

KENNEDALE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING | DECEMBER 20, 2022 AT 5:30 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS | 405 MUNICIPAL DRIVE, KENNEDALE, TX 76060

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I. CALL TO ORDER

To address the Kennedale City Council regarding an agenda item, submit a 'Request to Speak' form before the meeting begins. Speakers are allotted three (3) minutes, must limit their comments to the subject indicated on the form, and should address the Kennedale City Council as a whole, rather than individual members or staff. Pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.071, the Kennedale City Council reserves the right to adjourn into Executive (Closed) Session at any time during the meeting to seek legal advice from the City Attorney on any item posted on the agenda.

Mayor Jan Joplin called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

A. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Joplin, Rockie Gilley, Place 1; Brad Horton, Place 2; Kenneth Michels, Place 3; Austen Degenhart, Place 4; James Connor, Place 5. **STAFF:** City Manager Darrell Hull; Director of Human Resources Caroline Green; Fire Chief James Brown; Police Captain Eric Carlson; Acting Finance Director Tanisha Sherman; Library Director Elizabeth Partridge; City Secretary Raeanne Byington; City Attorney Carvan Adkins TOASE Consultant. **CONSULTANTS:** Freese & Nichols and Dunaway

II. WORK SESSION

A. WORK SESSION REPORTS

1. Discussion of Tarrant County Transportation Bond for Little School Road expansion.

City Manager Hull introduced Freese and Nichols Consultant Chris Bosco to give an overview of the alignment study from Kennedale Parkway to Dick Price Road. Discussion included the endangered species in the area and the need to study the area at 2 different times during the seasons to be sure of migrant patterns; That imminent domain should not be used in this expansion; the cost of the project as a whole and if it was budgeted.

Following the discussion, the consensus was that a bond election would need to be held and there needed to be town hall meetings to inform the citizens of the plans and the cost of the bond. It was also mentioned to place a new police building on the bond in conjunction with the expansion. Councilmember Connor stressed that it should be on the May election ballot. There was also discussion of a standalone election.

2. Discussion of Alta & 287.

Director of Community Development Nathan Gonzales presented the updates at Alta to include: Poles coming down from 20 feet to 14 feet, trash no longer being picked up in the middle of the night, the barrier to prevent vehicles from rolling off into backyards. However, Nathan Gonzales explained that our current UDC does not allow us to require that; what they have is in compliance

with UDC. The easement between the houses and the complex as well as the trees were also discussed. Mr. Gonzales explained the easement needed to have overgrowth to provide soil retention. but trash should be removed. The council expressed their excitement about having Mr. Gonzales on board with the City.

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

There was no discussion at this time.

III. REGULAR SESSION

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

"Honor the Texas Flag; I Pledge Allegiance to Thee, Texas, One State under God; One and Indivisible."

Councilmember Horton offered the invocation and Councilmember Michels led the pledges.

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. Recognition of outgoing Mayors & Councilmembers

Brian Johnson, Mayor 2014-2021

Linda Rhodes City Council 2018 - 2021; Mayor 2021-2022

Hollis Matthews, Mayor 2022

- Mayor Jan Joplin recognized the past 3 mayors; Brian Johnson, Linda Rhodes, and Hollis Matthews for their service. Mr. Matthews was in attendance and received a plaque.

2. Updates from members of the Kennedale City Council

Councilmember James Connor, Place 5, attended the Hometown Christmas tree lighting, the groundbreaking of the South East Connector project and was around town talking with citizens.

Councilmember Austin Degenhart, Place 4, wished everyone a Merry Christmas and to keep warm in the cold weather.

Councilmember Rockie Gilley, Place 1, attended the South East Connector ground breaking, the ribbon cutting for Simple Simon's Pizza, and met with 6-7 business owners.

Councilmember Kenneth Michels, Place 3, attended the construction meeting for Sublett Road at the high school, was at all Hometown Christmas events, He attended South East Connector groundbreaking, went to a business on Dick Price Rd called Oak Castle Infrastructure and had a plant

tour, and on 12/10 rang the bell for the Red Kettle Salvation Army at Walmart and ribbon cutting for Simple Simon's Pizza. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and to stay warm.

Councilmember Brad Horton, Place 2, wished a Merry Christmas to everyone, Attended the South East Connector groundbreaking and Sublett Road meeting. He thanked City Manager Hull and Mayor Joplin for the efforts with Tarrant County Precinct 2 to get funds for our city. He was at the Hometown Christmas and got great feedback from citizens, he met with several businesses also.

