



CITY OF KEMPNER

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA TUESDAY, June 27, 2023, AT 6:00 PM

Notice is hereby given:

THE CITY COUNCIL WILL CONVENE IN A REGULAR MEETING IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LOCATED AT 12288 E. Hwy 190 Kempner, Texas 76539.

1. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, AND PLEDGES TO FLAGS

2. NON-ACTION ITEMS

Citizen Comments: Any person with business before the Council not scheduled on the agenda may speak to the Council. No formal action can be taken on these items at this meeting.

This is an opportunity for members of the public to suggest the addition of topics for the discussion or to address topics of interest, with the presentation limited to three (3) minutes. All speakers will conduct themselves in an orderly and lawful manner. No profane or threatening language will be tolerated. All speakers will be recognized prior to speaking and will announce their name for the minutes' purpose.

Reports

- City Manager/ Police Report - Presented by the City Manager or designee.
- Mayor's Report – Presented by the Mayor or designee.
- Fire Chiefs Report- Presented by the Chief or designee.

Upcoming Events:

Office will be closed July 4, 2023 in observance of Independence Day

3. CONSENT AGENDA

(All items on the Consent agenda are considered routine and may be approved by a single motion. The items listed below need not be approved independently, however any of the items may be removed and considered in an independent motion upon request of any member of the City Council)

- A. Approval of meeting minutes from the meeting held on June 13, 2023

4. Action Items

The Council will discuss, and MAY act on the following items:

- A. The appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; To wit: Court Clerk/Assistant City Secretary/Evidence Tech Tracie

Martin.

- B. Approval or disapproval of the Lampasas County Central Appraisal District's proposed FY 23-24 budget.
- C. Permitting the construction and installation of a flag dop box on city owned property to serve as a drop box for worn and unserviceable United States and Texas Flags to ensure proper retirement of such flags.

5. Workshop

- A. FY 2023-2024 Budget Development Updates/ Requests/Options (if any).

6. NON-ACTION ITEMS

- A. Staff Comments
- B. Mayor/Council Comments
- C. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting – Tuesday July 11th 2023 at 6pm.

7. ADJOURNMENT

All items on the agenda are for discussion and/or action. The City Council reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices,) and 551.086 (Economic Development).

The City of Kempner is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Reasonable accommodations and equal access to communications will be provided to those who provide notice to the City Secretary at (512)932-2180 at least 48 hours in advance.

Agenda Posted by Friday, June 23, 2023 on or before 5:00 pm.

Posted by: Tracie Martin, Assistant City Secretary



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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 27, 2023

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED IN A REGULAR MEETING IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
LOCATED AT 12288 E. Hwy 190 Kempner, Texas 76539.

1. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, AND PLEDGES TO FLAGS

Mayor Pro Tem Rob Green presided over the meeting, calling to order at 6:00 P.M.

The quorum consisted of David Richardson (Place 1), Rob Green (Place 3), Dan Long (Place 4), and Debbie Hernandez (Place 5). Tom Combs (Place 2) and Mayor Wilkerson were absent. Judge Isenhour led the invocation.

2. NON-ACTION ITEMS

Citizen Comments.

NONE

Reports

- City Manager/Police Report- Presented by City Manager/Police chief – Drilling for the internet tower should begin this week. Estimate was given of 6-8 weeks until completed. At the four-week mark, the City Manager will begin pricing VoIP phones for the council to review.
- Fire Chiefs report- Presented by Assistant Chief Doug McKinney – **See attached.** Doug McKinney informed the council with the heat and lack of rain, to expect call volume to begin increasing steadily. Rob Green (Place 3) asked if the county would be taking more action against fireworks this year. McKinney explained how understaffed the sheriff's office is and while they do their best, they will not be able to catch everyone. McKinney stated all three fire stations will be fully manned on July 4 and invited the council to join the department for a BBQ at 15:00.

Doug McKinney requested the council consider allowing the Fire Department to utilize city hall land to place their free-standing sign since the new construction will require them to move it soon. McKinney also informed the council he is currently applying for grants for an LED sign and asked if the fire department could place it on city hall property. He indicated it would be of mutual use for both fire department

and city hall information. Rob Green (Place 3) instructed Assistant City Secretary Tracie Martin to add the sign request to the next agenda. Judge Isenhour encouraged the fire department to get a copy of the city's sign ordinance. McKinney indicated he had one.

Dan Long (Place 4) asked whose responsibility it is to clean up tire debris on the side of the road. McKinney stated if it's a county road to contact our district and if it's a state road to contact TXDOT.

