



CITY OF KEMPNER

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA TUESDAY,
March 14, 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: Household hazardous waste event, March 18, 2023.

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 Tuesday, February 28th, 2023.
- B. Approval of meeting minutes from the special meeting held Thursday, March 9th, 2023.
- C. Approval of Financials for the month of February 2023.

4. Workshop

- A. Issue directives to City Manager regarding a citizens' request to purchase city-owned

land, to wit: City owned property consisting of .15 acres of land that is approximately 55.75' by 117.00' situated north of FM 2313 and between the 1.96 acres owned by Mickan Family Limited recorded as Tract 3 of abstract 132, and the .33 acres owned by Brenda Caraway recorded as Parcel ID 4613 in the Lampasas County Central Appraisal District map.

- B. Receive recommendations and provide directives to City Manager regarding street improvement projects if the city is awarded grant funding for street repair/improvement.

5. NON-ACTION ITEMS

- A. Staff Comments
- B. Mayor/Council Comments
- C. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting – Tuesday March 28, 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, March 10, 2023, on or before 5:00 pm.
Posted by: Hayleigh Talasek, City Secretary**



CITY OF KEMPNER

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY,
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1. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, AND PLEDGES TO FLAGS

Debbie Hernandez (place 5) was not present.
David Richardson led the invocation.

2. NON-ACTION ITEMS

Citizen Comments

Cliff Merrill, the owner of Our Friends Campground, spoke to the council regarding shooting that is taking place on the property next to his. He explained that bullets have entered his property from his neighbor because his neighbor's berm faces the campground. His request to the council is to look at reinstating the ordinance that prohibits shooting inside city limits or at least modifying it so shooting within city limits can be done safely.

Nicholas Wisely, a resident at Our Friends Campground, spoke to the council also regarding shooting in city limits. He presented the council with ballistic data and the data of the said berm. His request to the council was to hold a public hearing on this matter specifically to look at modifying the previous ordinance to prevent shooting towards another property because there is a great risk and it is unsafe.

Jennifer Osborne, a resident, and the manager of Our Friends Campground added that the frequency of the shooting happens weekly and at all different times. She is fearful of stray bullets entering the Campground.

Reports

- City Manager/Police Report- Presented by Heriberto Rodriguez

- Fire Chiefs report- Presented by Chief Connie Green

Upcoming Events

Household Hazardous Waste Event- March 18, 2023.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

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- B. Approval of meeting minutes from the meeting held on March 9, 2023.
- C. Approval of Financials for the month of February 2023.

No Discussion was held on this matter.

Council member Green (place 3) made the following motion: To approve the consent agenda.

Second by: council member Richardson (place 1).

Motion passed by all present.

4. WORKSHOP

- A. Issue directives to City Manager regarding a citizens' request to purchase city-owned land, to wit: City owned property consisting of .15 acres of land that is approximately 55.75' by 117.00' situated north of FM 2313 and between the 1.96 acres owned by Mickan Family Limited recorded as Tract 3 of abstract 132, and the .33 acres owned by Brenda Caraway recorded as Parcel ID 4613 in the Lampasas County Central Appraisal District map.

Discussion: City Manager Rodriguez explained to the council the person that owns the property next to it has inquired about purchasing this small piece of land for approximately \$15 and all the legal costs associated with it. Rodriguez also gave the council the reasons as to why this gentleman wants to purchase this property. Mayor Wilkerson reminded the council since we are a government agency we cannot just "give away" property. Judge Isenhour advised how city land had been sold in the past. Mayor Wilkerson asked the council if they would be opposed to selling the land and none opposed. The council asked how much the legal fees would approximately be. City Manager Rodriguez replied about \$300- \$500 assuming we let this gentleman do a "quick claim" of the property. Mayor Wilkerson asked if the council would entertain the idea of selling it for \$15. The council opposed and directed the City Manager to price an appraisal and refer to the budget for financing. The City Manager is to give the council his findings.

- B. Receive recommendations and provide directives to City Manager regarding street

improvement projects if the city is awarded grant funding for street repair/improvement.

Discussion: City Manager Rodriguez gave a presentation on the streets he recommended for this project: Signal and Conductor. Mayor Wilkerson suggested we address the drainage issues as well if the grant funds allow for that. Rodriguez stated the engineering company specialized in sewer and drainage on roadways and they would assess these roads for drainage issues. Council members inquired about what material would be used. City Manager Rodriguez stated the city would decide the material. Council member Green suggested we keep Depot Street in mind if not for this year but possibly for next year. City Manager Rodriguez stated Depot Street is a part of his secondary project along with Sante Fe Street. He selected these streets over Depot because it is still functioning. Council member Combs asked to see the price difference between chip seal and asphalt. Mayor Wilkerson directed the City Manager to make this plan a priority, get the numbers, and to keep the council updated.

5. NON-ACTION ITEMS

- A. Staff Comments- None
- B. Mayor/Council Comments- Tom combs would like the gun ordinance added to the next agenda as a workshop item.
- C. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting – Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at 6 PM

6. ADJOURNMENT


Mayor pro tem Long (place 4) made the following motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Second by: Council member Combs (place 2)

Motion passed by all present.

Mayor declared the meeting is adjourned at 7:04pm.

APPROVED: 
John (JW) Wilkerson- Mayor

ATTEST: 
Hayleigh Talasek-City Secretary