

KENNEDALE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING | SEPTEMBER 19, 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 5:35 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem Kenneth Michels, Place 3; Brad Horton, Place 2; Jeff Nevarez, Place 4; Bryant Griffith, Place 5; **ABSENT: NONE Place 1 is vacant at this time.** ; **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, 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."

The Invocation was presented by Brad Horton. The Pledges were led by Kenneth Michels.

II. WORK SESSION

A. WORK SESSION REPORTS

There were no items on the Work Sessionn

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

None

III. VISITOR AND CITIZEN FORUM

Debbie Phillips at 313 North Road spoke regarding the water runoff, traffic, and needed stop sign at the intersection of 5th and North Rd.

Betty Guerrero at 412 North Road spoke about 400 North Road construction and the dangerous corner there. She stated that 5 houses should not be allowed on 1 property.

Sara Johnson at 221 Village Street spoke about the Food Drive for the Senior Outreach center that end on Nov 12th. Her number is 817-333-4178 if anyone wanted to donate.

She also spoke about the special permit denial that Tamiko Sargent received at the BOA meeting. She stated it was not fair.

Barbara Boettger 2001 Perry Dr, Mansfield, came to give a big thank you to the city for the Arrowhead District Cub Scoutsd and the Longhorn Council BSA for allowing them to hold their annual Cub Camp back in June.

James Connor at 501 W 3rd St, asked that the TGAA ILA not be voted in. He wants the fountain in TownCenter Park to stay as it is, just fix it instead of reinventing it.

Andrew Malkowski, 138 Mountain View Ln and President of the HOA. He stated he wanted to discuss TGAA and was curious about the flyer and texts that he received. He stated as a citizen, why would we sign a contract when the ethics aren't being followed in it.

IV. REGULAR SESSION

A. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public hearing was moved in front of the Visitor/Citizen Forum. There was no one to speak on the tax rate or budget in the public hearings. They were open and closed at 5:54pm and 5:55pm. Finance Director Jon Horton spoke on both the Budget and the Tax Rate.

1. Public Hearing on the FY24 proposed budget.
2. Public Hearing on the proposed tax rate.

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. Pinning Ceremony for Joseph Branson

The pinning ceremony was moved to the beginning of the meeting.

Councilmember Brad Horton attended the PTO Meeting at the Junior High, he stated that 225 BBQ is looking for a home and he thought Kennedale would be a great place for them. He also attended the football game.

Mayor Pro Tem Kenneth Michels attended the Clay Shoot with City Manager Darrell Hull and Councilmember Bryant Griffith. They received 4th place. He was part of KKB Bring It, the 9/11 Memorial service, KKB Butterfly Party, and the Library Pigeon Party. He encouraged citizens to come for the public Safety Open House from 10-noon on 10/14/2023.

Councilmember Bryant Griffith attended the 9/11 Memorial service, the Clay Shoot, Butterfly Party and helped with the Veteran Entrepreneurs group.

Councilmember Jeff Nevarez discussed the Scouts Annual Yard Sale, he attended the Bring It event as a citizen, the 9/11 Memorial service. He reminded everyone of the Chamber of Commerce luncheon on the 20th and about the Ralph Mooney for Food Steel Guitar Festival as well as the Kennedale Theatre Group's event on Oct 13-14th. The Theatre group will begin at 7 pm on 10/13/23 and opening ceremonies for Ralph Mooney will be at 12:30pm on the 14th.

3. Updates from the Mayor

Mayor Joplin attended the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee which will update the UDC and comp plan for Kennedale. She reminded citizens of the Place 1 vacancy, the budget, Arlington water talks, and bond \$ for infrastructure maintenance. She talked about the bond for water, sewer and street repairs through Precinct 2 and reminded citizen of the project for Kennedale: the Fire Station, Charter Update, Veterans Memorial Area, Hometown Christmas and overall increase of community activities here in Kennedale.

- a. National Hunger Month Proclamation.

Arlington Charities were present for a proclamation declaring September National Hunger Month. In attendance were Deborah Coppola, Casey McCollum, Brittany Doering, and Brandy Voirin.

4. Updates from the City Manager

City Manager Darrel Hull attended the clay shoot, thanked the council and mayor for being active in the community and that he is proud to be a part of it.

5. Financial Reports for the City and the EDC

Finance Director Jon Horton presented the monthly financials to the City Council.

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.

Items 4 & 5 were pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Motion Approve. **Action** Approve Items 1, 2, 3, & 6 on the CONSENT AGENDA, **Moved By** Jeff Nevarez, **Seconded By** Brad Horton. **Motion passed unanimously**

1. Approval of the minutes from the August 15, 2023 Regular Meeting

2. Approval of the minutes from the August 29, 2023 Special Meeting

3. Approval of the minutes from the September 7, 2023 Special Meeting

4. Approval of the 2023-2024 Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the City of Ft. Worth for rabies control and use of the City of Ft. Worth Animal Shelter.

Police Chief Holguin talked through the ILA with Ft Worth on Animal Control. He stated the language previously that was objected to has been removed. He discussed how Ft Worth partners with PetSmart and even ships animals to Canada before putting them down.

Motion Approve. **Action** Approve Approval of the 2023-2024 Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the City of Ft. Worth for rabies control and use of the City of Ft. Worth Animal Shelter., **Moved By** Brad Horton, **Seconded By** Jeff Nevarez. **Motion passed unanimously.**

5. PZ CASE# 23-09: Consider approval of a proposed replat of lot 1, block 1, Martinez, North Addition, situated in the Jacob Prickett Survey, Abstract No. 1225, Located at 400 North Rd, City of Kennedale, Tarrant County, Texas.

