



KENNEDALE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING | NOVEMBER 20, 2023 AT 5:30 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS | 405 MUNICIPAL DRIVE, KENNEDALE, TX 76060

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

A. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Kenneth Michels, Brad Horton, Jeff Nevarez, David Glover, Bryant Griffith; **ABSENT:** ;

STAFF: City Manager Darrell Hull, City Secretary Raeanne Byington, Director of Planning and Economic Development Nathan Gonzales, Director of Finance Jonathan Horton, Library Director Elizabeth Partridge, Director of Human Resources Caroline Green, Public Works Director Kristian Sugrim, Fire Chief James Brown, Police Chief Michael Holguin, City Attorney Carvan Adkins.

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."

Mayor Pro Tem Kenneth Michaels led the pledges and City Councilmember, Place 2 Brad Horton gave the invocation.

C. Swearing in Ceremony for David Glover, City Council, Place 1.

City Secretary Raeanne Byington administered the Oath of Office to David Glover, appointee to City Council, Place 1.

II. VISITOR AND CITIZEN FORUM

Sandra Fry, 1002 Oak Ridge Court, spoke in favor of the nuisance ordinance. She stated there has been an issue on their street with a Christmas light display.

Rush Graves, 10004 Oak Ridge Court, raised concern over the Christmas light display on Oak Ridge Court. His biggest concern was people parking and getting out to get drinks/snacks as the noise disturbs his daughter's sleep (she has sensory issues) and hoped that the council could help with this.

Keith Courtney, 617 Averett St, spoke in opposition of the Nuisance Ordinance.

III. ELECTION BUSINESS

A. Certification of official returns of the 2023 Prop A General Obligation Bond.

City Secretary Raeanne Byington certified the official returns of the 2023 Proposition A of the General Obligation Bond election.

B. Approve a resolution canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the General Obligation Bond election held on November 7, 2023; and other matters in connection

therewith.

Motion Approve. **Action** Approve a resolution canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the General Obligation Bond election held on November 7, 2023; and other matters in connection therewith., **Moved By** Kenneth Michels, **Seconded By** Brad Horton. **Motion passed unanimously.**

IV. WORK SESSION

A. WORK SESSION REPORTS

1. Discussion on direction of the 2023 General Obligation Bond for Parks.

Public Works Director Kristian Sugrim discussed the changes and additions that are being made to the Parks. He looked to the Council for further instruction on which direction they would like them to go for the bond. Sonora Park - Security Lighting. TownCenter - Update playground and rubber flooring. Rogers Farm - Basketball Goal, security lighting and fencing. Council also wishes to buy land surrounding the parks. Pricing is needed and phases will need to be done. It was decided that Phase 1 should be taking care of what we have already and getting a consultant for the fields.

2. Discuss voting for the Tarrant Appraisal District representatives.

Our council has 7 votes for TAD. Gary Losado has stood out to many of them as the person they'd like to support.

3. Discuss timelines and reporting practices for the Veteran's Memorial Committee.

Council member Bryant Griffith stated that recommendations will be brought to Council by March meeting, vote in April, then bid process for the work. There is a possibility of grants to assist with costs.

4. Discuss timelines and reporting practices for the Charter Committee.

Mayor Pro Tem Kenneth Michels discussed the Charter Committee and stated that they are hoping to put it on the May ballot but if not, will push to November. Meetings will start soon.

Mayor Joplin recessed for 5 minutes at 6:29 pm.

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

V. 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
Mayor Joplin resumed session at 6:39 pm.

Each councilmember provided a brief synopsis of the events and meetings they attended during the last month.

2. Updates from the Mayor

Mayor Joplin provided an update on her attendance of events throughout the month.

3. Updates from the City Manager

City Manager Darrell Hull thanked the members of council for their participation in all the events. He introduced Library Director Elizabeth Partridge to provide information on her Maker's Space grant. He gave a rundown of the Hometown Christmas event and reminded everyone of the Red Kettle Challenge on 12/9/23.

4. Financial Reports for the City and the EDC for September and October 2023.

Finance Director Jonathan Horton presented the reports for September and October 2023 to council.

B. 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 17, 2023 Regular Meeting

2. Consider the approval of a 5 year contract with Meals on Wheels of Tarrant County to deliver hot meals to the Kennedale Adult Activity Center Monday - Friday beginning November 1, 2023 and ending on October 31, 2028.

3. Approval of an Interlocal Agreement with Tarrant County Public Health for public and semi-public pool inspections.

Motion Approve. Action Approve CONSENT AGENDA

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C. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

1. Consider approval of amendments to the Nuisance Ordinance.

Community Development Director Nathan Gonzales presented the nuisance ordinance. There was much discussion regarding this ordinance. Section 15.22.T. 15.16.D were discussed to amend.

Motion Approve with Amendment. Action Approve Consider approval of amendments to the Nuisance Ordinance., **Moved By** Jeff Nevarez, **Seconded By** Bryant Griffith. **Motion passed with a vote of 3-2-0**, with Kenneth Michels, Brad Horton voting against approval and None abstaining.

Amendments to ordinance are:

15.16.D - It shall be unlawful for any person owning, claiming, or occupying or having supervision or control of any real property, occupied or unoccupied, to fill or block a drainage easement or bar ditch, fail to maintain a drainage easement or bar ditch, maintain a drainage easement or bar ditch in a manner that allows the easement or bar ditch to be clogged with debris, sediment, high grass, weeds, or vegetation. ~~Right-of-way maintenance shall be the duty of the abutting property owner or the agent in charge, or tenant in care, custody, and control of the abutting premises."~~

15.22.T - *Trees and shrubs.* Any tree or shrub that obstructs passage or view, or extends over a sidewalk at a height of ~~ten (10)~~ **eight (8)** feet or less, or a tree or shrub which extends over a street, lane, ~~driveway~~, parking lot, or access easement at a height of fourteen (14) feet or less is declared a nuisance. It shall be the duty of the **City** ~~abutting property owner or the agent in charge, or tenant in care, custody, and control of the abutting premises~~ to maintain trees and shrubs located in parkways, bar ditches, and right-of-way.

2. Consider approval of a resolution voting for candidates of the TAD Board of Directors.

Motion Approve. **Action** Approve a resolution voting for candidate Gary Losado to the TAD Board of Directors. **Moved By** Brad Horton, **Seconded By** Kenneth Michels. **Motion** **passed unanimously.**

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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.*

1. Alta Landing Planned Development

2. 3M Lawsuit

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

1. Discussion of EDC Properties; Buy and Sell

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. Appointment of Council Members to the EDC.

2. Appointment of Alternates to the BOA.

**VII. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION, AND TAKE ACTION NECESSARY
PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION, IF NEEDED:**

Mayor Joplin reconvened the session at 9:54pm.

Motion to appoint Mayor Pro Tem Kenneth Michels to the EDC Board. Motioned by Council member Horton, Second Council member Griffith. Motion passes 4-0-1 with Mayor Pro Tem Michels abstaining.

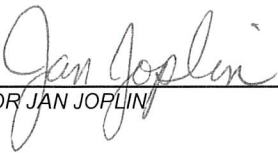
Motion to appoint Chris Gary as an alternate to the BOA board. Motioned by Council member Horton, Second by Council member Nevarez. Motion passes unanimously.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Adjourn. Action ADJOURNMENT, **Moved By** Mayor Pro Tem Michels **Seconded By** Councilmember Nevarez **Motion passed unanimously.**

Mayor Joplin adjourned at 9:55 pm.

APPROVED:



MAYOR JAN JOPLIN

ATTEST:



CITY SECRETARY RAEANNE BYINGTON