

AGENDA
NOTICE OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF KEMPNER, TEXAS
March 9, 2021
7:00 PM
12288 E. Hwy 190 Kempner, Texas 76539

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Kempner, Texas will hold its regular meeting at the above-named date, time and location for the consideration and action on all the items listed below:

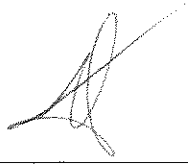
1. CALL TO ORDER, CALL OF ROLL/IDENTIFICATION OF A QUORUM
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance/Pledge to the Texas Flag

NON-ACTION ITEMS

4. Citizens Comments – Must sign in and note whether Agenda or Non-Agenda items
5. Reports
 - Police Chief
 - Mayor

ACTION ITEMS

6. Consider approval of the minutes from the Council meeting held on February 23, 2021.
7. Consider approval of Accounts Payable Dated March 1, 2021.
8. Mayor final Comments.
9. Date of the next regular meeting will be March 23, 2021.
10. Adjournment



Dr. Keith L. Harvey, Mayor

I, Keith Harvey, Mayor of the City of Kempner do hereby certify that the above notice of the REGULAR Meeting of the City of Kempner City Council was posted at City Hall, 12288 East Highway 190, Kempner, Texas on the 5th day of March 2021 before 3:30 p.m.

The City council may convene into executive session on any matter related to any of the above agenda items for a purpose, such closed session is allowed under Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

This building is wheelchair accessible. Any requests for Interpretive Services must be made 48 hours in advance of the scheduled meeting.

* The Citizen Comments: This portion of the agenda is reserved to provide citizens an opportunity to address the City Council on issues affecting the City. Citizens must sign in with City Secretary prior to meeting. Each citizen's comments are limited to a total of three (3) minutes; a total of 30 minutes has been allotted. You may speak on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items. Non-Agenda Items portion of the agenda is the citizen's opportunity to be heard at the City Council meeting and will be reserved for comments concerning city related issues not otherwise appearing on the meeting agenda.

STATE OF TEXAS *

COUNTY OF LAMPASAS *

CITY OF KEMPNER *

BE IT REMEMBERED that on February 23, 2021, the City Council met in City Hall with the following members present: Council Members Norm Parker, Jared Jones, John Wilkerson, Mack Ruskiewicz, Melba Vandever.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 P.M. and the following business was conducted:

1. Roll Call- Everyone was present.
2. Norm Parker Led the Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance/Pledge to the Texas Flag

Non-Action Items

4. Citizens Comments.

- To whom it may concern,

The Sylvia Tucker memorial park in Kempner, does not need a fence on the creek side! It will take away from the beauty that lies on the creek side! Please reconsider this!

Concerned Citizen of Kempner

Thank you & GOD bless,

Krystal Corley

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- Hello! I recently heard that theres a proposal to put a fence up at the city park in Kempner between the playground and creek. As people who love to visit the park and the creek, we'd hate to lose access. I would like to propose the idea of keeping the fence for wondering kiddos, etc., but add a gate for those that love going to the creek too. If there's no gate, we'd hate to see a fence be put up. I appreciate you taking the time to listen to my idea, and hope you guys decide to go with it

Lauren Ball

- Good morning ladies and gentlemen,

It was brought to my attention today that the city of Kempner is voting to fence off access to Taylor Creek in the Sylvia Tucker Memorial Park. Although not a current resident of Kempner, I grew up there and this park is named for my mother. As I'm sure you're all aware, the land for this park was donated by our good friend, the late Col Walter Prugh. Both my mother and Judge Prugh loved the natural beauty of our great city. I can't speak to what their wishes would be on this proposal, but I do know that much of what I learned about Texas flora and fauna, and some of my sweetest memories, are from

the time I spent as a child exploring Taylor Creek. It would be a shame to now restrict that experience from residents of Kempner, both young and old. As our cities and populations grow around the country, areas like this with access to the nature God has so richly provided for us are getting more and more scarce. It is for that reason that I respectfully ask the council to vote against restricting access to the creek within the park. If child safety is a concern, I believe a reasonable compromise would be to put a protective fence in place (a pretty one that adds to the beauty of the park), but add an access gate that would allow older children and adults to still enjoy the beauty of the creek while protecting their smaller children from unfettered access. Thank you for serving the City of Kempner, My mother was a member of the first Kempner City Council and she would be proud that we still have citizens and residents who care enough to serve their city. I am grateful to the City Council and the residents of Kempner for the upkeep of this park and continuing to honor her memory in this way.

God bless you all,

Diane (Tucker) Pavelin

SMSgt (ret.), US Air Force

5. Reports

- Mayor's Report- The City park is currently closed due to a major water leak. Because of the ice storm there have been several breaks in the plumbing at the park and at City Hall. We have a plumber coming to fix it and we are trying to do it as quickly and safely as possible. I also want to thank Chief Rodriguez for all his diligence during the ice storm he was out patrolling for numerous hours to ensure everyone was safe. I also thank him for the care along with others he provided to Mr. Robinson during his unfortunate accident.
- Presentation for a new business from David Thomas.

ACTION ITEMS

6. Consider approval of the minutes for the Council Meeting held on February 9, 2021.

- Mr. Wilkerson moves to make a motion to approve the meeting minutes from February 9, 2021.
- Mr. Jones seconds
- All in favor, motion carries

7. Comments/ Mayor's Final Comments.

- Mayor states again please be patient as we work diligently to reopen the park I know many people love our park and we are doing our best to get it repaired right and open the park as soon as possible.

