



# CITY OF KEMPNER

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**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA TUESDAY,  
April 23, 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 March 26, 2024.
- B. Approval of Financials for the month of March 2024.

## **4. Action Items**

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

- A. Consider the appointment of Debbie Hernandez for Place 5 unexpired term effective May 5, 2024.

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

- A. Staff Comments
- B. Mayor/Council Comments
- C. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting – Tuesday, May 14, 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, April 19, 2024, on or before 5:00 pm.  
Posted by: Hayleigh Talasek, City Secretary**



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## MEETING MINUTES

FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON APRIL 23, 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), Dan Long (place 4), and Mayor John (JW) Wilkerson. Invocation led by Mayor Wilkerson.

### 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.  
*Tom Combs inquired about the total number of meals served during the eclipse. City Manager Ramos indicated that each meal accommodated 20 or more individuals, resulting in a total of 10 meals served.*
- Police Chief Report – Presented by Chief Heriberto Rodriguez – See attached.
- Mayor’s Report- Presented by the Mayor – *Mayor Wilkerson mentioned that approximately a month before the eclipse, he had requested the city manager to coordinate with the fire department regarding meal arrangements to potentially collaborate efforts. Following this directive, the City Manager engaged with the fire chief, who confirmed that no such arrangements were in place. Contrary to social media speculation, the exclusivity of the meal provision for law enforcement stemmed from the fact that the sponsoring group specifically catered to law enforcement personnel. Mayor Wilkerson further indicated that he had secured*

*donors who were willing to support joint initiatives, had there been interest. It was emphasized that every effort was made to engage with the fire department, and any first responder seeking a meal would have been accommodated without hesitation.*

### 3. CONSENT AGENDA

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- A. Approval of meeting minutes from the meeting held on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- B. Approval of Financials for the month of March 2024.

Tom Combs (place 2) makes the following motion: to approve the consent agenda.  
Seconded by: Dan long (place 4)  
Motion passes by all present.

### 4. ACTION ITEMS

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

- A. Consider the appointment of Debbie Hernandez for Place 5 unexpired term effective May 5, 2024.

Rob Green (place 3) made the following motion: to appoint Debbie Hernandez for Place 5 unexpired term effective May 5, 2024.  
Seconded by: David Richardson (place 1)

### 5. NON-ACTION ITEMS

- A. Staff Comments- none
- B. Mayor/Council Comments- Mayor Wilkerson makes a comment on budget meetings beginning the second meeting of May.
- C. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting – Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at 6 PM

### 6. ADJOURNMENT

David Richadson (place 1) made the following motion: To adjourn.  
Seconded by: Dan Long (place 4)  
The meeting adjourned at 6:15pm

APPROVED:   
John (JW) Wilkerson- Mayor

ATTEST:   
Hayleigh Talasek- City Secretary



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## **CITY MANAGER REPORT REGULAR CALL MEETING Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 6:00 PM**

### **MAINTENANCE UPDATES**

1. Park restrooms have been repaired.
2. The Dodge Charger patrol vehicle was in the shop for routine maintenance.

### **STAFF UPDATES**

1. Mayor Wilkerson and I attended Public Information Officer update training as required.

### **CITY EVENTS**

1. Thanks to the support and generosity of TMPA and our Mayor, groceries were provided, and City Hall was designated as a meal and rest station for all Law Enforcement assigned to work the April 8, 2024 Eclipse Event. The Mayor, myself and Paul Miceli cooked and served 3 fresh meals daily beginning Friday and ending on Monday.
2. Hayleigh and I have begun planning for this year's Memorial Day event.

### **CITY BUSINESS UPDATES**

1. The city received an IRS bill in the amount of \$3,618.29 for the September 2020 quarter. Upon completing the research of records, it was confirmed that the city owes this amount. This stems from the non-payment of payroll taxes that occurred during the 2020 year, it was learned this matter was addressed in late 2021/early 2022, however my predecessor during that time did not send the payment. A check will be mailed no later than the end of the week.
2. All equipment from Public Safety grants has been ordered and most of it has been delivered. As soon as Chief Rodriguez receives invoices, we will begin the process of requesting reimbursement.