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KENNEDALE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING | MARCH 21, 2023 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 5:30 pm.

A. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Jan Joplin; Rockie Gilley, Place 1; Brad Horton, Place 2; Kenneth Michels, Place 3; Austin Degenhart, Place 4; James Connor, Place 5; **ABSENT:** none; **STAFF:** City Manager Darrell Hull, Director of Human Resources and Administrative Services Caroline Green, Police Chief Michael Holguin, Fire Chief James Brown City Secretary Raeanne Byington, Interim Finance Director Tanisha Sherman, Courts Administrator Bertha Vindel, Library Director Elizabeth Partridge, City Attorney Carvan Adkins; CONSULTANTS: Adrew Franco of Freese & Nichols and Max Aransen of Shield Engineering.

III.B.2. and III.B.3. moved here at 5:33 pm.

II. WORK SESSION

A. WORK SESSION REPORTS

1. Parks Update

   Fund has about $700,000 with $150,000 budgeted for Splash Pad. Ask that Park Board come up with list of priorities on what should be done first, which parks, and their suggestions.

2. Freese and Nichols Sewer Study Update.

   Andrew Franco with Freese & Nichols gave update on Basin B, phase 1. Council agreed to take project in phases

Mayor Joplin recessed into Executive Session at 6:31 pm.
Mayor Joplin called back into Work Session at 7:51pm.

3. Uniform Development Code revision discussion.

   Community Development Director Nathan Gonzales provided an update on the UDC. Council expressed gratitude to Nathan for all of his work in looking at and giving potential amendment options to them.

Work session closed at 8:00 pm.

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

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."

Councilman Horton lead the invocation.

Councilman 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. (Moved to 7:51 pm) Recognition from The Salvation Army for participating in the Red Kettle Challenge.

   Mayor Joplin accepted a certificate from Konstantin Maslenikkov for the City of Kennedale's highest donation to the Salvation Army to date for Red Kettle Challenge of $1127.95.

2. (moved to beginning) Swearing in Ceremony: Chief Michael Holguin presented and Officers Bridget Miranda and Garyth Rawls took the Oath of Honor.

3. (moved to beginning) Pinning ceremony for: Chief James Brown presented Firefighter Paramedics Steven Howery and Austin Landry with shields and they took their oath.

4. Updates from members of the Kennedale City Council

   Councilman Connor attended TML Conference in San Antonio, TX. He has been out and about talking with people in the community.

   Councilman Degenhart did not have an update.

   Councilman Michels attended coffee chat at Chamber of Commerce and Chamber luncheon. Council provided lunch for the city employees and he attended the ribbon cutting at Daquiri Domain. Reminded everyone of the Texas Trash Off on April 15th.

   Councilman Horton attended the Rotary Club meeting, RF Patterson Site base committee, KHS Open House, Chamber of Commerce luncheon, and participate in the city lunch for employees.

   Councilman Gilley met with County Judge O'Hare about working with County and Kennedale history. Met with the Small Business Development Center at TCC and hopes that small businesses will take advantage of their expertise.

5. Updates from the Mayor

   Mayor Joplin talked further about the employee luncheon and felt that

everyone had a good time. She went to the Chamber luncheon and got to see a lady's dream come true to see the new fire engine. She reminded everyone to sign up for weather alerts. Reminded community to come see Country Music in the Park on 4/22/23.

6. Updates from the City Manager

   City Manager Hull introduced Public Works Director Kristian Sugrim. Told everyone how to subscribe to the newsletter.

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

   Debbie Reed walked council through the financial reports and EDC financials for the city.

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.

1. . Tamiko Sargent, 905 Shady Oaks Dr, spoke in favor of the City Council approving Juneteenth as a City Holiday.
2. Sara Johnson, Kennedale New Senior Outreach, spoke in agreement that Juneteenth should become a City of Kennedale holiday for employees. She also reminded everyone of the Country Music in the Park event on April 22, 2023 from 7-9pm.
3. Dustin Verona at 309 Autumnwood Ct in the Winding Creek Addition spoke about the concerns in the neighborhood behind Kennedale Junior High in regard to rain runoff and flooding and asked the City Council to look into the issue

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 February 21, 2023 Regular Meeting. **Motion: Approve** with corrections to Degenhart's spelling of name and Michels name by Councilman James Connor, **Second**: Councilman Austin Degenhart. **Motion passed unanimously.**

E. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

1. Consider approval of the Little School Road Project from Freese & Nichols.

   Chris Bosco of Freese & Nichols updated the Council on the project. **Motion to Approve**: Councilman James Connor. **Second:** Councilman Kenneth Michels. **Motion passed unanimously**.

2. Discussion and action regarding a rate adjustment to the current contract with Waste Connections for residential and commercial solid waste collection, transport, disposal, and recycling services, and action of an amendment to solid waste agreement regarding same.

   Abel Moreno with Waste Connections spoke and said that they have decided to only propose 5% increase instead of the 10.9% increase. He asked to work on the new contract for 2024 with the City Manager and Council for 2024.

Motion Approve 5% increase: Councilman James Connor. **Second:** Councilman Kenneth Michels. **Motion passes 4 to 1.** Against: Councilman Rockie Gilley

3. Discussion and action to approve contractor Tejas Construction for water line project at 100 N. New Hope Road.

   City Manager Hull stated the fund will come from the ARPA funds. Councilman Connor asked for the ARPA funds spreadsheet to see where money has been spent.

   Motion to Approve: Councilman James Connor. **Second:** Councilman Kenneth Michels. **Motion passes unanimously.**

4. Approval of Budget Amendment to the FY 23 budget Ordinance.

   Motion to Approve: Councilman James Connor. **Second:** Councilman Kenneth Michels. **Motion passes unanimously.**

5. Discussion and action designating the Juneteenth holiday as a City of Kennedale holiday.

   HR Director Caroline Green read the proclamation from President Biden declaring Juneteenth a notional holiday in 2021. **Motion to Approve:** Councilman James Connor. **Second:** Councilman Kenneth Michels. **Motion passes unanimously.**

6. Discussion and approval of Park Dedication Ordinance. TABLED.

7. Discussion and approval of the sale of 6890 Hudson Village Creek Road.

   After much discussion on this, the council decided that, since the property had been donated to the City by Mr. Wayne Winters, it was decided the sale price should only be $1. **Motion to Approve sale for $1:** Councilman Austin Degenhart. **Second:** Councilman Brad Horton. **Motion passes with 4; 1 abstaining:** Councilman James Connor.

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Joplin recessed at 9:17 pm for 5 minutes, then to Executive session.

Councilman Austin Degenhart left meeting at 10:07 pm.

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.*

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

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. Karmali Holdings.

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.*

1. City Manager Follow Up.

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

Mayor Joplin reconvened the meeting at 10:27 pm.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn by Councilman James Connor. **Second:** Councilman Kenneth Michels. **Motion passes unanimously.**

Adjourned at 10:28 pm.

APPROVED:

Jan Joplin

MAYOR JAN JOPLIN

ATTEST:

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