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KENNEDALE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING | JULY 19, 2022 AT 5:30 PM

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS | 405 MUNICIPAL DRIVE, KENNEDALE, TX 76060

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hollis Matthews called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Hollis Matthews; 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:** *City Manager Darrell Hull; Director of Human Resources and Administrative Services Caroline Green, Police Chief Mike Holguin, Fire Chief James Brown, Finance Director Anne LaMere, Library Director Elizabeth Partridge, Administrative Assistant Rosie Ericson, City Attorney Carvan Akins TOASE Consultant: Chance LeBlanc Dunaway.*

II. WORK SESSION

A. WORK SESSION REPORTS

There were no work sessions reports.

B. DISCUSSION AND/OR REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION OF ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

City Manager Darrell Hull asked to discard items E6 and E7 for lack of information on the Public Hearing information is incorrect.

C. DISCUSS FY 22-23 BUDGET

Finance Director Anne LaMere addressed the council regarding the Budget Calendar and advise them that there will be two budget public hearings. September 6 2022 and September 13 2022. Councilmember Connor suggested that we have a total of three public hearings to make sure the citizen understand where their tax dollars are going. No date was set at this time. Meetings will begin at 5:30 p.m.

III. REGULAR SESSION

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

City Manager Darrell Hull did the invocation. Fire Chief Brown led the pledges of allegiance.

B. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

In addition to any items below, the Kennedale City Council, the presiding officer, and/or staff may give or receive reports regarding items of community interest, including, but not limited to, recognition of officials, citizens, staff, or departments; information regarding holiday schedules; and upcoming or attended events.

1. Updates from members of the Kennedale City Council

Mayor Pro Tem Jan Joplin updated everyone on the successful Diamond Jubilee celebration. The Senior Center will hold a town hall meeting on July 29th. Justin Walker is doing a food drive for KISD, First Methodist Church is also holding a quarter auction benefiting the Irene Sargent Community Center. Councilmember Michels attended the Chamber Luncheon and of course attended the Jubilee Celebration; and took second place in the pie eating contest, he also thanked Kim Courtney with the KKB she got the flower beds together and in shape for the jubilee. Councilmember Austin announce the birth of their second child at the end of June. Councilmember Connor also attended the Jubilee celebration and acknowledged a list of sponsors that help make the Jubilee a success. In addition, Councilmember Connor attended the Texas Haunters in Mesquite TX.

Updates from the Mayor

Mayor Matthews shared that Gary Mitchell Councilmember 2 is not in attendance tonight as his dog is very ill. Mayor Matthew also meet with Deborah Peoples who is running for Tarrant County Judge. The Mayor also met with Councilmember Degenhart since our last meeting.

2. Updates from the City Manager

City Manager Darrell Hull acknowledged and appreciate all the people who made the Jubilee successful and pointed out Jeff Nevarez who Chaired the event. At this time Jeff Nevarez presented to the Council a replica of the Jubilee poster and asked them all to sign it. It will be displayed at City Hall.

Darrell Hull updated the Council on the overlaying street work will begin in about 6 weeks; starting with Corry Edwards. Darrell stated that we are still trying to get updates on the when the New Hope road closure will begin as TxDOT does a bridge replacement; the City is working on getting an exemption for our Public Safety to be able to pass through. Darrell also introduced Mike Holguin as our new Chief of Police. Gave an overview of his resume and purpose; shared Chief Browns resume and purpose.

3. Financial Reports for the City and/or the EDC

Finance Director gave an overview of the City financials. She stated the finances are healthy including the Economic Development Corporation. The outstanding debt was addressed as well as Councilmember Connor concern if we will revenue target. Anne assured him we will. She also gave a variance analysis over the General Fund. Councilmember Connor also thanked Anne for the clean and transparent update. The Council is very pleased.

C. VISITOR AND CITIZEN FORUM

Roy Stott, 1260 Elmbrook Drive, Kennedale 76060, spoke regarding his concerns about the Alta 287 apartments that are being built and violations they have received. Water runoff is not proper and a dumpster has no cover or enclosure. He stated that the previous administration did not have anyone overseeing the project and inspections. He would like the City to step up and start overseeing the project and ensure the developer is following our UDC code.

Jonathan Scheffrahn 500 Steeplechase Trail, Kennedale 76060 spoke regarding his concerns about the code violations and coherence with the Kennedale UDC code. Their HOA recently meet regarding this.

Sara Johnson 700 Crestview Drive, Kennedale 76060 announced new hours for the Senior Outreach Kennedale. She also stated if anyone cannot make those times she can deliver. In addition, she will be holding a garage sale to assist three families in Kennedale with medical bills. In addition, Ms. Johnson spoke about needing fans and air conditions for families in Kennedale that have no A/C. Constable Lee donated 4 window a/c units.

Tamiko Sargent 905 Shady Oaks Drive., Kennedale, 76060 stated how happy she is that we have a strong government and City Council. She gave a handout to each member regarding the Architectural/Engineering Proposal for the New Community Center that will be named Irene Sargent Community Center asked that the City and members consider contributing to the fund to make this a reality. Ms. Sargent stated that the Juneteenth celebration was self-funded and with a growing African American community that is here in Kennedale she is asking for the City to contribute.

