



# CITY OF KEMPNER

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**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA TUESDAY,  
January 24, 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.*

## **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 January 10, 2023.

## **4. Action Items**

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

- A. Approval of the Contract for Election Services between The City of Kempner, Texas and Lampasas County, Texas for the May 6, 2023, Local Election.
- B. Order the General Election for May 6, 2023, for Alderman places 3, 4, and Mayor.
- C. Order of the Special Sales Tax Election to be held during the general election on May 6, 2023, for the adoption and/or reauthorization of the local special sales and use tax.
- D. Approve Resolution No. 2023-01-24-001, **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KEMPNER, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER CONTRACT FOR THE 2023-2024 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, TEXAS COMMUNITY**

**DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUND.**

- E. Approval of Resolution No. 2023-01-24-002, **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KEMPNER, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE GRANT FOR BODY ARMOR**
- F. Approval of Resolution No. 2023-01-24-003, **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KEMPNER, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE GRANT FOR BODY CAMERAS**
- G. Approval of Resolution No. 2023-01-24-004, **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KEMPNER, TEXAS, CREATING A TEMPORARY POLICY REGARDING EXPENSES INCURRED TO THE CITY BY STAFF OR COUNCIL MEMBERS ATTENDING TRAINING.**
- H. Consider approval of the employment of Jacob Gallegos as a reserve peace officer.

**5. NON-ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Staff Comments
- B. Mayor/Council Comments
- C. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting – Tuesday, February 14, 2023

**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, January 20, 2023, on or before 5:00 pm.  
Posted by: Hayleigh Talasek, City Secretary**



# CITY OF KEMPNER

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## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, January 24, 2023, AT 6:00 PM

*Notice is hereby given:*

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED IN A REGULAR CALLED MEETING IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LOCATED AT 12288 E. Hwy 190 Kempner, Texas 76539.

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

- All Council members were present.
- Gene Isenhour 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

### 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 January 10, 2023.

Motion: Approval of the consent agenda.

By: Place 4, Dan Long

Second By: Place 3, Rob Green

All in favor, motion carries.

### 4. ACTION ITEMS

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

- A. Approval of the Contract for Election Services between The City of Kempner, Texas, and Lampasas County, Texas for the May 6, 2023, Local Election.

Motion: Approval of the Election services between The City of Kempner, Texas, and Lampasas County, Texas.

By: Place 3, Rob Green

Second By: Place 1, David Richardson

All in favor, motion carries.

- B. Order the General Election for May 6, 2023, for Alderman places 3, 4, and Mayor.

Motion: Moves to order the election for May 6, 2023, for Alderman places 3,4 and Mayor.

By: Place 3, Rob Green

Second By: Place 2, Tom Combs

Place 1, David Richardson- FOR

Place 2, Tom Combs- FOR

Place 3, Rob Green - FOR

Place 4, Dan Long- FOR

Place 5, Debbie Hernandez-FOR

- C. Order of the Special Sales Tax Election to be held during the general election on May 6, 2023, for the adoption and/or reauthorization of the local special sales and use tax.

Discussion: The Mayor explained our sales tax to the street fund account, that it is helped funded by this special sales tax. The Mayor informed the council they have 3 options regarding this matter:

1- Take no action and the special sales tax will expire this year,

2- Order the election for the renewal of the sales tax at the currently approved rate of 1/4 of one percent, or

3- Order the election for a special sales tax rate of 1/2 of one percent.

Motion: Move to order the special sales tax Election to be held during the general election on May 6, 2023, for the adoption of local sales and use tax in Kempner at the rate of ½% to provide revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets.

By: Place 3, Rob Green

Second By: Place 2, Tom Combs

Place 1, David Richardson – FOR

Place 2, Tom Combs - FOR

Place 3, Rob Green - FOR

Place 4, Dan Long - FOR

Place 5, Debbie Hernandez – FOR

- D. Approve Resolution No. 2023-01-24-001, **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KEMPNER, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER CONTRACT FOR THE 2023-2024 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, TEXAS COMMUNITY**

**DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUND.**

Discussion: The City Manager explained this grant and the unanimous decision amongst the community board composed of David Richardson, Gene Isenhour and Tracie Martin choosing Grantworks as the grant writer.

Motion: Approval of Resolution #2023-01-24-001 and for the City Manager to proceed with this grant.

By: Place 1, David Richardson

Second By: Place 3, Rob Green

All in favor, motion carries.

**E. Approval of Resolution No. 2023-01-24-002, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KEMPNER, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE GRANT FOR BODY ARMOR**

Discussion: Chief Rodriguez explained the grant for body armor. He requested 5 sets of body armor from the state.

Motion: Approval of Resolution #2023-01-24-002, to purchase 5 sets of body armor.

By: Place 3, Rob Green

Second By: Place 4, Dan Long

Discussion: Council member Tom Combs asks if they will all be uniform.

Chief Rodriguez replies with yes, they will all be the same and uniform.

All in favor, motion carries.

**F. Approval of Resolution No. 2023-01-24-003, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KEMPNER, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE GRANT FOR BODY CAMERAS**

Discussion: Chief Rodriguez explained we currently have 3 functioning body cameras, but WatchGuard will no longer be servicing those. Chief Rodriguez found body cameras that will be operated on through Axon. With those updated body cameras, it will be a 25% match on this grant.

Council members asked questions regarding the value of the grant, where in the budget this will come from, the life expectancy on them, the compatibility with the in-car systems, and the warranty on them.

Chief Rodriguez answered the value of the grant is 14,000 and that comes with the software to store digital evidence. The funds will be in next year's budget so we will budget for these expenses in the next budget season. Chief also tells the council that the new body cameras are not compatible with the current in-car systems and that those will be changed out as well, and he is working on a grant for those systems.

Motion: Approval of Resolution #2023-01-24-003.

By: Place 2, Tom Combs

Second By: Place 4, Dan Long

All in favor, motion carries.

- G. Approval of Resolution No. 2023-01-24-004, **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KEMPNER, TEXAS, CREATING A TEMPORARY POLICY REGARDING EXPENSES INCURRED TO THE CITY BY STAFF OR COUNCIL MEMBERS ATTENDING TRAINING.**

Discussion: The Mayor explained how this resolution came about and how this will serve as the temporary policy until we can get a formal policy approved.

Motion: Approval of Resolution #2023-01-24-004.

By: Place 1, David Richardson

Second By: Place 5, Debbie Hernandez

Discussion: Tom states that the section on meals needs to be revised for the final draft.

All in favor, motion carries.

- H. Consider approval of the employment of Jacob Gallegos as a reserve peace officer.

Entered Executive Session at 6:41 pm

Reconvened into open session at 7:01 pm

Motion: Approval of the employment of Jacob Gallegos as a reserve peace officer.

By: Place 3, Rob Green

Second By: Place 2, Tom Combs

All in favor, motion carries.

Mayor John Wilkerson swore in Jacob Gallegos as a reserve peace officer.

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

- A. Staff Comments- None
- B. Mayor/Council Comments- The Mayor asked for direction from the council regarding a potential police vehicle grant. The council stated that several different options are possible with this grant. There were no objections from the council, and the mayor directs Chief Rodriguez to move forward with the grant.
- C. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting – Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at 6 PM

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Adjournment

By: Place 2, Tom Combs

Second By: Place 3, Rob Green

All in favor, motion carries.

Time: 7:08 pm

APPROVED:   
John (JW) Wilkerson- Mayor

ATTEST:   
Hayleigh Talasek- City Secretary