



CITY OF KEMPNER

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING & AGENDA Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 6:00pm

Notice is hereby given that the City Council will convene in a regular meeting in Council Chambers, located at 12288 E. HWY 190 Kempner Texas 76539. The items listed on this notice may be taken up by the Council.

1. Call to Order, Invocation and Pledges to Flags

2. Reports & Presentations to Council by City Staff and Invited Guests

- a. Citizen Comments (please see Additional Notices and Information at the end of this agenda).
- b. City Manager Report
- c. Mayor's Report
- d. Police Chief's Report
- e. Fire Chief's Report

3. Action Items

- a. Consent Agenda (all items on the consent agenda are considered routine and may be approved by a single motion to approve the consent agenda, or each item listed below may be acted upon independently should a council member make such motion)
 - i. Approval of the meeting minutes from the meeting held on March 3, 2026
 - ii. Approval of the March 2026 Financials.
- b. Approval of Eagle Scout Project at City Park – Installation of Bat Boxes
- c. Consideration of **Resolution No. 2026-04-14-001 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KEMPNER, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE USE OF RESTRICTED STREET FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000 FOR ELIGIBLE STREET MAINTENANCE AND/OR IMPROVEMENT EXPENDITURES FOR PECOS STREET; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

- d. Council to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; To wit: City Manager, Rebecca Ramos and Chief of Police, Heriberto Rodriguez,

4. Workshops

- a.

5. Council and Staff Announcements

- a. Staff Announcements
- b. Council Announcements
- c. Next Regular Meeting date is scheduled to occur on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 6:00 PM in council chambers.

6. Adjournment.

Certification Of Legal Posting:

I hereby certify that this agenda has been posted on the City message board affixed to the exterior wall of the Eisenhower / Clark Municipal Building AND has been posted on the City of Kempner official website (kempnertx.gov) at least 3 business days prior to the start of the meeting.

Shaleah Stevens

Signature of Certifying Official

Shaleah Stevens, City Secretary

Printed Name and Title of Certifying Official

April 8, 2026 at 11:45 AM

Date and Time signed:

Additional Notices and Information

General Statement of Mayor Wilkerson:

Hello neighbors,

Below is some information you should find useful when reading the agenda and what to expect while attending our meetings. I have the responsibility to ensure the meeting is being held in a lawful and organized manner. I have an obligation to each of you to ensure:

- Each council member is afforded the opportunity to express their opinions on matters brought before them;
- Each citizen is treated with respect and afforded the opportunity to be heard;
- Each council member and staff member is treated with respect by the general public and other staff and council members

The Council may discuss and/or act on the items listed on this agenda. Legally, the Council may take official action only on the items listed under #3 "Action Items". All other items listed on the agenda offer the council opportunity to hear information on related matters and provide directions to City Staff on items or additional information needed for the issue to be placed on a future agenda for action by the council.

Citizen Comments: Any person may bring an issue to the attention of the City council during this time on matters **NOT ON THE AGENDA**. State law prohibits the Council from discussing issues or matters that are not on the agenda. Bringing an issue (not on the agenda) before the council during this time makes the council aware of the information and may lead to the matter being placed on a future meeting agenda. The Council has adopted a policy granting 3 minutes for each person to talk. Although you do not have to legally give your name and address, there is a sign-in sheet at the back of the room. Signing in on the sign-up sheet will allow your representatives to contact you to follow up on your concerns.

Citizens' input on City Matters: The City Council wants to hear from those we represent. When a matter is being taken up by the Council, a member of the public in attendance at the meeting who desires to be heard on the matter may be called upon when that issue is being discussed.

Closed (Executive) Sessions: The council reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during a meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) 072 (Deliberation about Real Property), .073 (Personnel Matters), .076 (Deliberation about Security Devices), and .086 (Economic Development).

Accessibility: The Isenhour / Clark Municipal Building is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodation or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Please contact the City Secretary at (512) 932-2180 or email citysecretary@kempnertx.gov for information or assistance.

John "JW" Wilkerson



CITY OF KEMPNER

REGULAR CALLED MEETING MINUTES

FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON APRIL 14, 2026, AT 6:00 PM

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED IN A REGULAR MEETING IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LOCATED AT 12288 E. HWY 190, KEMPNER TX 76539.

1. Call to Order, Invocation and Pledges to Flags

The meeting started at 6:00 PM. The quorum consisted of David Richardson (place 1), Tom Combs (place 2), Rob Green (place 3), Dan Long (place 4), and Mayor Wilkerson. Also in attendance were Gene Isenhour (Municipal Court Judge), Rebecca Ramos (City Manager), Heriberto Rodriguez (Police Chief) and Shaleah Stevens (City Secretary). Each person notated in these minutes will be referred to as place/title only throughout this document. Judge Gene Isenhour led the invocation.

