

## **KENNEDALE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**SPECIAL MEETING | MARCH 29, 2022 AT 5:30 PM**  
**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS | 405 MUNICIPAL DRIVE, KENNEDALE, TX 76060**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Linda Rhodes called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., noting that there was a virtual access option, but that it did not allow for public comment, that there were technical issues with the microphones, and offering information regarding requests to speak.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Linda Rhodes; Mayor Pro Tem Jan Joplin, Place 1; Kenneth Michels, Place 3; Austin Degenhart, Place 4; James Connor, Place 5; **ABSENT:** Gary Mitchell, Place 2; **STAFF:** *Interim City Manager Leslie E. Galloway, Police Chief Darrell Hull, Fire Chief James Brown, Administrative Assistant Rosie Ericson, City Attorney Drew Larkin;* **CONSULTANTS:** *Arlington Water Utilities Director Craig Cummings*

### **II. SPECIAL SESSION**

#### **A. Discussion regarding TCEQ violation notices related to the public water system**

Arlington Water Utilities Director Craig Cummings provided information on the testing violations that led to public notices regarding the public water supply and offered apologies for the errors as well as assurances that the drinking water was and continues to be safe. There was some discussion about the need to upsize a waterline on Linda Road, testing requirements and procedures, chlorine residuals, and bacteriological sampling details. The Council thanked Cummings for the information and updates. Public Works Director Joe Walsh was also available to answer questions.

Hollis Matthews stated that this should be expected with recent changes in the water supply and the maintenance and operation of the system and spoke in support of both Arlington and Kennedale staff. Rockie Gilley spoke in favor of the upgrade at Linda Road being prioritized and for changing policies surrounding public comment.

#### **B. Discussion regarding the farmer's market event**

Interim City Manager Leslie Galloway stated that during the last meeting, the Council had directed staff to move forward with the Farmer's Market event if permits and procedures were in place; and that staff was now seeking input from the Council regarding the event. There was discussion including regulations surrounding farmer's markets, the condensed timeline staff was working under, social media commentary surrounding the event, insurance requirements, and potential changes to the special event permit application. The consensus among the Council at this time was that the event was a success despite some issues.

Hollis Matthews, Rockie Gilley, Chanda Dromgoole, Ashley Burchfield, Beth Oldham, Jessica Buchanan, and Joe Taylor spoke in favor. Katherine Connor spoke against.

### **III. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*MAYOR RHODES RECESSED TO EXECUTIVE, PURSUANT TO 551.071 AT 7:15 P.M.*

#### **A. PURSUANT TO §551.071 — Consultation with the City Attorney pertaining to any matter in which the duty of the City Attorney under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of**

*Professional Conduct may conflict with the Open Meetings Act, including discussion of any item posted on the agenda, legal issues regarding the Open Meetings Act, and the following:*

1. TCEQ violation notices related to the public water system
2. Farmer's Market

#### **IV. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Rhodes reconvened the Open Meeting at 8:03 p.m.

**Motion Adjourn. Action Adjourn, Moved By Degenhart, Seconded By Michels. Motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

APPROVED:



LINDA RHODES, MAYOR

ATTEST:



LESLIE E. GALLOWAY, CITY SECRETARY

