

KENNEDALE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING | MAY 16, 2023 AT 5:30 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS | 405 MUNICIPAL DRIVE, KENNEDALE, TX 76060

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 Joplin called the meeting to order at 5:51 pm.

A. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Rockie Gilley, Place 1, Brad Horton, Place 2; Kenneth Michels, Place 3; James Connor, Place 5. ABSENT: Austin Degenhart, Place 4. Staff Present: City Manager Darrell Hull, City Secretary Raeanne Byington, PW Director Kristian Sugrim, Fire Chief James Brown, Police Chief Michael Holguin, Library Director Elizabeth Partridge, Court Administrator Bertha Vindel, Human Resource Director Caroline Green, Community Development Director Nathan Gonzales, Finance Director Jon Horton.

B. 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 gave the invocation and Councilman Michels led the pledges.

II. ELECTION BUSINESS

A. Recognition of outgoing Councilmembers.

Outgoing Councilman James Connor delivered a farewell speech.

B. Certification of official returns.

Mayor Joplin read the official returns for election. Place 1 Rockie Gilley, Place 3 Kenneth Michels, and Place 5 Jeff Nevarez.

C. Consider approval of an ordinance, canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the General Election held on May 6, 2023, for the purpose of electing the places of City Council Members Places 1, 3, and 5.

Motion to approve the ordinance canvassing the election by Horton. Second by Michels. Motion passes unanimously

D. Swearing in of newly elected Council Members for City Council Places 1, 3, and 5 (2023-2025).

City Secretary Raeanne Byington swore in the newly elected council members.

III. WORK SESSION

A. WORK SESSION REPORTS

1. Stormwater issues with Kennedale ISD.

City Attorney Carvan Adkins gave an update on the stormwater issues. He stated that we do not own the property in question and we would incur liability if we tried to work on it.

Mayor Joplin allowed John Desilva, 307 Autumnwood Ct and Dustin Verona, 309 Autumnwood to speak regarding the flooding issues of his home.

2. Park Dedication Ordinance.

Mayor Joplin stated we found 3 ordinances regarding the parks. Ordinance 153 states there was a zone map but we do not have one. It will go back to Planning & Zoning and Parks & Recreation Board to proceed with the creation of a map.

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

IV. REGULAR SESSION

A. 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

Councilman Nevarez met with Steeplechase HOA, talked with them about Air BnB issue, Community Dinner, met with Mayor and City Manager regarding moving forward. He thanked James Connor.

Michels Chamber coffee chat, thanked Ms. Cotton for the Holly Tucker concert, attended Community Theater in the park, New Hope Road Town Hall, KKB planted over 500 plants on the work day in May.

Horton National Police Week, thanked all the officers. Congrats to the newly elected councilmen and passage of the Kennedale ISD Bond, Networking Happy Hour event at Daquiri Domain.

Gilley Attended the Holly Tucker event. Network happy hour, met City of Arlington Council, New Hope Road Town Hall Meeting. He looks forward to serving the community the next 2 years.

2. Updates from the Mayor

Chamber of Commerce luncheon, met with Forrest Hill Mayor for the Day winner, Holly Tucker concert, New Hope Road Town Hall Meeting, City Manager met with some entrepreneurs with a unique idea. Big weekend this Saturday with KidFish, Bark in the Park and the BBQ Cookoff and Cornhole Tournament.

3. Updates from the City Manager

Staff shout out for the very busy weekend with KidFish and Bark in the Park as well as BBQ Cookoff and Cornhole Tournament.

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

Finance Director Jon Horton presented the financials and there were no questions from the Council.

B. 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.

There were no people signed up for the forum.

C. 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 April 18, 2023 Regular Meeting.
Motion to Approve: Horton. Second: Michels. Motion passes unanimously.
2. First Amendment to the ILA for Operations and Treated Water Sales
between the City of Arlington and the City of Kennedale, TX. **Moved
to Items for Individual Consideration.**

D. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

Moved from Consent Agenda: City Manager Hull gave a brief overview of the ILA. PW Director Kristian spoke regarding the pumps condition.

Motion to Approve the ILA as presented: Nevarez, Second Horton, motion passes unanimously.

Mayor Joplin called for a 5 minutes break at 7:13pm. Council reconvened at 7:21

1. Discussion and approval of a resolution on prohibiting 'gun free zones' in the city of Kennedale. **TABLED**
2. Consider approval of a bid in the amount of \$129,594.58, submitted by Stryker Medical for the purchase of assorted medical equipment to outfit the new ambulance.
Fire Chief Brown presented an overview of the purchase needed for the new ambulance.
Motion to Approve: Horton. Second: Nevarez, motion passes unanimously.

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **PZ Case# 23-06:** CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR A ZONING CHANGE FROM "R3 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT" TO "AG AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT" FOR APPROXIMATELY 5.076 ACRES AT 1233 SWINEY HIETT RD, LOT 3, C.C. SWINEY'S SUBDIVISION, CITY OF KENNEDALE, TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS.
2. **PZ Case# 23-07:** CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED REPLAT OF LOT 3R-1 & 3R-2, C.C. SWINEY'S SUBDIVISION, APPROXIMATELY 5.076 ACRES, LOCATED AT 1233 SWINEY HIETT RD, CITY OF KENNEDALE, TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS.

Community Development Director Nathan Gonzales presented the case and the results from the Planning & Zoning Commission vote.

Combined public hearing opened and closed at 7:13pm with no one signed up to talk that was present.

Motion to approve PZ 23-06 and 23-07 by Horton. Second by Michels. Motion passes unanimously.

Mayor Joplin moved into executive session at 7:40 pm.

V. 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 in the agenda, legal issues regarding the Open Meetings Act.*
 - 1. Moratorium.
 - 2. Court Warrant Backlog
- 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.*
- 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. Boards and Commissions Appointments.

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

Council reconvened into open session at 9:13 pm.

Motion to approve placements on the boards:

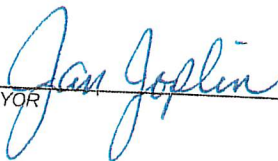
Parks & Recreation: Motion to appoint Stacey Sciaef, Place 1 and Corey Hines, Place 2 and 3 Brad Horton to EDC Place 3 made by Nevarez. Second Michels. Motion passes with 3 and 1 abstaining (Horton).

VII. ADJOURNMENT

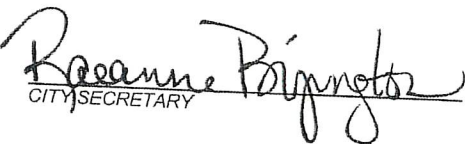
Motion to Adjourn made by Gilley, Second by Michels. Motion passes unanimously.

Mayor Joplin adjourned at 9:15 pm.

APPROVED:


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY SECRETARY