8. The date of the next regularly scheduled meeting will be March 9, 2021.

9. Adjournment. Mr. Wilkerson makes a motion to adjourn. Parker Seconds. All in favor,
Meeting Adjourned.

ATTEST: _____

Hayleigh Robello –City Secretary

APPROVED: _____

Dr. Keith L. Harvey- Mayor

Kempner Police

Memorandum



To: Kempner City Council

Thru: Dr. Keith L. Harvey, Mayor

From: Charles E. Rodriguez, Chief of Police

Date: March 3, 2021

Subject: Monthly Police Department Report – February 2021

Kempner City Council,

Your police department worked hard during the winter storm and we are fortunate that only minor issues occurred. We want to thank the citizens for following the states recommendation to stay home and off the roadways.

This month we received the following criminal cases and worked various department tasks:

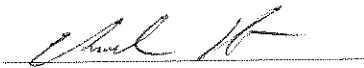
1. Citizens reported, or officers were dispatched to, the following incidents that did not result in criminal cases:
 - a. Responded to three harassment incidents and one evolved into an emergency order of detention.
 - b. Found property was located by a citizen and was turned into the department.
2. During the winter storm we had several vehicles that slid off the roadway, but only one resulted in a motor vehicle crash.
3. Criminal case filed and their status:
 - a. An assault with bodily injury occurred and is under investigation.
 - b. Indecent Exposure by a male subject at the Dollar General Store.
 - c. Two fugitives were taken into custody for providing false identification with active warrants.
 - d. Two individuals were arrested for active warrants.
4. Calls for service:
 - a. Police responded to 61 calls for service.
 - b. Some calls ranged from fraud, city ordinance violations, structure fire, mental health, welfare concerns, stalled vehicles, to a citizen contact.
5. Traffic stops:
 - a. Total stops: 20
 - b. Traffic citations: 14
 - c. Warnings issued: 11

6. Patrol vehicle usage and maintenance:

- a. The patrol vehicles were driven 2,336 miles.
- b. The department used 180 gallons of fuel.
- c. The patrol vehicles fuel cost was \$414.25.
- d. Replaced a headlight in the 2015 Dodge Charger.

7. Administration:

- a. TXDOT is reviewing the test data submitted. They have requested COPSYNC provide the excel spreadsheet data. TXDOT approval ensures the department is following state mandated submission of crash reports.
- b. Mobile Data Terminals upgrade for the patrol cars using CARE (Corona Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act federal stimulus package funding is still ongoing.
- c. Department is still waiting on the Lampasas County/District Attorney's office to provide case disposition.
- d. Department Policy manual is being updated to reflect recent change in city structure.



Charles E. Rodriguez

Chief of Police

Kempner Police Department

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE 1 February 2021

<u>NAME OF COMPANY</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
BANK OF AMERICA	City of Kempner- Chief Rodriguez Shell Oil - \$24.25 Shell Oil - \$24.00 Shell Oil - \$32.00 Shell Oil - \$29.50 Shell Oil - \$24.00 Shell Oil - \$8.00 Shell Oil - \$31.00 Shell Oil - \$27.00 Texaco - \$33.48 ExxonM - \$19.00 USPS - \$16.00 USPS - \$7.80 SIRCHIE- \$31.30 Discount Tire - \$283.75	\$591.08
BANK OF AMERICA	City of Kempner- Officer Sowder Shell Oil - \$33.04	\$33.04
BANK OF AMERICA	City of Kempner – Mayor Intuit usage - \$10.80 ADOBE \$16.00	\$26.80
CENTURYLINK	City Services	\$383.20
DUEY'S PLUMBING	Service Call	\$85.00
WELLS FARGO	Services	\$85.00
KEMPNER WATER SUPPLY CO.	City Services	\$199.36
HAMILTON ELECTRIC	City Services	\$465.25
BBVA	YTD Interest	\$3623.70
FIRSTNET	Services	\$165.74
KNIGHT LAW FIRM	City Attorneys	\$1169.00
<u>Total</u>		<u>\$ 6827.17</u>

APPROVED:
Dr. Keith L. Harvey-Mayor

ATTESTED:
Hayleigh Robello – City Secretary

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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. and the following business was conducted:

1. Roll Call- Everyone was present.
2. Mack Ruskiewicz Led the Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance/Pledge to the Texas Flag

Non-Action Items

4. Citizens Comments.

5. Reports

- Police Report
- Mayor's Report- There was major water damage at the Sylvia Tucker Memorial Park. The system had to be rebuilt, as did the backflow at City Hall. TX Dot has also started construction on the guardrail after petitioning to them and providing them with historical data and the need for it.

ACTION ITEMS

6. Consider approval of the minutes for the Council Meeting held on February 9, 2021.

- Mr. Ruskiewicz moves to make a motion to approve the minutes held on February 9, 2021.
- Mr. Wilkerson seconds the motion with spelling corrections.
- All in favor, motion carries.

7. Consider approval of the accounts payable dated March 2021.

- Mr. Wilkerson moves to make a motion to approve the accounts payable dated March 2021.
- Mr. Parker seconds the motion with wording corrections.
- All in favor, motion carries.

8. Comments/ Mayor's Final Comments.

- We are looking to take individual and group pictures at the next council meeting. If there is a council member who cannot make the next meeting please inform the City Secretary as soon as possible. The City is also looking for guidance from Judge Hoyer and the county pertaining to the county and the Emergency Management Director in reference to Governor Abbott's GA-32 directive. This is to ensure the City moves forward within all guidelines.

9. The date of the next regularly scheduled meeting will be March 9, 2021.

10. Adjournment. Mr. Wilkerson makes a motion to adjourn. Vandever Seconds. All in favor, Meeting Adjourned.

ATTEST:


Hayleigh Robello –City Secretary

APPROVED:


John (JW) Wilkerson- Mayor