



# CITY OF KEMPNER

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## NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING & AGENDA Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 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 July 23, 2024.
  - ii. Approval of the July 2024 Financials.
- b. Authorization for the City Manager to have the interior lighting in the Isenhour/Clark Municipal Building upgraded.

### 4. Workshops

- a. Update from City Manager on the development of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget.

## 5. Council and Staff Announcements

- a. Staff Announcements
- b. Council Announcements
- c. The City of Kempner will hold its budget hearing for the Fiscal Year 24-25 proposed budget at the beginning of the next regular meeting.
- d. Next Regular Meeting date is scheduled to occur on Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 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 72 hours prior to the start of the meeting.

Hayleigh Talasek

Signature of Certifying Official

Hayleigh Talasek City Secretary

Printed Name and Title of Certifying Official

August 09, 2024 at 3:09 PM

Date and Time signed:



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## MEETING MINUTES

FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON August 13, 2024, 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), and Mayor Wilkerson. Dan Long (place 4), Debbie Hernandez (place 5) were not present. Gene Isenhour led the invocation.

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

- a. Citizen Comments- None
- b. City Manager Report- See attached.
- c. Mayor's Report- None
- d. Police Chief's 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 July 23, 2024.
  - ii. Approval of the July 2024 Financials.

Tom Combs (place 2) made the following motion: To approve action item 3A  
Seconded by: David Richardson (place 1)  
Motion passes with David Richardson (place 1), Tom Combs (place 2), and Mayor Wilkerson FOR, Rob Green (place 3) ABSTAINED.



- b. Authorization for the City Manager to have the interior lighting in the Isenhour/ Clark Municipal Building upgraded.

*The City Manager briefed the council on the potential transition from fluorescent to LED lighting in City Hall. She noted that as fluorescent bulbs are being phased out, a conversion is necessary due to the difference in technology: fluorescent bulbs require ballasts, whereas LEDs are hardwired. To facilitate this upgrade, she has requested estimates for replacing all fluorescent lighting with LED kits throughout the building. The installation will be carried out in a phased approach, with work proceeding room by room to ensure minimal disruption and timely completion.*

*Council Member Tom Combs (Place 2) inquired whether the estimates for the lighting upgrade included recessed lighting and if the covers would be replaced as well. City Manager Ramos responded that she had not yet inquired about these specifics but would follow up on these details. Judge Isenhour remarked that their church had recently completed a similar transition from fluorescent to LED lighting and found it to be a valuable investment, resulting in a substantial improvement in lighting quality.*

Rob Green (place 3) made the following motion: to approve the action item 3B  
Seconded by: Tom Combs (place 2)  
All in favor, motion passed by all present.

#### **4. Workshops**

- a. Update from City Manager on the development of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget

*Mayor Wilkerson presented a detailed document outlining the financial amounts and codes for the city, which is now available on the city website. City Manager Ramos added that the current focus is on monitoring the budget's performance as the fiscal year progresses. This will ensure that the financial projections for the upcoming year are as accurate as possible. Tom Combs (Place 2) inquired about any observed changes in these figures. Ramos responded that there have been both increases and decreases, with some fluctuations being beyond our control.*

#### **5. Council and Staff Announcements**

- a. Staff Announcements
- b. Council Announcements- *Mayor Wilkerson announced that the next council meeting will feature public hearings on both the budget and the water situation. He informed the council that he has sent correspondence to the Kempner Water Supply Corporation and invited the state representative to attend, a visit which has been confirmed by the representative's office. Mayor Wilkerson reiterated his commitment to exploring solutions to support Kempner Water Supply, including potential grants and other*

*resources. Although Kempner Water Supply has indicated that they will not be attending, the mayor emphasized that the council will proceed with the meeting as planned. The presence of the state representative will provide an opportunity for the community to express their concerns and facilitate communication on these critical issues.*

- c. Next Regular Meeting date is scheduled to occur on Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 6:00 PM in council chambers, with the hearing on the water situation and public hearing for the FY 24-25 Annual Budget.

## **6. Adjournment.**

David Richardson (place 1) made the following motion: To adjourn.  
Seconded by: Tom Combs (place 2)  
The meeting adjourned at: 6:16PM

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

John (JW) Wilkerson- Mayor

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

Hayleigh Talasek- City Secretary



City Council Report  
For the Month of August 2024

Honorable Council Members,

During this reporting period, your police department has continued to provide law enforcement services for this City. A snapshot of the activities in which your officers have engaged in are as follows:

**Routine items:**

- Traffic Enforcement: 92 violator contacts.
- 1 arrest resulting from traffic stops.
- 3 arrests in total
- Calls for Service: 17
- Assist other agencies: Assisted other agencies 3 times.
- 38 security checks on local businesses.

**Special Items:**

- Several arrests were made at the start of August this continues to be an on going investigation.
- Training. None to report
- Personnel Changes: No changes to report.

As always, I am always available to answer any questions you may have.