



CITY OF KEMPNER

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING & AGENDA Tuesday, April 22nd, 2025, 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

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 April 8th, 2025.
 - ii. Approval of the Quarterly Investment Report.
- b. **Approval of Resolution No. 2025-04-22-001, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF THE CENTRAL TEXAS REGINIOAL 9-1-1 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT**
- c. **Approval of Resolution No. 2025-04-22-002, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KEMPNER, TEXAS, REJECTING THE LAMPASAS CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2025 PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENT, AND REQUEST TO SIMPLY "DO BETTER".**

- d. Approval of updated job descriptions for the following positions:
 - City Secretary
 - Municipal Court Clerk
 - Police Chief
- e. Adoption of Ordinance No. 2016-01-12-001 (R2025-1) **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KEMPNER, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR THE ABATEMENT OF NOISE NUISANCES; PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING AN OPEN MEETINGS CLAUSE.**

4. **Workshops**

- a. Discussion on Ordinance No. 2006-11-14-001, **AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PARKING AND STANDING ON U.S. HIGHWAY 190, FM 2313, AND ANY CITY STREET RIGHT OF WAY (ROW), PROVIDING EXCEPTIONS AND PENALTIES; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING AN OPEN MEETINGS CLAUSE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS.** Specifically, section three - City Street ROW.

5. **Council and Staff Announcements**

- a. Staff Announcements
- b. Council Announcements
- c. Next Regular Meeting date is scheduled to occur on Tuesday, May 13th, 2025, at 6:00 PM in council chambers.

6. **Adjournment.**

Certification Of Legal Posting:

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Signature of Certifying Official

Hayleigh Talasek, City Secretary

Printed Name and Title of Certifying Official

April 17, 2025 at 2:30pm

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 in attendance at our meetings. I have the responsibility to ensure the meeting is being held in a lawful and organized manner. I have the 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 afford the council opportunity to hear information on the related matter and provide direction 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 afford your representatives to contact you for 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).

John “JW” Wilkerson



CITY OF KEMPNER

MEETING MINUTES

FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON April 22, 2025, 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), Dan Long (place 4), Debbie Hernandez (place 5), and Mayor Wilkerson. Also in attendance were Rebecca Ramos (City Manager), Heriberto Rodriguez (Police Chief), and Hayleigh Talasek (City Secretary). Each person notated in these minutes will be referred to as place/title only throughout this document. Rob Green (place 3) was not present. Place 1 led the invocation.

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

- a. Citizen Comments-
- b. City Manager Report- See attached.
- c. Mayor's Report- None

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 April 8th, 2025.
 - ii. Approval of the Quarterly Investment Report.

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

Seconded by: Place 1

All in favor, motion passed by all present.

- b. Approval of Resolution No. 2025-04-22-001, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF THE CENTRAL TEXAS REGINIOAL 9-1-1 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

The mayor provided a recap of the discussion from two meetings prior, noting that the proposed resolution would allocate the full \$0.50 from residents' cell phone bills directly to the Emergency Communications District (ECD), rather than routing it through the state. He requested a postponement of the resolution to allow time for consultation with a state representative—who formerly served as a council member in a municipality that had implemented a similar change. According to the representative, retaining the funds at the local level proved to be more beneficial for their community.

Place 1 made the following motion: To approve Resolution No. 2025-04-22-001

Seconded by: Place 5

All in favor, motion passed by all present.

- c. Approval of Resolution No. 2025-04-22-002, **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KEMPNER, TEXAS, REJECTING THE LAMPASAS CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2025 PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENT, AND REQUEST TO SIMPLY “DO BETTER”**.

The mayor reminded the Council that the City had been asked to approve a budget amendment from the LCAD, which would result in an increase in the fees paid to the agency—funds that are sourced directly from local tax dollars. He noted that the agency appears to be reallocating funds after their initial allocation, raising concerns about accountability. In light of this, the purpose of the current resolution is to formally reject the proposed amendment. The mayor emphasized that a formal resolution is required by law in order for the rejection to be valid.

Place 2 made the following motion: To approve Resolution No. 2025-04-22-002

Seconded by: Place 4

Record vote as follows:

Place 1- FOR

Place 2- FOR

Place 4- FOR

Place 5 -FOR

Mayor – “ALTHOUGH HE CLARIFIED HE DOES NOT GET A VOTE ON THIS MATTER, THE MAYOR WANTED THE COMMUNITY TO KNOW HE WAS IN SUPPORT OF THIS AND HAD HE BEEN REQUIRED TO VOTE ON THIS MATTER, HE WOULDVE SUPPORTED THE APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION”

- d. Approval of updated job descriptions for the following positions:

- City Secretary
- Municipal Court Clerk
- Police Chief

The City Manager presented the revised job descriptions for the Municipal Court Clerk, City Secretary, and Chief of Police. She explained that it is considered best practice to periodically review job descriptions to ensure they remain accurate, current, and compliant with applicable regulations as well as the evolving needs of the organization. She noted that the revised job description for the Chief of Police now includes additional language outlining the physical requirements of the position, ensuring alignment with the nature of the role. Furthermore, all three job descriptions—Chief of Police, City Secretary, and Municipal Court Clerk—have been updated to include a standardized “Other Duties as Assigned” clause. This section has been tailored for each position to appropriately reflect their respective chains of command. In response to a question from the mayor regarding whether the updated descriptions had been shared with the relevant staff members, the City Manager confirmed that they had. She added that, specifically regarding the Municipal Court Clerk position, she had a conversation with the Municipal Judge, who was informed of and made aware of the proposed changes.

