

KENNEDALE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING | DECEMBER 17, 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 5:30 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 offered 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.

Danny Renfro, 1406 Swiney Hiatt Rd., Code Enforcement and Zoning Complaints.
Sara Johnson, 221 Village St., Thanksgiving and Senior Center Outreach.

III. PRESENTATIONS

A. Presentation regarding City Engineering Services as presented by Westwood Engineering.

Ryley Paroulet with Westwood Engineering presented a slideshow detailing the qualifications of the Engineering Firm to the City Council. Mr. Paroulet advised that the firm provides professional services in transportation design, civil engineering, land surveying and landscaping architecture.

B. Updates from the City of Kennedale Mayor and City Council

The City Council and Mayor gave updates on items of public interest, including Judge Gallagher's Retirement Celebration, Hometown Christmas, The Red Kettle Challenge, Emerald Hills Wreaths Across America, and Community Theater in the Park.

C. Updates from the City of Kennedale City Manager.

City Manager, Darrell Hull, gave an update on Hometown Christmas advising that the event was attended by at least 6,000 people. Mr. Hull also advised the Council of infrastructure projects including sewer and roadway updates.

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

Finance Department Representative Felicia Diggs gave an overview of the City of Kennedale financials.

IV. REGULAR SESSION

A. 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. November 19, 2024, City Council Minutes.
2. Ordinance 778 amending Section 11.23. "Property Tax Freeze", of Article II, "Ad Valorem Taxes," of Chapter 11 "Licenses, Taxation and Miscellaneous Business Regulations," of the Kennedale City Code, amending the surviving spouse age to comply with state law.
3. Resolution R635 Authorizing the City Manager to execute Global Opioid Settle Documents relating to the Kroger Settlements.

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

Place 2 Kobeck seconded the motion.

No Opposition, No abstentions

Vote: Motion passed unanimously

B. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

1. Discuss and take action to sell the Kennedale EDC property located at 600 W. Kennedale Parkway as recommended by the Kennedale Economic Development Corporation. - Action Item

The City Council held discussions with potential developer, Mr. Adelai Pennington, who is seeking to purchase the property located at 600 W. Kennedale Parkway. The property is currently owned by the Kennedale Economic Development Corporation. Mr. Pennington acknowledged that there are challenges to overcome to build on the property due to the access and elevation of the site, and the narrow width of the lot. Mr. Pennington and the Council discussed the potential of the site being developed into a drive through car wash, a coffee shop, and office space.

Place 5 Nevarez motioned to approve the sale of the Kennedale EDC property located at 600 W. Kennedale Parkway.

Mayor Pro Tem Michels seconded the motion.

No Opposition, No abstentions

Vote: Motion passed unanimously

Mayor Horton recessed the meeting into at break at 6:28 p.m.
The meeting reconvened at 6:35 p.m.

2. Discuss and Take Action on the appointments of Chair and Vice-Chair for the following Board/Commissions: - Action Item
 1. Kennedale Economic Development Corporation
 2. Kennedale Planning and Zoning Commission
 3. Kennedale Board of Adjustment
 4. Keep Kennedale Beautiful
 5. Kennedale Parks and Recreation Board
 6. Town Center Board

No discussion at this time.

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.

Place 1 Glover motioned to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:35 p.m.
Mayor Pro Tem Michels seconded the motion.

No Opposition, No abstentions

Vote: Motion passed unanimously

A. PURSUANT TO SECTION 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, to discuss pending and contemplated litigation, or a settlement offer.

1. W. Eddie Patterson and Tammy Patterson - Litigation
2. The Enclave Subdivision, LLC - Litigation

B. PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.074 - Personnel Matters certain deliberations about officers and employees of the governmental body to be held in executive session.

1. Kennedale Boards and Commissions (if needed)

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

Mayor Horton reconvened into Open Session at 6:55 p.m.

Place 2 Kobeck made a motion to appoint the following Chairs and Vice-Chairs to the City of Kennedale's Boards and Commissions.

EDC Chair Mark Yeary
EDC Vice Chair Marcel Terry
Planning and Zoning Chair Michael Brown
Planning and Zoning Vice Chair Andrew Malkowski
Board of Adjustment Chair Kelly Rod
Board of Adjustment Vice Chair Pat Vader
KKB Chair Kimberly Courtney
KKB Vice Chair Laurie Sanders
Parks and Recreation Chair Cory Hines
Parks and Recreation Vice Chair Develle Coleman
Town Center Board Chair Jeff Nevarez
Town Center Board Vice Chair Chris Gary

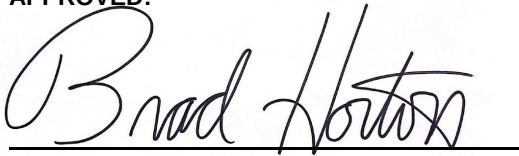
Mayor Pro Tem Michels seconded the motion.
No Opposition, No abstentions
Vote: Motion passed unanimously

VII. ADJOURNMENT

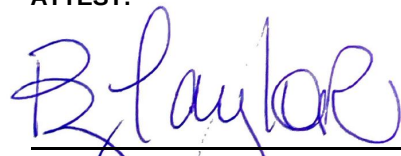
Mayor Pro Tem Michels motioned to adjourn at 6:57 p.m.

Place 5 Nevarez seconded the motion.
There being no further business, Mayor Horton adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED:


MAYOR BRAD HORTON

ATTEST:


CITY SECRETARY BOBBIE JO TAYLOR

