



# CITY OF KEMPNER

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**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA TUESDAY,  
January 09, 2024, 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 Report - Presented by the City Manager or designee.
- Mayor's Report – Presented by the Mayor or designee.
- Police Chief's Report- Presented by the Police Chief or designee.
- Fire Chief's Report- Presented by the Chief or designee.

**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 December 12, 2023.
- B. Approval of Financials for the month of December 2023.

**4. Action Items**

The Council will discuss, and MAY take action on the following:

- A. Approval of the Quarterly Investment Report for the fourth quarter.
- B. Approval of Resolution No. 2024-01-09-001, A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF KEMPNER, FOR PORTABLE HANDHELD RADIOS.
- C. Approval of Resolution No. 2024-01-09-002, A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF KEMPNER, TEXAS, FOR AXON FLEET 3 CAMERA SYSTEM

## **5. NON-ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Staff Comments
- B. Mayor/Council Comments
- C. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting – Tuesday, January 23, 2024.

## **6. 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, January 5, 2024, on or before 5:00 pm.**

**Posted by: Hayleigh Talasek, City Secretary**



# CITY OF KEMPNER

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**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY,  
JANUARY 09, 2024, AT 6:05 PM**

*Notice is hereby given:*

**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 6:05 PM. The quorum consisted of David Richardson (place 1), Dan Long (place 4), Debbie Hernandez (place 5), and Mayor Wilkerson. Tom Combs (place 2), Rob Green (place 3), were not present and had provided prior notice to the city of their absence. David Richardson led the invocation.

## **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.

None

### **Reports**

- City Manager Report - Presented by City Manager- See attached.
- Fire Chiefs Report- Presented by Chief Connie Green – See attached.
- Police Chief Report – Presented by Chief Heriberto Rodriguez- Chief Rodriguez stated for the month of December there were 60 traffic stops that resulted in a warning or citation. He also stated Peace Officer Aspen Walker has submitted his resignation effective February 1, 2024, and the Kempner Police Department will sponsor two individuals for the upcoming police academy.
- Mayor's report- Presented by Mayor Wilkerson- Mayor Wilkerson stated we are in the process of reviewing bids for repairs to CR 3300. He also stated that he was contacted by two citizens regarding the pothole in front of the new Family Dollar/Dollar Tree Combo. Mr. French was contacted, and the repair was completed promptly.

### 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 December 12, 2023.
- B. Approval of Financials for December 2023.

David Richardson (place 1) made the following motion: to approve the consent agenda.

Seconded by: Debbie Hernandez (place 5).

All in favor, motion passed by all present.

### 4. ACTION ITEMS

The Council will discuss, and MAY take actions on the following:

- A. Approval of the Quarterly Investment Report for the fourth quarter.

Hayleigh Talasek the Investment Officer stated that the Quarterly report was as follows:

- The first column is all bank account balances as of December 31, 2023.
- The Second column is all bank account balances as of December 31, 2022.
- And the third column is the difference between the two years.

Mayor Wilkerson added the council ordered that the city have a 180-day reserve fund in the 2022/2023 budget. The city has exceeded that amount, and the 180-day reserve fund has been allocated. Mayor Wilkerson also added he and the city manager would be working together to bring the money that is more than the six-month savings to the council for allocation into whatever the council decides whether it be infrastructure, capital outlay or otherwise.

David Richardson (place 1) made the following motion: to approve the investment report.

Seconded by: Dan Long (place 4).

All in favor, motion passed by all present.

- B. Approval of Resolution No. 2024-01-09-001, A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF KEMPNER, FOR PORTABLE HANDHELD RADIOS.

Mayor Wilkerson stated he would be discussing both action items B & C together, but they will need independent motions. Mayor Wilkerson turned it over to Mrs. Ramos the City Manager to explain why we are revisiting these resolutions. City Manager Ramos stated during the grant process there are a lot of steps. They (Grant Managers) request ordinances, resolutions, policies, etc. Once you submit requested documents, they return feedback. The new reviewer on these grants wanted a wording change from "The City of Kempner" to "The City Council of the City of Kempner" since it is the City Council that is approving the resolutions. In conclusion they are the same resolutions just with that specific wording to meet her criteria.

