in the Park, and live music beginning at 4:00 p.m.
- **Laurie Sanders**: 208 W 5th Street, announced the Mayor's History Lecture Thursday September 19; and the Health Fair on Saturday, November 16 in TownCenter by the Muslim Community Center.
- **Iris Esprit**, 309 E. Kennedale Parkway, spoke in favor of increased leniency in the regulation of farmers markets.

VIII. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Updates from the City Council

- **CHRIS PUGH, Place 2**, announced that he and his wife attended the Grape Stomp in Grapevine and won "Most Juice Produced".
- **MAYOR PRO TEM SANDRA LEE, Place 3**, announced that she attended a presentation about the Muslim community at First United Methodist Church (FUMC) of Kennedale and announced the next Senior Outreach of Kennedale on the October 28.
- **LINDA RHODES, Place 4**, announced that she attended the Rotary Meeting with Sheriff Bill Wayborn who spoke about Law Enforcement programs dealing with Mental Health issues and overcrowding of jails in Tarrant County.
- **CHAD WANDEL, Place 5**, announced that he attended a meeting of "When we Love", a homelessness outreach program, especially for children.

B. Updates from the Mayor

Mayor Brian Johnson announced that he attended the Tarrant Regional Transportation Coalition (TRTC) board meeting where the Hyperloop was discussed, had a meeting planned with Fort Worth Mayor Betsy Price and Arlington Mayor Jeff Williams about redesigning that board redefining the group's direction, and that TxDOT recently announced that they had fully funded the interchange at 287/Loop 820/I-20, which he hoped would offer better access to Kennedale and might spur redevelopment on the north end of Kennedale Parkway.

C. Updates from the City Manager

City Manager George Campbell yielded his time to City Secretary Leslie Galloway, who discussed the new technology in the Council chambers and offered the Council a chance to test the electronic voting system. She added that videos of Council meetings would be uploaded the day following the meeting; and that staff would offer a training and Q&A session to each Councilmember soon.

IX. INCIDENTAL ITEMS

X. MONITORING INFORMATION

A. Monthly Financials for August 2019

There was no discussion at this time.

XI. REQUIRED APPROVAL ITEMS (CONSENT)

A. Approval of the minutes from the August 20, 2019 Regular Meeting

B. Approval of the minutes from the 5:00 p.m. September 5, 2019 Special Meeting

C. Approval of the minutes from the 7:00 p.m. September 5, 2019 Special Meeting

D. Consider approval of Ordinance 677, approving a negotiated settlement between the Atmos Cities Steering Committee ("ACSC") and Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division regarding the company's 2019 rate review mechanism (RRM) filing

E. Consider authorizing the City Manager to sign a one-year extension of an Interlocal Agreement with City of Fort Worth for rabies control services and the utilization of animal impoundment and quarantine facilities

F. Discuss and consider approval of Resolution 559, to adopt the HART InterCivic Verity, version 2.3.1, for use in Absentee Voting By Mail, Early Voting By Personal Appearance, Regular Voting on Election Day and Provisional Voting

G. Approval of Resolution 560, approving the continued receipt of a share of bingo prize fees collected by licensed authorized organizations in accordance with section 2001.502 of the Texas Occupations Code

Motion Approve. Action Approve the Required Approval Items (Consent) Agenda.

Moved By Wandel, Seconded By Rhodes. Motion passed Unanimously.

XII. DECISION ITEMS

- A. Discuss and consider Ordinance 678 of the City of Kennedale, Texas, adopting the Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2019, and ending September 30, 2020; 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

There was one request to speak on this item:

Joe Palmer, 4017 Sanguinet Court, Fort Worth, speaking on behalf of the Kennedale Alliance of Business Owners (KABO), stated his desire for Council to identify budget cuts.

Motion Approve. Action Approve Ordinance 678 of the City of Kennedale, Texas, adopting the Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2019, and ending September 30, 2020; 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, **Moved By Pugh, Seconded By Mayor Pro Tem Lee. Motion passed with a vote of 4-0-0, with Councilmember Chris Pugh, Mayor Pro Tem Sandra Lee, Councilmember Chad Wandel, and Councilmember Linda Rhodes voting for; and none voting against approval. Councilmember Josh Altom was not present.**

- B. Discuss and consider ratification of property tax increase reflected in FY2019–2020 Adopted Budget

There was one request to speak on this item:

Joe Palmer, 4017 Sanguinet Court, Fort Worth, speaking on behalf of the Kennedale Alliance of Business Owners (KABO), stated his desire for the Council to adopt the effective tax rate.

