



KENNEDALE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING | OCTOBER 15, 2024 AT 5:30 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS | 405 MUNICIPAL DRIVE, KENNEDALE, TX 76060

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brad Horton called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL

Mayor Horton, Mayor Pro Tem Michels, Place 1 Glover, Place 2 Kobeck, Place 4 Gary, and Place 5 Nevarez were in attendance, thus constituting a quorum.

The City Manager, City Secretary, department directors, and other various staff were also present.

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."

Place 5 Nevarez led the invocation followed by the Pledges to the American and Texas flags led by Mayor Pro Tem Michels.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

The Kennedale City Council welcomes comments from the public. Those wishing to speak must sign in prior to the start of the meeting. Speakers may speak on any topic, whether on the agenda or not. The Kennedale City Council cannot act upon, discuss issues raised or make any decisions at this time. Speakers under citizens' comments shall observe a three-minute time limit. Inquiries regarding matters not listed on this agenda may be referred to staff for research and/or possible future action by the board.

Sara Johnson, 221 Village St., Thanksgiving Food Drive.

Tyler Epstein, 700 Louisiana St. Suite 700, Houston, ITEM C4 - Complaints on members of the City Council.

Garrison Lewis, 1312 Tucker Lane, ITEM C4 - Complaints on members of the City Council.

Joe Palmer, 4017 Sanguinet Ct., Fort Worth, ITEM C4 - Complaints on members of the City Council.

Tamiko Sargent, 900 W. Sublett Road, ITEM C4 - Complaints on members of the City Council.

III. PRESENTATIONS

A. Issue Oath of Office to Fire Chief Eric R. Peterson

City Secretary Bobbie Jo Taylor issued the Oath of Office to Newly Hired Fire Chief Eric R. Peterson.

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 the City of Kennedale Mayor and City Council

The City Council and Mayor gave updates on items of public interest, including Breast Cancer Awareness Month, The TML Conference, National Night Out, the KKB Butterfly Party, and an Open House held for the Public Safety Departments.

2. Updates from the City of Kennedale City Manager

City Manager Hull asked Director of Public Works, Kristian Sugrim, to give an update on the Wastewater Interceptor Project. Mr. Sugrim advised that the project is approximately 30% completed in the design phase with construction anticipated to begin in January 2026.

Mr. Hull continued his update by reminding the community of the Upcoming Trunk or Treat and Hometown Christmas events.

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

a. Quarterly Investment Report

Director of Finance Jonathan Horton gave an overview of the financials which included the Quarterly Investment Report.

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.

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Mayor Pro Tem Michels made a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Place 5 Nevarez seconded the motion.

No Opposition, No abstentions

Vote: Motion passed unanimously

C. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION OR ACTION

1. Discuss naming a roundabout located in the 800 block of Sublett Rd. and the 600 block of Little School Rd. in Honor of Mr. Robert Mundy. - Discussion Only

At the request of Mayor Horton, Place 5 Nevarez made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:04 p.m.

Place 2 Kobeck seconded the motion.

No opposition, No abstentions

Vote: Motion passed unanimously

Mayor Horton reconvened into Open Session at 6:08 p.m.

The City Council deliberated naming a roundabout located in the 800 block of Sublett Rd. after Mr. Robert Mundy. The consensus of the council was favorable. However, there were suggestions made to perhaps name the Library after Mr. Mundy due to his support of the Library over many years. The Council advised Mr. Hull, City Manager, that they would like the Historical Society to look into the possibility of naming the Library as opposed to the roundabout. The Council also requested a comparison of costs between the renaming of the library and the roundabouts.

2. Discuss an update to the City of Kennedale Nuisance Ordinance providing additional regulations for outdoor lighting. - Discussion Only

The City Council discussed with the City Staff a draft version of a lighting ordinance. The Community Development Director, Nathan Gonzales, advised that the nuisance ordinance will be updated to provide for areas of concern that are currently being discussed by the Council. The Council requested that a final ordinance be prepared for the November 2025 City Council Meeting Agenda.

3. Discuss and take action on a Lease Agreement at 705 E. Kennedale Pkwy. beginning January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 for the purpose of temporary operations and housing of the Kennedale Fire Department. - Action Item

City Manager Hull presented the Council with a lease agreement for 705 E. Kennedale Pkwy. to be used for temporary operations of the Fire Department.

Place 5 Nevarez made a motion to approve a Lease Agreement at 705 E. Kennedale Pkwy. beginning January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, for the purpose of temporary operations and housing of the Kennedale Fire Department.

Mayor Pro Tem Michels seconded the motion.

No opposition, No abstention

Vote: The motion carried unanimously

4. Discuss and take action if necessary regarding complaints on City Council Member Kenneth Michels and City Council Member Chris Gary. - Action Item

Following the recommendation from the City Attorney, Place 5 Nevarez motioned to adjourn into Executive Session at 7:33 p.m.

Place 2 Kobeck seconded the motion.

Place 1 Glover opposed the motion, Mayor Pro Tem Michels abstained.

Vote: 3-1-1 motion carried.

Mayor Horton adjourned the meeting from Executive Session at 8:33 p.m.

City Attorney, Carvan Adkins, addressed the Council advising that, in his opinion, neither City Council Member had violated the City Charter nor any laws regarding conflict of interest. Mr. Adkins advised that the 200' radius requirement in question

is applied to zoning law and does not have any bearing on the analysis of the conflict of interest. Mr. Adkins discussed with the Council that any violation of the conflict of interest would need to be filed in District Court as it is not in the purview of the City Attorney or the City Council to make a decision on the matter.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Kennedale City Council reserves the rights 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 §551.0171 – 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.

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

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Place 5 Nevarez motioned to adjourn at 8:41 p.m.

Place 1 Glover seconded the motion.

There being no further business, Mayor Horton adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED:


MAYOR BRAD HORTON

ATTEST:




CITY SECRETARY BOBBIE JO TAYLOR