



CITY OF KEMPNER

NOTICE OF A SPECIAL CALLED MEETING & AGENDA Tuesday, March 3, 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. Final Public Hearing for the TDA 2023 CDBG Street Improvement Project #CDV23-0238.
- b. Citizen Comments (please see Additional Notices and Information at the end of this agenda).
- c. City Manager Report
- d. Mayor's Report
- e. Police Chief's Report
- f. 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 February 10, 2026
 - ii. Approval of the February 2026 Financials.
 - iii. Consideration of Resolution No. 2026-03-03-001 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KEMPNER, TEXAS, FOR THE MOTOROLLA RADIOS GRANT

- iv. Consideration of Resolution No. 2026-03-03-002 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KEMPNER, TEXAS FOR THE STATE/COUNTY/MOTOROLA INFORMATION SHARING SYSTEM GRANT

- b. Approval of the Order of Cancellation for the General Election for May 2, 2026.

- c. Receive presentation and accept the Annual Financial Reports for The City of Kempner, Texas ending September 30, 2024, and September 30, 2025, commonly referred to as the FY 23-24 and FY 24-25 Audit.

- d. Consideration of Resolution No. 2026-03-03-003 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KEMPNER, TEXAS, APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN THE TEXAS SMARTBUY PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF REQUIRED PURCHASING DOCUMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

- e. Consideration of Resolution No. 2026-03-03-004 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 \$48,000.00 FOR ELIGIBLE STREET MAINTENANCE AND/OR IMPROVEMENT EXPENDITURES FOR PECAN STREET AND PEDERNALES STREET; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

- f. Approval of the purchase and installation of security system for the Sylvia Tucker Memorial Park.

4. Workshops

- a. Use of Sylvia Tucker Memorial Park

5. Council and Staff Announcements

- a. Staff Announcements
- b. Council Announcements
- c. Next Regular Meeting date is scheduled to occur on Tuesday, April 14, 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.

Rebecca D. Ramos

Signature of Certifying Official

REBECCA D. RAMOS CITY MANAGER

Printed Name and Title of Certifying Official

02/25/2026 @ 10:18 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

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES

FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON March 3, 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 Isehour (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. Mayor Wilkerson led the invocation.

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

- a. Final Public Hearing for the TDA 2023 CDBG Street Improvement Project #CDV23-0238.- The Public Hearing started at 6:00 PM. No citizens present. Public Hearing closed at 6:03 PM.
- b. Citizen Comments -none
- c. City Manager Report- See attached
- d. Mayor's Report- The Mayor reports on enforcement actions against political signs placed on the right-of-way stating, "they're going to get one warning," and if not fixed, "then they're going to get a citation." He stated he has no ambition to put up with it here.
- e. Police Chief's Report-See attached
- f. Fire Chief's Report- None/not present

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Place 1 made the following motion: To approve the consent agenda

Seconded by: Place 3

Motion passed unanimously by all present

- b. Approval of the Order of Cancellation for the General Election for May 2, 2026.

Place 2 made the following motion: Approve the cancellation for the General Election

Seconded by: Place 3

Motion passed unanimously by all present

- c. Receive presentation and accept the Annual Financial Reports for The City of Kempner, Texas ending September 30, 2024, and September 30, 2025, commonly referred to as the FY 23-24 and FY 24-25 Audit.

Mr. Jack Clark, a representative of Singleton & Clark, presented the FY 23-24 annual audit report to the City Council. Mr. Clark noted that there were only five adjusting journal entries, which he stated is “very good.”

Mr. Clark explained that the financial statements appear in the audit report on page five of and reported that the City received an unmodified opinion, commonly referred to as a clean opinion, indicating that the financial statements are fairly presented.

Mr. Clark highlighted that the City’s fund balance is approximately \$533,000, describing it as very strong. He noted that this amount represents 111% of the recommended three-month fund balance.

He also reported that property taxes, sales taxes, and franchise taxes account for approximately 71% of the city’s total revenue.

Regarding the audit findings, Mr. Clark summarized that there were no material weaknesses, no significant deficiencies identified, and no instances of noncompliance with the financial statements. He indicated that the City appears to be in good financial condition.

The Mayor asked whether City staff were responsive during the audit process. Mr. Clark confirmed that staff were cooperative and responsive, noting that his firm has not experienced issues working with staff, particularly over the past couple of years, and that they were able to provide the information needed to complete the audit.

Place 3 made the following motion: To Receive and Accept the Annual Financial Reports for the City of Kempner FY 23-24 (noted change)

Seconded by: Place 2

Motion passed unanimously by all present

- d. Consideration of Resolution No. 2026-03-03-003 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KEMPNER, TEXAS, APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN THE TEXAS SMARTBUY PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF REQUIRED PURCHASING DOCUMENT: AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Place 1 made the following motion: To approve Res. No 2026-03-03-003

Seconded by: Place 2

Motion passed unanimously by all present

- e. Consideration of Resolution No. 2026-03-03-004 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 \$48,000.00 FOR ELIGIBLE STREET MAINTENANCE AND/OR IMPROVEMENT EXPENDITURES FOR PECAN STREET AND PEDERNALES STREET; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Place 3 made the following motion: to consider Res. No 2026-03-03-004

Seconded by: Place 1

Motion passed Place 1, Place 3 and Place 4 while place 2 abstained

- f. Approval of the purchase and installation of security system for the Sylvia Tucker Memorial Park.

Place 2 made the following motion: To approve the purchase and installation of security system for the Sylvia Tucker Memorial Park

Seconded by: Place 3
Motion passed unanimously by all present

4. Workshops

a. Use of Sylvia Tucker Memorial Park

Mr. Stan Martin, CMA 1184 Grace Riders, requested permission to use the city park to host a chili cook-off event. The event will include participation from four CMA chapters. Mr. Martin stated that he does not intend the park to be closed to the public and welcomes community members to attend and do fellowship with the group.

The event is scheduled for May 30, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mr. Martin explained that the winner of the cook-off will advance to represent the area at the state finals. Approximately 40 people are expected to attend. Mr. Martin also confirmed that he is aware of the applicable fees associated with electricity usage.

Place 3 inquired about the typical crowd size associated with the chapter, to which Mr. Martin responded that attendance is generally around 40 individuals.

The Mayor asked how many people would be participating in the cooking portion of the event. Mr. Martin responded that four individuals would be cooking.

After hearing the presentation, the Mayor stated that no action by the City Council was required regarding the chili cook-off request.

The Mayor further noted that the City Council may need to consider how to address future requests for events to be held at the city park. He suggested that the park ordinance should be reviewed and possibly revised in the future to provide clearer guidance for such requests.

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Council and Staff Announcements

- b. Staff Announcements- None
- c. Council Announcements- Place 1 – Praised the City Staff for their good work.
- d. Next Regular Meeting date is scheduled to occur on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 6:00 PM in council chambers.

5. Adjournment.

Place 4 made the following motion: To adjourn.

Seconded by: Place 1

The meeting adjourned at: 6:34 PM

APPROVED: 
John (JW) Wilkerson- Mayor

ATTEST: 
Shaleah Stevens- City Secretary