



CITY OF KEMPNER

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING & AGENDA Tuesday, June 10th, 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
- d. Police Chief's Report
- e. Fire Chief's Report
- f. Proclamations

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 May 27, 2025
 - ii. Approval of the May 2025 Financials.
- b. Approval of **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-06-10-001 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KEMPNER, TEXAS, REJECTING THE FY 2026 ADOPTED BUDGET OF THE LAMPASAS CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT (LCAD); EXPRESSING CONCERNS REGARDING UNPRECEDENTED EMPLOYEE PAY INCREASES AND LACK OF CONSISTENCY WITH PRIOR BUDGETING PRACTICES; REQUESTING A PHASED IMPLEMENTATION TO MITIGATE TAX IMPACTS ON KEMPNER RESIDENTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

4. **Workshops**

- a. None

5. **Council and Staff Announcements**

- a. Staff Announcements
- b. Council Announcements
- c. Next Regular Meeting date is scheduled to occur on Tuesday, June 24th, 2025, 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

June 6, 2025 at 12:16 PM

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 JUNE 10TH, 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), Rob Green (place 3), Elliott Whitton (place 5), and Mayor Wilkerson. Also in attendance was 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. Place 4 was not present. Place 1 led the invocation.

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

- a. Citizen Comments- None
- b. City Manager Report- None
- c. Police Chief's Report- Attached
- d. Fire Chief's Report- None, No one present.
- e. 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 May 27th, 2025.
 - ii. Approval of the May 2025 Financials.

Place 3 made the following motion: To approve the consent agenda.

Seconded by place 2

Motion passed by all present

- b. Approval of RESOLUTION NO. 2025-06-10-001 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KEMPNER, TEXAS, REJECTING THE FY 2026 ADOPTED BUDGET OF THE LAMPASAS CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT (LCAD); EXPRESSING CONCERNS REGARDING UNPRECEDENTED EMPLOYEE PAY INCREASES AND LACK OF CONSISTENCY WITH PRIOR BUDGETING PRACTICES; REQUESTING A PHASED IMPLEMENTATION TO MITIGATE TAX IMPACTS ON KEMPNER RESIDENTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor noted that the resolution was based on discussions from the last council meeting where council members were independently asked for their thoughts on the proposed budget. He clarified the two options for the council: either pass the resolution if they still agree with its premise or vote against it if they've had a change of heart. Mayor emphasized that the council's action was not an attack on Mr. Saucedo or his employees, acknowledging their significant work and past support. He stated that the current action was due to the board's failure to act incrementally in the past. After being asked from Place 5, the City Manager reported on a meeting attended by several taxing entities, where detailed explanations of the budget were provided. She stated she was there to concur with the council's concerns. City Manager mentioned receiving a pushback from one board member who justified past actions by citing a lack of faith in the previous chief appraiser, which she felt was unfair to employees.

Place 3 made the following motion: To approve Resolution NO. 2025-06-01-001.

Seconded by: Place 1

Places 1,3,5 were in favor and Place 2 opposed, motion passed

4. Workshop (non-action items)

- a. None

5. Council and Staff Announcements

- a. Staff Announcements- None
- b. Council Announcements - The Mayor thanked Mr. Saucedo for his presence once again this evening. He expressed his support for the resolution but clarified that any concerns should not be taken personally by Mr. Saucedo or his staff. The Mayor stated that the source of his concern lies with the Board's past inaction, which has led to the current challenges. He reiterated his appreciation for Mr. Saucedo's time and efforts.
- c. The next Regular Meeting is scheduled to occur on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at 6:00 PM in council chambers.

6. **Adjournment**

Place 2 made the following motion: To adjourn.

Seconded by: Place 1

The meeting adjourned at: 6:11PM

APPROVED: _____

John (JW) Wilkerson- Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Hayleigh Talasek- City Secretary