

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KEMPNER, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING THE PRIORITIES OF THE CITY COUNCIL IN THE ADOPTION OF THE FY 22-23 BUDGET, OPEN MEETINGS, AND EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**Whereas**, the City of Kempner, Texas is a Type A General Law Municipality under the laws of the state of Texas; and

**Whereas**, The voters of the City of Kempner voted to transition The City of Kempner from a Mayor Strong form of Government to a City Manager form of Government; and

**Whereas**, the City Manager Ordinance directs the City Manager to prepare, review and submit to the City Council a budget for adoption; and

**Whereas**, the City Council is the final approval authority for the adoption of the budget; and

**Whereas**, it is in the best interest of all parties involved that the City Manager have the priorities of the City Council prior to starting the development of the budget: and

**Whereas**, these priorities should be memorialized as this is a task in which the City Manager is evaluated within his annual review.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KEMPNER, TEXAS, THAT THE FOLLOWING BUDGETARY PRIORITIES ARE HEREBY ADOPTED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022- 2023 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT ;**

**Section 1. Budgetary Priorities:**

**1.1 Fiscal Responsibility and considerations.**

- (a) The City Manager is directed to continue to operate in a manner which focuses on eliminating financial waste.
- (b) The City Manager is directed to continue to seek grant opportunities and provide such to the City Council for approval.
- (c) The City Manager is directed to develop a budget while being mindful of the current state of inflation occurring in the State of Texas and the United States
- (d) The City Manager is directed to work with subject matter experts in determining the anticipated revenue and costs of the city during the budget year under development.
- (e) The City Manager is directed to refrain from unreasonably anticipating revenue and expenditures during the budget development.

**1.2 Personnel.** The City Council understands the importance of having qualified and dedicated employees that serve the stakeholders of the City of Kempner.

- (a) The City Manager is directed to find ways to improve employee overall compensation and working conditions package.

**1.3 Reserve Fund.**

- (a) The City Manager is directed to provide an up-to-date report on the amount of monies in the City Reserve fund at the time of the budget presentation to the City Council.

- (b) The City Manager is directed to provide recommendations (if any) for any modifications to the currently adopted practice of having a minimum of 180 day reserve funds. These recommendations shall be accompanied by supporting documentation.

**1.4 Establishment of Capital Outlay (or similar) fund.**

- (a) It is the desire of the City of Kempner to explore options which will establish a line item which will be funded with the intent to replace outdated, worn out, or otherwise not cost-effective larger items such as police vehicles when needed.
- (b) The City Manager is directed to explore the options to achieve this concept and build them into a proposed budget under this resolution.

**Section 2. Mayor's Involvement Limited.**

- (a) The City Council recognizes the City Manager ordinance contains conflicting language within such. The City Council also recognizes that such ordinance will be modified in the future to correct these issues.
- (b) The City Council directs the Mayor to serve as a resource to the City Manager in his budget development. The Council furthermore directs the Mayor to serve in such role as an advisor to the City Manager. The Mayor shall have no authority to prevent or interfere with the City Manager's ability to provide his ideas and options to the City Council for guidance or approval.
- (c) The Mayor shall cause all data, information, laws or rules related to budget development/adoption to be presented to the City Council in a timely manner.
- (d) The Mayor shall coordinate with the City Manger in regards to developing the deadlines on the presentation of the Budget to the City Council. The City Manager shall comply with the deadlines provided by the Mayor.

**Section 3. Council Involvement.**

- (a) The Primary involvement of the City Council shall be the adoption of this resolution, which lays out the primary goals and objectives of the City Manager while developing a budget for approval.
- (b) Further involvement in the development of the budget development by the Council is encouraged, provided the Council members remain mindful of the fact that no independent council member has any right to provide independent mandates outside of official action taken by the Council as a whole.

**Section 4. Severability.** If any provision of this resolution or the application of any provision to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications hereof which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this resolution are declared to be severable.

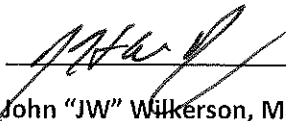
**Section 5. Open Meetings.** That it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this resolution is passed was open to the public as required and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Texas Open Meetings Act Chapter of the Texas Government Code.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022

Attest:

City of Kempner, Texas

  
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City Secretary

  
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John "JW" Wilkerson, Mayor

  
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Place 1- David Richardson

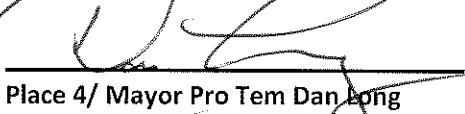
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Place 2- Tom Combs


FOR     AGAINST     ABSTAIN (CIRCLE ONE)

  
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Place 3- Rob Green

FOR     AGAINST     ABSTAIN (CIRCLE ONE)

  
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Place 4/ Mayor Pro Tem Dan Long

FOR     AGAINST     ABSTAIN (CIRCLE ONE)

  
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Place 5- Melba Vandever

FOR     AGAINST     ABSTAIN (CIRCLE ONE)