3. Updates from the Mayor

Mayor Joplin joined city staff for a Thanksgiving meal, attended many events, including the chamber meeting; Tarrant County Precinct 2 Commissioner Allen's zoom call; South East Connector groundbreaking; and Hometown Christmas events. She thanked Kenneth Michels for all his work on the Hometown Christmas event and City Manager Darrell Hull for his vision, Laurie Sanders for helping with the vendors, Loree Boyd for decorating City Hall. She was able to talk with the 2nd graders at Patterson Elementary about her role and what Council does and what they can do for the community. She attended Igleasia R Church for International Day, toured Oldcastle Manufacturing Plant; Tarrant County Mayor's Council; Tarrant Regional Transportation Coalition; and State Representative David Cook's event. The mayor thanked everyone who helped with the Red Kettle Mayoral Challenge; over \$1100 was collected and we had pledged to bring in \$500.

4. Updates from the City Manager

City Manager David Hull thanked Kenneth Michels for everything he did for Hometown Christmas. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas. South East Connector Town Hall changed from January 10th to January 12th. Streets: We have completed 3rd Street, Corey A Edwards, Cooper, and Joy and many others will be completed throughout 2023. 4th, 5th, Broadway and Jonah with Reynold's Asphalt will be done in January. 12/17 we signed an Interlocal Agreement with Tarrant County Precinct 2 to provide street repairs on Eden Road, New Hope Road, Swinney Hiatt Road, and the rest of 3rd Street. Attended ribbon cutting at Simple Simon's. Chief Brown came up to discuss the warming stations as we approach the cold front coming to our area. Warming Stations will be at the Senior Center, Community Center, and have partnered with First United Methodist Church should their facilities be needed for residents. City Manager Hull introduced Nathan Gonzales to the Council and discussed how great of a job he is doing. Captain Eri Carlson shared what they have done on Collett Sublett Road to address citizen complaints of speeding.

5. Financial Reports for the City

Update on the Finance Reports: Current auditor is going through the budget to help find out how to rectify the monies added in to the Fiscal Year 23. There will be a final report in January. Councilmember Connor wants a monthly budget for each month that has been incorrect re-presented to Council when it has been fixed.

C. VISITOR AND CITIZEN FORUM

At this time, any person may address the Kennedale City Council about items not on the agenda. Rules and procedures for addressing the Kennedale City Council are included under "I. CALL TO ORDER". Neither formal action nor discussion may occur at this time. Those wishing, instead, to speak on an agenda item should indicate their desire to speak as the Kennedale City Council considers that item.

Speaker Kevin Saller, 402 Lone Oak Court, came to discuss the short term rentals that have been identified on his street. A party had 20 cars on their street and residents had to park a block away from their homes due to this. Last week, there was a yellow school bus in the driveway. He acknowledged the assistance Mr. Gonzales has already began giving him and wants to know there will be a resolution to this issue.

Speaker Brenda Joyner, 1011 Bell Oak Drive, stated she has 2 Air BnBs that back up to her yard. Last weekend at 2:30am they were in the backyard, having a party, throwing cornhole and hitting her back fence. She would like some regulation on distancing, hours and how many people in a home at one time.

City Manager Hull mentioned that if someone is interfering with your sleep at 2:30am, please call the Police Department and they can come and take care of it. If it's a nonemergency, please let us know so we can help work through this.

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 October 14, 2022 Special City Council Meeting
2. Approval of the minutes from the November 14, 2022 Special Council Meeting
3. Approval of the minutes from the November 15, 2022 Regular Council Meeting
4. Approval of the minutes from the November 30, 2022 Special Council Meeting

Motion: L Approve **Action** Approve all items on the Consent Agenda, **Moved By:** Councilmember Connor. **Seconded By:** Councilmember Degenhart. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Mayor Jan Joplin adjourned to Executive Session beginning at 7:15pm.

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 §551.071** — 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. Karmali Holdings.
2. Update on Uniform Development Code revision.
 - a. Dunaway's ongoing analysis.
 - b. City's capacity on future development within the city of Kennedale.
 - c. Kennedale water and wastewater infrastructure.

B. **PURSUANT TO §551.072** — Deliberation regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property:

1. Discussion of selling property located at 6890 Hudson Village Creek Road.

C. **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):

D. **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:

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

Mayor Jan Joplin reconvened the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Approve. **Action** ADJOURNMENT. **Moved By** Councilmember Connor. **Seconded By:** Councilmember Michels. **Motion passed unanimously**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

PPROVED:

ATTEST:


MAYOR JAN JOPLIN


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