Councilmember Horton addressed concerns of the replat stating there were too many homes being built on the lot. Community Development Director Nathan Gonzales answered all questions regarding the replat.

6. PZ Case# 23-10: Consider approval for final plat of Lots 2R-1 through 2R-11 and drainage lot 1A, Block 1, of the Deloach Addition, City of Kennedale, Tarrant County, Texas, also known as Fig Tree Estates, located at 415 Katie Circle, Kennedale, TX.

D. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

1. Consider approval of an estimate by Millican Well Service for the rehabilitation of the T3 Groundwater Well at 500 Gail Drive.

Public Works Director Kristian Sugrim stated that he was available to answer questions from the Council.

Motion Approve. **Action** Approve Consider approval of an estimate by Millican Well Service for the rehabilitation of the T3 Groundwater Well at 500 Gail Drive., **Moved By** Brad Horton, **Seconded By** Kenneth Michels. **Motion passed unanimously.**

2. Consider approval of an agreement with Beard's Towing (JDB Towing, LLC) for wrecker and impound services.

Chief Michael Holguin stated that he was available to answer questions from the Council.

Motion Approve. **Action** Approve Consider approval of an agreement with Beard's Towing (JDB Towing, LLC) for wrecker and impound services., **Moved By** Jeff Nevarez, **Seconded By** Kenneth Michels. **Motion passed unanimously.**

3. Consider approval of an ILA with Tarrant County for debris removal on Eden Road.
Community Development Director Nathan Gonzales stated that the homeless encampments on Eden Road were considered a nuisance and an ILA with Tarrant County is to remove the debris.

Motion Approve. **Action** Approve Consider approval of an ILA with Tarrant County for debris removal on Eden Road., **Moved By** Brad Horton, **Seconded By** Bryant Griffith. **Motion passed unanimously.**

4. Consider approval of an amendment to the ILA with Fort Worth for participation in the Environmental Collection Center Household Hazardous Waste Program.

Public Works Director Kristian Sugrim stated that the ILA shows an increase in the Environmental Waste price from \$50 to \$95. He stated that we will pass on the cost of the additional \$45 to the citizen when they come to get a voucher to take it to Fort Worth.

Motion Approve. **Action** Approve Consider approval of an amendment to the ILA with Fort Worth for participation in the Environmental Collection Center Household Hazardous Waste Program., **Moved By** Brad Horton, **Seconded By** Kenneth Michels. **Motion passed unanimously.**

5. Discuss and consider an Ordinance adopting the FY 24 Budget, beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2023.

Finance Director Jon Horton stated that he was available to answer questions from the Council.

Motion Approve. **Action** Approve Discuss and consider an Ordinance adopting the FY 24 Budget, beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2023., **Moved By** Jeff Nevarez, **Seconded By** Bryant Griffith. **Motion passed with a vote of 3-1-0**, with Brad Horton voting against approval.

6. Discuss and consider ratification of the property tax for FY 24.

Finance Director Jon Horton stated that he was available to answer questions from the Council.

Motion Approve. **Action** Ratify Discuss and consider ratification of the property tax for FY 24., **Moved By** Jeff Nevarez, **Seconded By** Kenneth Michels. **Motion passed with a vote of 3-1-0**, with Brad Horton voting against approval.

7. Discuss and consider approval of an Ordinance, fixing and levying municipal Ad Valorem Taxes for the City of Kennedale, Texas, for FY 24, beginning October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024.

Finance Director Jon Horton was available for questions from the Council.

Motion Approve. **Action** Approve Discuss and consider approval of an Ordinance, fixing and levying municipal Ad Valorem Taxes for the City of Kennedale, Texas, for FY 24, beginning October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024., **Moved By** Jeff Nevarez, **Seconded By** Kenneth Michels. **Motion passed with a vote of 3-1-0**, with Brad Horton voting against approval and None abstaining.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

May Joplin adjourned to Executive Session at 7:14 pm.

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. TGAA ILA

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. Tru Hotel Update.

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 members to the Boards and Commissions.

2. City Manager Evaluation

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

Mayor Joplin reconvened into Regular Session at 10:25 pm.

There was no action taken at this time on the TGAA ILA. The group will be receiving a letter.

There was a motion to approve the following appointments to the Board & Commissions as follows:

BOA - Place 1 Dr Theodore Krum, Place 3 Kelli Rod, Place 5 Patrick Vader

EDC - Place 1 Tyson Eubanks, Place 3 Brad Horton, Place 5 Jerod Reeves.

KKB - Place 3 Leona Wadkins, Place 5 Kim Courtney, Place 1 is still vacant.

LAB - Place 1 Jonathan Scheffrahn, Place 3 Robert Mundy, Place 5 Tamiko Sargent

Parks and Recreation - Place 1 Stacey Scaief, Place 3 Develle Coleman, Place 5 Tamiko Sargent. Moved Colby Cowan to Place 2 and make Chair. Vice Chair is Keith Courtney.

P&Z - Place 1 Andrew Malkowski and appointed Vice Chair, Place 3 Colby Cowan, Place 5 Perry Clementi. Move Place 6 to Place 4 as there will only be 5 members on the board.

They stated they will continue with Darrell Hull as City Manager.

Motion Approve. Action Approve RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION, AND TAKE ACTION NECESSARY PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION, IF NEEDED, Moved By Bryant Griffith, Seconded By Brad Horton. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Adjourn. Action Adjourn ADJOURNMENT, Moved By Jeff Nevarez, Seconded By Bryant Griffith.
Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:



MAYOR JAN JOPLIN

ATTEST:



CITY SECRETARY RAEANNE BYINGTON