Derrick Kelly 110 Peachtree Court, Kennedale, 76060 spoke on behalf of the Kennedale Youth Association. He was voted in as president this past February and has served in the City of Kennedale for 10 years and is known as Coach Derrick. Currently there are 200 plus participants in the Youth Association and the board has the task of building a strong community for the Youth and connecting the kids to the community and not just for sports. The Youth Association participated in the Diamond Jubilee and hosts a monthly dinner at the First United Methodist church.

Allen Jaworski 207 W. Broadway, Kennedale, 76060 spoke about the condition of the roads especially Broadway. Also, he stated that the City needs to get ahold of our homeless population it is out of control.

D.

CONSENT AGENDA

These matters have appeared on previous agendas, require little or no deliberation, or are considered routine or

ministerial tasks. If discussion is desired, items may be removed for separate consideration.

1. Approval of the minutes from the June 21, 2022 regular meeting

Motion To Approve Action Approve the minutes from the July 19, 2022 regular city council meeting. Moved By Connor Seconded By Degenhart. **Motion passes unanimously.**

2. Increase in Fire Truck Repair Cost from \$36,029.19 (approved by Council in May) to \$39,696.67

Motion To Approve Action Approve the increase in Fire Truck Repair Cost from 36,029.19 to \$39,696.67. **Motion passes unanimously.**

3. Oncor Rate Case approval of Steering Committee Resolution

City Attorney Carvan Akins made comments (inaudible)

After further discussion the rate case. **Motion To Approve. Action** Approve the Oncor Steering Committee Resolution. **Moved By:** Degenhart **Seconded By** Connor. **Motion passes unanimously.**

E. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

1. City Investment Report & Consideration of Policy Amendment's

Finance Director Anne LaMere stated they we are required to review our investment policy yearly. Resolution 608 amending the Investment Policy with the followomg changes. Approval of Mayor Hollis and City Manager Hull as check signers; approval of City Manager Hull, Finance Director LaMere, and Accountant Sherman as investment signatories; open brokerage account with Frost Bank. Approval to close the TexStar account and move all funds to the newly opened Frost Bank account; move an amount that would total \$8M (to include TexStar balance) from TexPool to Frost Bank. Purchase \$8M in US Treasuries - \$4M six month and \$4M 1 year. Open a TexPool Prime account. Move ½ of the remaining TexPool balance into the TexPool Prime account.

Motion To Approve. Action Approve the suggested changes noted above to the City Investment Report & Consideration of Policy Amendment Resolution 608. **Moved By:** Connor **Seconded By:** Degenhart. **Motion passes unanimously.**

2. Professional Services Agreement between Freese and Nichols and City of Kennedale

Motion To Approve Action Approve Motion the Services Agreement with Freese and Nichols pursuant to the changes discussed by Councilmember Degenhart and City Attorney Carvan Adkins. **Moved By** Degenhart **Seconded By** Michels. **Motion passes unanimously.**

3. Approval of Spectrum Fiber Contract

Motion to Approve. Action Approve the Spectrum Service Contract Moved By Connor Seconded By Michels. Motion passes unanimously.

4. Approval of extension of Strong Roots Landscaping Contract through September 30, 2022

Motion To Approve Action Approve the extension of Strong Roots Landscaping Contract through September 30, 2022 **Moved By:** Connor **Seconded By:** Joplin. **Motion passes unanimously.**

5. City Manager Contract

Motion To Approve Action Approve the City Manager Contract between City of Kennedale and Darrell Hull **Moved By** Michels **Seconded By** Joplin. **Motion passes unanimously.**

6. Conduct a Public Hearing and consider approval of a Resolution, authorizing funding participation with Tarrant County Community Development and Housing for the Community Development Block Grant -Cares Act (CDBG-CV) Project for the replacement of roughly 450 linear feet of asbestos concrete water main, valves, and services.

7. Resolution to appoint Escrow Agent for a \$432k grant from the Texas Water Development Board for the Valley Lane Project

Items E6 and E7 were removed from consideration.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Kennedale City Council reserves the right to meet in Executive (Closed) Session at any time during the meeting pursuant to the below cited sections of the Texas Government Code:

- A. **PURSUANT TO §551.072** — *Deliberation regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property:*
- B. **PURSUANT TO §551.087** — *(1) Deliberation regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations; or (2) to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect described by Subdivision (1):*
- C. **PURSUANT TO §551.074** — *Deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee; and the following:*
 1. City Secretary
- D. **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:

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

Executive Session was not held. No discussion.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

VII.

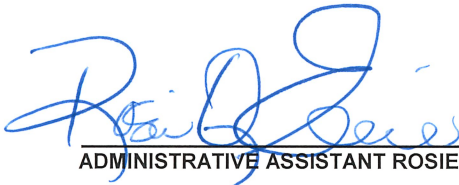
Motion to Adjourn. Action Adjourn. Motion By Connor Seconded By Joplin. Motion passes unanimously.

Mayor Matthews adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

APPROVED

ATTEST:


MAYOR HOLLIS MATTHEWS


ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT ROSIE ERICSON