Place 4 made the following motion: To approve the updated job descriptions
 Seconded by: Place 2
 All in favor, motion passed by all present.

- e. **Adoption of Ordinance No. 2016-01-12-001 (R2025-1) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KEMPNER, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR THE ABATEMENT OF NOISE NUISANCES; PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING AN OPEN MEETINGS CLAUSE.**

The mayor provided an overview of the revised sections of the ordinance, highlighting two primary changes:

- The incorporation of standard noise decibel readings, which are commonly used benchmarks.
- The addition of a new section related to firearms, as recommended by the committee.

The mayor explained that the updated ordinance addresses previous

complaints about nighttime shooting by incorporating related provisions into the noise ordinance.

Place 2 requested clarification regarding the 65 db limit for vehicles, asking whether it aligns with standard practice and inquiring if the city currently has a decibel meter for enforcement. He expressed concern about how the limit would be enforced without proper equipment.

The mayor responded that the decibel levels listed in the chart represent maximum allowable sound levels and should not impact individuals who are simply driving down the road. He stated that if issues arise regarding enforcement or practicality, the council will revisit the matter.

Place 2 made the following motion: To approve Ordinance No. 2016-01-12-001 (R2025-1)

Seconded by: Place 1

All in favor, motion passed by all present.

4. Workshops

- a. Discussion on Ordinance No. 2006-11-14-001, AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PARKING AND STANDING ON U.S. HIGHWAY 190, FM 2313, AND ANY CITY STREET RIGHT OF WAY (ROW), PROVIDING EXCEPTIONS AND PENALTIES; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING AN OPEN MEETINGS CLAUSE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS. Specifically, section three - City Street ROW.

The mayor opened the discussion by revisiting concerns from the previous meeting. He explained that the original problem on Pedernales was parents parking along the side of the road, causing visibility issues and making it difficult for vehicles to drive through. A similar issue was noted on Falcon, but with the added concern of vehicles making U-turns on Highway 2808, creating serious safety risks. The mayor said he would like to continue brainstorming ideas, especially considering the feedback shared by parents. He suggested that one possibility could be adding time limits to parking signs and that the city should include the Lampasas Independent School District (LISD) in the discussions to find the best solution. Place 2 agreed that safety needs to be a top priority — both for parents parking and for motorists passing through. He pointed out that since it primarily involves school operations, it is largely a school board issue. He questioned whether the current location is the best choice and raised the idea of considering if another location might work better. He emphasized he did not want the City to become too involved in school board matters but acknowledged the problem is concerning.

Citizens attending the meeting recommended looking at Eagle Lane as an alternative pickup and drop-off point. They shared that it would be safer because it

would keep children away from high-speed highway traffic.

Pro: Kids would be off the highway.

Con: School buses would need to make a three-point turn to exit the area.

The mayor stated his recommendation for now is to leave everything as it is through the remainder of the current school year. He suggested to the citizens to begin talking with their neighbors living along the affected roads, letting them know the city is actively working on solutions. After the school year ends, he recommended holding a workshop that includes parents and school board members to collaborate on finding a better long-term solution.

The Police Chief added that if any changes are made, the city would likely need to meet with the school board every year.

The mayor closed the discussion by recommending that the City Manager reach out to the school board and let them know the city would like to be included in conversations regarding any future changes to pickup and drop-off locations.

5. Council and Staff Announcements

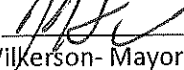
- a. Staff Announcements- None
- b. Council Announcements- Mayors final announcements-
 - Ms. Debbie was recognized and thanked for her three years of service to the council, as this was her last meeting.
 - Mr. Whitten has been vetted as a candidate for the role of place five on the council. His appointment and the selection of a new mayor pro tem will be addressed at the next council meeting.
 - The upcoming election is scheduled for the first Saturday in May; all candidates for full terms ran unopposed.
- c. Next Regular Meeting date is scheduled to occur on Tuesday, May 13th, 2025, at 6:00 PM in council chambers.

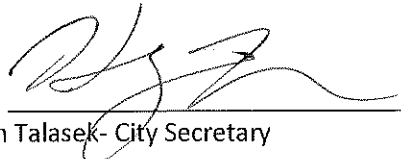
6. Adjournment

Place 5 made the following motion: To adjourn.

Seconded by: Place 1

The meeting adjourned at: 6:32 PM

APPROVED: 
John (JW) Wilkerson- Mayor

ATTEST: 
Hayleigh Talasek- City Secretary