2. Reports & Presentations to Council by City Staff and Invited Guests

- a. Citizen Comments (please see Additional Notices and Information at the end of this agenda).
- b. City Manager Report-See attached
- c. Mayor's Report- Mayor informed the council of an OAG Audit Review request
- d. Police Chiefs Report- See attached
- e. Fire Chief's Report- See attached

3. Action Items

- a. Consent Agenda (all items on the consent agenda are considered routine and may be approved by a single motion to approve the consent agenda, or each item listed below may be acted upon independently should a council member make such motion)
 - i. Approval of the meeting minutes from the meeting held on March 3, 2026.
 - ii. Approval of the March 2026 Financials.

Place 2 made the following motion: to approve the consent agenda

Seconded by: Place 3

Passed by all present

b. Approval of Eagle Scout Project at City Park – Installation of Bat Boxes

Mr. Brennan Barber presented his Eagle Scout project proposal to install six bat boxes (two per pole) in the City park to assist with mosquito control. Each bat box is expected to house approximately 100 bats, and the total estimated cost for materials is \$800. Mr. Barber identified three potential installation locations, with the preferred site being near the fence line and creek behind the main pavilion.

The City Council discussed project logistics, including the use of steel poles, installation methods, and the potential for in-kind donations. The City Manager was directed to contact local contractor Lance McDonald to inquire about the possibility of donating services or materials to assist with driving the steel poles into the ground.

Discussion continued regarding fundraising efforts. Place 2 suggested the possibility of using City funds to assist with approved Eagle Scout projects, and several council members expressed support for the idea. In response, the Mayor offered an option of earmarking up to \$1,000 from the assigned fund balance designated for park improvements. This amount would supplement any approved expenditure not covered by fundraising efforts. The Mayor emphasized that any City contribution should serve as supplemental assistance rather than full project funding and encouraged Mr. Barber to continue pursuing fundraising opportunities and community support for the project, while also keeping the City Manager informed of his progress.

The Mayor noted the importance of establishing a clear record of the Council's intent regarding future Eagle Scout project requests and stated if the Council agreed, a separate motion would be required to formally approve the allocation.

Following discussion, two motions were presented.

Place 3 made the following motion: to approve the Eagle Scout Project at City Park

Seconded by: Place 1

Passed by all present

Place 2 made the following motion: to earmark \$1000 from the fund balance designated for park improvements for future Eagle Scout projects.

Seconded by: Place 3

Passed by all present

The Mayor encouraged Mr. Barber to continue his fundraising efforts and to keep the City Manager informed of his progress.

c. Consideration of **Resolution No. 2026-04-14-001 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KEMPNER, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE USE OF RESTRICTED STREET FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000 FOR ELIGIBLE STREET MAINTENANCE AND/OR IMPROVEMENT EXPENDITURES FOR PECOS STREET; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The City Council considered authorizing funds for preliminary engineering and soil testing on Pecos Street to determine the scope and cost of necessary repairs, particularly related to a recurring drainage issue. The proposed work is a prerequisite for any major roadway repair project.

During discussion, Municipal Court Judge advised the council on the historical context of the drainage problem, explaining that it originated from development approved prior to the city's incorporation and has been exacerbated by debris washing into the culvert from upstream properties.

Place 1 made the following motion: to approve Resolution No. 2026-04-14-001 authorizing the use of restricted street funds

Seconded by: Place 3

Pass by all present

- d. Council to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; To wit: City Manager, Rebecca Ramos and Chief of Police, Heriberto Rodriguez,

Entered Executive Session at: 6:40PM

Returned: 6:56 PM

No action taken

4. Workshops

- a. None

5. Council and Staff Announcements

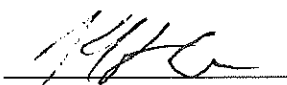
- a. Staff Announcements- none
- b. Council Announcements- none
- c. Next Regular Meeting date is scheduled to occur on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 6:00 PM in council chambers.

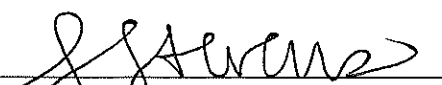
6. Adjournment.

Place 2 made the following motion: To adjourn.

Seconded by: Place 1

The meeting adjourned at: 6:57

APPROVED: 
John (JW) Wilkerson- Mayor

ATTEST: 
Shaleah Stevens- City Secretary