



KENNEDALE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING | JULY 18, 2023 AT 5:30 PM

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS | 405 MUNICIPAL DRIVE, KENNEDALE, TX 76060

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Kenneth Michels called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Brad Horton, Jeff Nevarez; **ABSENT:** Jan Joplin; **STAFF:** City Manager Darrell Hull, City Secretary Raeanne Byington, Director of Planning and Economic Development Nathan Gonzales, Director of Finance Jonathan Horton, Director of Human Resources Caroline Green, Public Works Director Kristian Sugrim, Fire Chief James Brown, Police Chief Michael Holguin.

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."

Councilmember Horton received the invocation and Mayor Pro Tem Michels led the pledges.

C. Swearing in of City Council, Place 4 appointee Bryant Griffith.

City Secretary Raeanne Byington swore in Bryant Griffith to City Council, Place 4.

Councilmember Bryant then took the dais for the meeting.

II. WORK SESSION

A. WORK SESSION REPORTS

There was no discussion at this time.

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

There was no discussion at this time.

III. VISITOR AND CITIZEN FORUM

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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.

Felicia Moody, at 1015 N Little School Rd, approached the podium and requested funds for the Kennedale Moms of Color. She requested that the City Council fund the Juneteenth celebration in the amount of \$15000 for the 2024 year and that they consider giving \$250,000 to construct the Ingrid Sargent Community Center.

Tamiko Sargent, at 905 Shady Oaks Dr, approached the podium and echoed Ms. Moody's statements on funding the 2 programs.

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

Councilmember Gilley met with a few citizens on various issues.

Councilmember Horton welcomed our new Councilmember Bryant Griffith. He encouraged everyone in Kennedale to try Carmen's Tex Mex food truck. He attended the EDC meeting last months and gave a shout out to the KHS Basketball coaches who put on the KHS Basketball Camp.

Councilmember Nevarez stated he spoke with citizens about the train issues. He also had talked with some food truck owners about the possibility of a Food Truck Park in Kennedale that the EDC is discussing. He attended the ribbon cutting for the Infinity Book Store and is excited to attend Newly Elected Official Training in Round Rock this week with Councilman Griffith. He asked for prayer requests for Judge Gallagher and thanked Wendy Burgess for her congratulatory note and friendship.

Councilmember Griffith thanked the council and said it is an honor to serve the city of Kennedale.

2. Updates from the Mayor

Mayor Pro Tem Kenneth Michels attended the Chamber Luncheon and fielded citizens' complaints about the train stopping across the tracks and a field that is used for growing hay. He attended both the ribbon cuttings the chamber had.

3. Updates from the City Manager

City Manager Darrell Hull reminded everyone of the Back to School Bash on August 5th. Backpacks with supplies will be given out to Elementary students and Chromebook Covers to Secondary students from 9-noon at the Senior Citizen Center. New Hope Bridge is nearing completion and on target for the end of July/first of August. He mentioned that citizens can keep up to date on our Social Media platforms and can get important announcements via the Everbridge public announcement system.

4. Financial Reports for the City.

Finance Director Jon Horton was available for questions about the financials.

Councilmember Gilley asked about TIRZ Fund and when we would receive information from the tax assessor. Director Horton stated when he reports on the June numbers it will reflect more accuracy and the worksheet will be done by July 27th and will return to the Tax Assessor for August 4th.

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.

Motion Approve. **Action** Approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. **Moved By** Rockie Gilley.

Seconded By Brad Horton. **Motion passed unanimously.**

1. Approval of the minutes from the June 6, 2023 City Council Budget Workshop.

2. Approval of the minutes from the July 13, 2023 Special Meeting

3. Consider approval of an amendment to the ordinance that allows boards to vote in their own chair/vice chair. Instead the City Council will appoint said positions.

4. Consider approval of a resolution to allow City Council to appoint the Executive Officers of the Kennedale Economic Development Corporation.
5. Consider approval of an Interlocal Agreement with Tarrant County for the assistance of improving the drainage at the 5700 block of Eden Road.

C. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Michels recessed to Executive Session at 5:55 p.m.

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.*

There were no Items for Individual Consideration.

B. 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. RFQs for City Attorney and Engineering Services.
2. City Manager Evaluation.

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

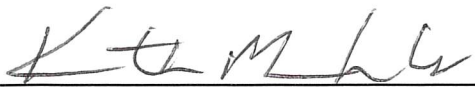
No action taken after Executive Session.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn by Councilmember Nevarez. Seconded by Councilmember Horton.
Motion passes unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Michels adjourned at 7:39 pm.

APPROVED:


MAYOR PRO TEM KENNETH MICHELS

ATTEST:


CITY SECRETARY RAEANNE BYINGTON