There was some discussion among the Council regarding the effect that adopted the effective rate last year had on the reserves, the need for salary increases, the hope for continued growth of sales tax revenues, and the need for funding to address drainage issues.

Motion Ratify. Action Ratify the property tax increase reflected in the FY19–20 Adopted Budget, **Moved By Mayor Pro Tem Lee, Seconded By Wandel. Motion passed with a vote of 4-0-0; with None voting against approval.**

- C. Discuss and consider approval of Ordinance 679, fixing and levying municipal Ad Valorem Taxes for the City of Kennedale, Texas, for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2019, and ending September 30, 2020; directing the assessment and collection thereof; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date

There was one request to speak on this item:

Joe Palmer, 4017 Sanguinet Court, Fort Worth, speaking on behalf of the Kennedale Alliance of Business Owners (KABO), questioned what amount was needed to run the City.

There was some discussion among the Council regarding the cost of the planned implementation of the public safety step plan, the costs of providing healthcare rising faster than

inflation, the shortfall created by dropping the property tax rate last year, and the cost of delaying needed repairs and projects.

Motion Approve. Action Approve Ordinance 679, fixing and levying municipal Ad Valorem Taxes for the City of Kennedale, Texas, for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2019, and ending September 30, 2020; directing the assessment and collection thereof; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date, Moved By Pugh, Seconded By Mayor Pro Tem Lee. Motion passed with a vote of 4-0-0; with None voting against approval.

D. Consider making appointments to various advisory boards and commissions

There was neither discussion nor action at this time.

E. Consider authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Shield Engineering Group for civil engineering services associated with roadway, water, sanitary sewer and drainage improvements for Linda Road

Public Works Director Larry Hoover gave an overview of the contract, noting that it provided for the replacement of Linda Road with a 24-foot asphalt roadway; an analysis of the existing drainage system; and all services from design to completion of construction at a cost of \$99,200.

Motion Approve. Action Approve authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Shield Engineering Group for civil engineering services associated with roadway, water, sanitary sewer and drainage improvements for Linda Road, Moved By Wandel, Seconded By Pugh. Motion passed Unanimously.

F. Consider authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Shield Engineering Group for civil engineering services associated with roadway, water, sanitary sewer, and drainage improvements for Collett Sublett Road

Public Works Director Larry Hoover gave an overview of the contract, stating that it provided for the replacement of Collett Sublett Road with a 28-foot concrete roadway with a storm drainage system and curb inlets; discussed the included updates to the water and wastewater system; noted that the plans, as presented, waived the on-street parking included in the current Master Thoroughfare Plan so that the improved roadway could still be contained within the existing 50-foot ROW; and that all services from design to completion of construction at a cost of \$87,700.

In response to a question from Councilmember Chad Wandel, Hoover stated that converting Collett Sublett to a through-street had been included in the Thoroughfare Plan since 2012.

Motion Approve. Action Approve authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Shield Engineering Group for civil engineering services associated with roadway, water, sanitary sewer, and drainage improvements for Collett Sublett Road, Moved By Rhodes, Seconded By Mayor Pro Tem Lee. Motion passed Unanimously.

G. Consider authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Shield Engineering Group for civil engineering services associated with approximately 600 linear feet of roadway for Trent Street

Public Works Director Larry Hoover gave an overview of the contract, stating that it provided for the connection of Trent Street to Kennedale Parkway (Business 287); noted that staff is

currently in discussions with another engineering firm to address the erosion issues on Valley Lane (which is currently the sole access point to this particular area); that this project would require TxDOT permitting; and that all services from design to completion of construction at a cost of \$59,400.

Motion Approve. **Action** Approve authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Shield Engineering Group for civil engineering services associated with approximately 600 linear feet of roadway for Trent Street, **Moved By** Rhodes, **Seconded By** Pugh. **Motion passed Unanimously.**

THERE WAS NO EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD AT THIS TIME. COUNCIL RECESSED TO EXECUTIVE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORK SESSION, BUT BEFORE THE REGULAR SESSION.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Discussion with the City Attorney regarding salvage yards, including A&A Pickup & Van, Inc., and special exception/special use permits

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

No action was taken pursuant to Executive Session.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor Brian Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

APPROVED:


BRIAN JOHNSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:


LESLIE E. GALLOWAY, CITY SECRETARY