- Mayor's Report- Not present

Upcoming Events

City Hall will be closed Tuesday, July 4, 2023

3. CONSENT AGENDA

(All items on the Consent agenda are considered routine and may be approved by a single motion. The items listed below need not be approved independently, however any of the items may be removed and considered in an independent motion upon request of any member of the City Council)

- A. Approval of meeting minutes from the meeting held on June 13, 2023.

David Richardson (Place 1) made the following motion: To approve the consent agenda.

Second by: Debbie Hernandez (Place 5)

Motion passed by all present

4. ACTION ITEMS

The council will discuss, and MAY take action on the following.

- A. The appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; To wit: Court Clerk/Assistant City Secretary/Evidence Tech Tracie Martin.

The City Manager presented to the council the financial spreadsheet for various salary options and the implications to the budget.

David Richardson (Place 1) made the following motion: Postpone making a decision on the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee; To wit: Court Clerk/Assistant City Secretary/Evidence Tech Tracie Martin until the next council meeting July 11, 2023.

Second by: Dan Long

Motion passed by all present.

Mayor Pro Tem Rob Green moved action item C to the next line of business.

- C. Permitting the construction and installation of a flag drop box on city owned property

to serve as a drop box for worn and unserviceable United States and Texas Flags to ensure proper retirement of such flags.

Solomon Storm presented his Eagle Scout project to the council. The drop box will sit on a 3x3 concrete slab near but not interfering with Memorial Wall. The cost of the project is unknown, and Mr. Storm asked the council to consider donating to the project. Mr. Storm estimated it would take 6-8 months for the project to be completed. He indicated he would take care of the site for one year then it would become the city's responsibility.

Dan Long (Place 4) asked if the plan was to put it on the existing sidewalk or will a new slab have to be poured? Mr. Storm confirmed a new slab would be put in. Dan Long (Place 4) suggested Mr. Storm reach out to Lee Martin with help or directions for building the box.

David Richardson (Place 1) asked what material the box would be made of. Mr. Storm indicated it would be metal.

Mayor Pro Tem Rob Green (Place 3) asked if any council member had a problem with the proposed location. None did. Mayor Pro Tem Rob Green (Place 3) told Mr. Storm the request for funding would be discussed during the budget workshops.

Debbie Hernandez (Place 5) made the following motion: To approve the construction and installation of a flag drop box on city owned property to serve as a drop box for worn and unserviceable United States and Texas Flags to ensure proper retirement of such flags.

Second by: David Richardson
Motion passed by all present.

B. Approval or disapproval of the Lampasas County Central Appraisal District's proposed FY 23-24 budget.

Lampasas County Central Appraisal District (CAD) did not have a representative at the council meeting. The City Manager stated he attended a meeting with them two weeks ago and since they are facing the highest number of disputes there will be a delay in the actual numbers for budgetary purposes. He said he had everything in place for the budget, just waiting for them to give good number.

Rob Green (Place 3) noted the tremendous increase in the budget from last year. Judge Isenhour stated the county voted to disapprove the budget in their meeting 4-1. The City of Lampasas took no action.

Members of the press stated no one attended the CAD budget meeting.

Rob Green (Place 3) stated a representative should be present at this meeting. The city manager stated software was given as the reason for the increase. David Richardson (Place 1) asked the result if the council chose to not approve the budget. Rob Green (Place 3) indicated the CAD would have to rework their budget.

David Richardson (Place 1) made the following motion: To disapprove Lampasas County Central Appraisal Districts proposed FY 23-24 budget.
Second by: Rob Green (Place 3)
Motion passed by all present.

5. WORKSHOP

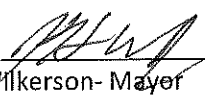
City Manager informed council he has the basis of a budget ready to go. Rob Green (Place 3) asked if the action took tonight regarding the Lampasas County Central Appraisal District would delay the budget? The City Manager confirmed that to be accurate. The City Manager also reminded the council that the tax increase during the last election was for roads only. David Richardson (Place 1) suggested the council should wait for Mayor's return to continue discussing. Rob Green (Place 3) reminded the council no action would be taken in a workshop, it was just a discussion, but they do have to wait for a new CAD budget, and they would return to it next meeting.

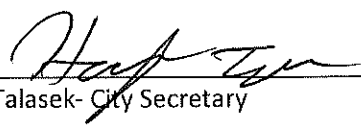
6. NON-ACTION ITEMS

A. Staff comments – Tracie reminded council Hayleigh would be returning next week.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Dan Long (Place 4) made the following motion: Adjourn the meeting.
Second by: David Richardson (Place 1)
Motion passed by all present.
Meeting adjourned at 6:32 P.M.

APPROVED: 
John (JW) Wilkerson- Mayor

ATTEST: 
Hayleigh Talasek- City Secretary