



CITY OF KEMPNER

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA TUESDAY, June 13, 2023, 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/ Police Report - Presented by the City Manager or designee
- Mayor's Report – Presented by the Mayor or designee
- Fire Chiefs Report- Presented by the Chief or designee

Upcoming Events:

- City Hall will be closed June 19, 2023 in observance of Emancipation Day

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 May 16, 2023.
- B. Approval of Financials for the month of May.

4. Action Items

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

- A. Discussion and possible action regarding the removal of all signatories and/or persons with

access to any and all City of Kempner financial accounts except for: City Secretary – Hayleigh Talasek, City Manager – Heriberto Rodriguez, Mayor – John Wilkerson.

- a. Add Mayor Pro Tem, Rob Green, as signatory to all financial accounts of the City of Kempner.
- B. Council to discuss to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; To wit: Court Clerk/Assistant City Secretary/Evidence Tech Tracie Martin.
- C. Council to discuss to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; To wit: Reserve Officer Nicole Sanchez.

5. Workshop

- A. Discussion of budget development for the '23-24 fiscal year.

6. NON-ACTION ITEMS

- A. Staff Comments
- B. Mayor/Council Comments
- C. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting – Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at 6:00 PM

7. 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, June 9, 2023, on or before 5:00 pm.
Posted by: Tracie Martin, Assistant City Secretary**



CITY OF KEMPNER

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2023, AT 6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, AND PLEDGES TO FLAGS

Mayor Wilkerson presided over the meeting, calling to order at 6:03 PM.

The quorum consisted of Tom Combs (Place 2), Rob Green (Place 3), and Dan Long (Place 4). David Richardson (Place 1) and Debbie Hernandez (Place 5) were absent. Mayor Wilkerson led the invocation.

2. NON-ACTION ITEMS

Citizen Comments.

None

Reports

- City Manager/Police Report- Presented by City Manager/Police Chief
See Attached Report
Council requested a continued biweekly email update opposite council meeting weeks.
- Fire Chiefs report- Not present
- Mayor's Report- No report given.

Upcoming Events

City Hall will be closed Monday, June 19, 2023, in observance of Emancipation Day

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 May 16, 2023.
- B. Approval of Financials for the month of May 2023.

Dan Long (Place 4) made the following motion: To approve consent agenda.
Second by: Rob Green (Place 3).
Motion passed by all present.

4. ACTION ITEMS

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

- A. Discussion and possible action regarding the removal of all signatories and/or persons with access to any and all City of Kempner financial accounts except for: City Secretary – Hayleigh Talasek, City Manager – Heriberto Rodriguez, Mayor – John Wilkerson.
- a. Add Mayor Pro Tem, Rob Green, as signatory to all financial accounts of the City of Kempner.

Rob Green (Place 3) made the following motion: To approve removing all signatories and/or persons access to any and all City of Kempner financial accounts except for: City Secretary – Hayleigh Talasek, City Manager – Heriberto Rodriguez, Mayor – John Wilkerson.

Second by: Tom Combs (Place 2)

Motion passed by all present.

Tom Combs (Place 2) made the following motion: To approve adding Mayor Pro Tem, Rob Green, as signatory to all financial accounts of the City of Kempner.

Second by: Rob Green (Place 3).

Motion Passed by all present.

- B. Council to discuss to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; To wit: Court Clerk/Assistant City Secretary/Evidence Tech Tracie Martin.

Council convened in Executive Session at 6:13 PM.

Council reconvened in Regular Session at 7:50 PM.

No action taken, City Manager to provide further information regarding physical cost of options by June 27, 2023 council meeting if known.

- C. Council to discuss to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; To wit: Reserve Officer Nicole Sanchez.

Tom Combs (Place 2) made the following motion: To approve the employment of Reserve Officer Nicole Sanchez.

Second by: Rob Green (Place 3)

Motion passed by all present.

5. WORKSHOP

- A. Discussion of budget development for the '23-24 fiscal year.

Mayor Wilkerson advised the council Lampasas County Appraisal District is seeking a 12%

increase in their budget. No action will be taken as consent. A representative will be at the next council meeting to answer any questions regarding budget.

Mayor and City Manager went to County Annex today for a meeting regarding the HOP. HOP will soon be operating at a deficit due to COVID restrictions and not collecting fees. Will be requesting assistance from municipalities in Lampasas County to help cover costs. Currently there are 10 residents with Kempner zip codes (76539) that utilize the HOP's services, it is unknown if these residents are within city limits. The current suggested ask is \$3,500.00.

Rob Green (Place 3) requested confirmation if these citizens were in fact city residents and the HOP should reinstate its fees before seeking assistance from municipalities. Mayor informed Alderman Green that he (Mayor) already requested this and HOP advised they could not provide that data, as the request for transportation is based upon the 911 addressing, which means if someone on Boys Ranch Road in Bell County requested the services, it would reflect as "Kempner".

Tom Combs (Place 2) asked about the percentage of Kempner uses which Mayor confirmed at 7%. He also asked who funds the HOP. Mayor stated state and federal grants along with funds from counties and municipalities.

Mayor informed council no official ask has been made. The meeting was informational in nature.

Mayor informed council figures from CAD on the taxable values of properties within city limits would be available for the projected budget. He also ensured that a city's allocation of taxes would not be affected by outcomes of the Legislative Session.

Mayor asked the council to list their budgetary priorities.

Tom Combs (Place 2) stated he wanted money allocated for the Judge even if it wasn't used. He also wanted to explore if pay increases would be an option this budget year (FY 23-24) or pushed to next year.

6. NON-ACTION ITEMS

A. Staff Comments – none

B. Mayor/Council Comments – Tom Combs (Place 2) brought up the upcoming public meeting regarding the I14 expansion project. Mayor stated the city's TXDOT representative is out of Brownwood and does not attend meetings in this area. He is working to have that corrected. City Manager mentioned an unconfirmed report the corner of US Hwy 190 and FM 2808 has been purchased and may be the future home to a Cefco or QuikTrip. Mayor reminded council as the city has no zoning regulations, any and all restrictive ordinances must go through city attorneys to ensure they are legal.

C. Mayor administered the oath of office to council approved Reserve Officer Nicole Sanchez.

C. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting – Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at 6:00 PM

7. ADJOURNMENT

Dan Long made the following motion: Adjourn the meeting.

Second by: Tom Combs (Place 2)

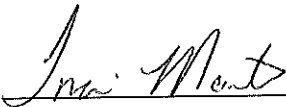
Motion passed by all present

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

APPROVED:


John (JW) Wilkerson- Mayor

ATTEST:


Tracie Martin – Assistant City Secretary