



CITY OF KEMPNER

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA TUESDAY,
March 26, 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 February 13, 2024.
- B. Approval of Financials for the month of February 2024.

4. Action Items

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

- A. Approve the Order of Cancellation of the General Election for May 4, 2024.
- B. Approval of Ordinance No. 2020-07-14-01(R-001), **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KEMPNER, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING MINIMUM MUNICIPAL COURT FINES FOR PERSONS WHO ELECT TO PAY SUCH FINES BY MAIL, IN PERSON AT THE COURT CLERK'S OFFICE, OR AT A TIME OTHER THAN A SCHEDULED COURT DATE WITH THE JUDGE; AND PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, OPEN MEETINGS, PENALTY AND EFFECTIVE DATE CLAUSES.**
- C. Review Bid Proposals and other information and provide directions to the City Manager on the road repair on Hill Street (also known as CR 3300 from FM 2313 to city limits).
- D. Approval of memorandum of understanding agreement for roadway maintenance between the City of Kempner and The Texas Department of Transportation.

5. NON-ACTION ITEMS

- A. Staff Comments
- B. Mayor/Council Comments
- C. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting – Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 6:00 PM.

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, March 22, 2024, on or before 5:00 pm.
Posted by: Hayleigh Talasek, City Secretary**



CITY OF KEMPNER

MEETING MINUTES

FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MARCH 26, 2024, AT 6:00 PM

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED IN A REGULAR CALLED 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), Debbie Hernandez (Place 5), and Mayor John "JW" Wilkerson. 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.*
- Mayor's Report- Presented by the Mayor- *Mayor Wilkerson stated he will be closing and locking the gate at the park at dark on the Solar Eclipse weekend and that we will not be taking any reservations for pavilions that weekend.*

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 February 13, 2024.
- B. Approval of Financials for the month of February 2024.

Rob Green (Place 3) made the following motion: To approve the consent Agenda.

Seconded by: David Richardson (Place 1)

All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

4. ACTION ITEMS

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

- A. Approve the Order of Cancellation of the General Election for May 4, 2024.

Tom Combs (Place 2) made the following motion: To approve the cancellation of the General Election for May 4, 2024.

Seconded by: Rob Green (Place 3)

All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

- B. Approval of Ordinance No. 2020-07-14-01(R-001), **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KEMPNER, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING MINIMUM MUNICIPAL COURT FINES FOR PERSONS WHO ELECT TO PAY SUCH FINES BY MAIL, IN PERSON AT THE COURT CLERK'S OFFICE, OR AT A TIME OTHER THAN A SCHEDULED COURT DATE WITH THE JUDGE; AND PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, OPEN MEETINGS, PENALTY AND EFFECTIVE DATE CLAUSES.**

Tom Combs (Place 2) asks the City Attorney Mr. Parker if there is anything in this ordinance that the city should be worried about regarding legal matters. Mr. Parker stated as long as the fees stay within the states guidelines then he could see no legal issues arising.

Rob Green (Place 3) made the following motion: To approve Ordinance #2020-07-14-01(R-001)

Seconded by: Tom Combs (Place 2)

All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

The city council went into executive session to consult with legal counsel at 6:18 PM regarding action items C, D and reconvened into open session at 7:09 PM.

- C. Review Bid Proposals and other information and provide directions to the City Manager on the road repair on Hill Street (also known as CR 3300 from FM 2313 to city limits).

Rob Green (Place 3) made the following motion: To direct the City Manager to send a formal request to the county to fix their road.

Seconded by: David Richardson (Place 1)

All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

- D. Approval of memorandum of understanding agreement for roadway maintenance between the City of Kempner and The Texas Department of Transportation.

No Action Taken.

5. NON-ACTION ITEMS

- A. Staff Comments-
- B. Mayor/Council Comments- *Mayor Wilkerson thanked Mr. Parker for his time.*
- C. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting – Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 6:00 PM.

6. ADJOURNMENT

David Richardson made the following motion: To adjourn.

Seconded by: Rob Green (Place 3)

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM.

APPROVED: 
John (JW) Wilkerson- Mayor

ATTEST: 
Hayleigh Talasek- City Secretary



CITY OF KEMPNER

CITY MANAGER REPORT REGULAR CALL MEETING Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 6:00 PM

MAINTENANCE UPDATES

1. Altitude ISP update: City Hall has internet and there have been no interruptions in service. We expect our phone services to be switched over mid-April.
2. City Park Restrooms repair: The city has reached out to local plumbing companies to obtain bids repairs with no success.

STAFF TRAINING UPDATES

Hayleigh Talasek attended:

1. C3-fines and fees forum: to obtain her required judicial training credits. The training was a breakdown of fees, fines, and how to relate what they are to city council, city management, and defendants.
2. Public Funds Investment: Along with ensuring the city's current business practices were current and efficient, she learned of additional options for the city to consider when investing funds.

CITY EVENTS

1. City Hall will be closed for regular business on Monday, April 8, 2024 (Day of the eclipse). Through coordination with the Sheriff's Office, City Hall will be one of the designated meal/rest area for law enforcement officers assigned to our area beginning Friday, April 5 through Monday, April 8.