Dan Long (place 4) made the following motion: To approve resolution No. 2024-01-09-001.

Seconded by: David Richardson (place 1)

The motion was made as follows: All in favor, motion passed by all present.

- C. Approval of Resolution No. 2024-01-09-002, A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF KEMPNER, TEXAS, FOR AXON FLEET 3 CAMERA SYSTEM.

Dan Long (place 4) made the following motion: To approve resolution No. 2024-01-09-002.

Seconded by: Debbie Hernandez (place 5)

The motion was made as follows: All in favor, motion passed by all present.

## 5. NON-ACTION ITEMS

- A. Staff Comments: Chief Rodriguez asked if the council would like him to write more grants. Mayor Wilkerson stated he believed he could speak adequately for the council when we would ask you to identify potential options and bring those options to the council. Mayor Wilkerson stated that Chief Rodriguez outdid himself last year, he got a lot of money brought to the city and the council is very appreciative of that and we acknowledge the amount of work that went into it. With that being said, we really need to take steps to make sure the councils clear on when there is required matching funds as well as making sure we are allocating those funds in the subsequent years budget with the amount of time it takes for them to get approved.
- B. Mayor/Council Comments- None
- C. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting – Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at 6 PM

## 6. ADJOURNMENT

David Richardson (place 1) made the following motion: To adjourn.

Seconded by: Dan Long (place 4)

The meeting adjourned at 6:23 PM.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

John (JW) Wilkerson- Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Hayleigh Talasek- City Secretary



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**REGULAR CALL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY January 09, 2024, at 6:00 PM**

## **CITY EVENTS/ONGOING PROJECTS**

1. The City of Kempner was notified on Friday, December 22, 202 that it had been awarded a Texas Department of Agriculture Grant in the amount of \$500,000.00. This project encompasses the overhaul of Signal and Conductor Street.
  - a. Contracts for Texas Department of Agriculture projects are 24 months
    - i. First 6 months is engineering design and environmental reviews.
    - ii. Project opens for construction bids.
    - iii. Actual construction 12-15 months
  - b. Project is estimated to begin Fall 2024
  - c. Completion late Fall to Winter 2025

# Kempner Volunteer Fire Department

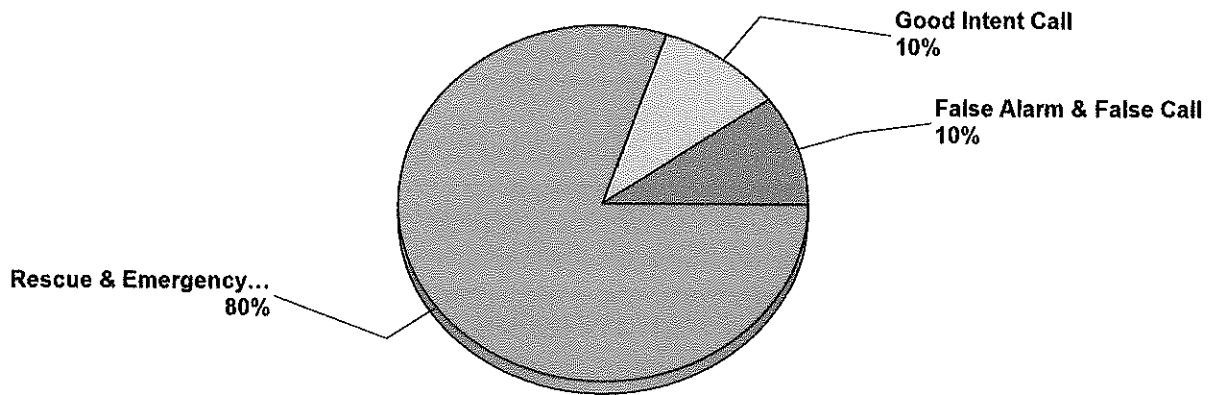
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## Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): City Limits - Kempner | Start Date: 12/01/2023 | End Date: 12/31/2023



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	8	80%
Good Intent Call	1	10%
False Alarm & False Call	1	10%
TOTAL	10	100%

Only REVIEWED and/or LOCKED IMPORTED incidents are included. Summary results for a major incident type are not displayed if the count is zero.



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