



CITY OF KEMPNER

REGULAR MEETING & AGENDA Tuesday, February 11th, 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

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 January 28, 2025
 - ii. Approval of January 2025 Financials.
- b. Approval of the City of Kempner Police Department Annual Racial Profiling Report.

4. Workshops

- a. Council to give directives regarding the draft ordinance for the discharge of firearms and efforts to abate the associated nuisance.



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MEETING MINUTES

FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 11, 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), Rob Green (place 3), Dan Long (place 4), Debbie Hernandez (place 5), and Mayor Wilkerson. Also in attendance was Gene Isenhour (Municipal Court Judge (Judge)), Rebecca Ramos (City Manager), Heriberto Rodriguez (Police Chief), and Hayleigh Talasek (City Secretary). Tom Combs (place 2) was not present. Each person notated in these minutes will be referred to as place/title only throughout this document. Judge led the invocation.

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

- a. Citizen Comments- Suzzette Whitton requested that an item be placed on a future agenda regarding safety concerns at the school bus stop located at Pedernales in the Taylor Creek subdivision. She noted that parents are parking on the south side of the street, creating a narrow passage and obstructing visibility for vehicles entering and exiting the subdivision. She emphasized that this poses a safety hazard and requested the installation of signage to restrict parking within a designated distance from the stop sign. In response, the Mayor clarified that while the Council could not engage in a discussion on the matter at that time, factual information could be presented. He stated that an existing city ordinance already prohibits parking on city streets and confirmed that signage could be installed without requiring formal Council action. The Mayor then asked Ms. Whitton whether she still wished to have the matter placed on a future agenda. Ms. Whitton stated that she would wait to see how the situation develops before pursuing further action. The Mayor thanked Ms. Whitton for bringing the concern forward and directed the City Manager to proceed with installing signs at Pedernales and Falcon, where a similar complaint had been reported.

- b. City Manager Report- see attached
- c. Police Chief's Report- see attached
- d. Fire Chief's Report- none
- e. Mayor's Report- none

3. Action Items

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 - i. Approval of the meeting minutes from the meeting held on January 28th, 2025.
 - ii. Approval of January 2025 Financials.

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

Place 1 seconded the motion

All in favor, motion passed by all present.

- b. Approval of the City of Kempner Police Department Annual Racial Profiling Report.

Place 1 made the following motion: To accept the Annual Racial Profiling Report.

Place 4 seconded the motion.

All in favor, motion passed by all present

4. Workshop (non-action items)

- a. Council to give directives regarding the draft ordinance for the discharge of firearms and efforts to abate the associated nuisance.

Mayor stated the labeling of the two draft ordinances for referencing and accuracy for discussion as follows:

Ordinance labeled "1" - **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KEMPNER, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR THE RESTRICTION ON THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY; CREATING EXCEPTIONS, AND PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, OPEN MEETINGS, PENALTY AND EFFECTIVE DATE CLAUSE**

Ordinance labeled "2" - **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KEMPNER, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCES REGULATING AND PROHIBITING THE "DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS" WITHIN THE CITY OF KEMPNER, PROVIDING FOR EXCEPTIONS, AND PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY; CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; ORDERING PUBLICATION; DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS.**

The Mayor opened the discussion by asking the council if there were any provisions within Ordinance "1" that they believed should be removed. The council unanimously

responded that there was none. He then inquired whether the council preferred Ordinance “2” over Ordinance “1,” but no response was given. Following this, the Mayor asked if there was any opposition to proceeding solely with Ordinance “1.” No objections were raised. The Mayor clarified that no formal action would be taken on the ordinance during this meeting. He explained that an additional permitting process would be required, which would include an inspection of the applicant’s berm and property prior to permit issuance. To establish clear and enforceable standards for berm requirements, an advisory committee will be formed to work in collaboration with the City Manager.

To ensure transparency and public engagement, the Mayor directed the City Manager to publish Ordinance “1” on the city’s website and official Facebook page to solicit citizen feedback. The ordinance will be revisited at the first council meeting in April, allowing adequate time to establish the advisory committee and define the necessary standards. These standards will be incorporated as an addendum to the ordinance to provide clarity and consistency in enforcement. The Mayor then asked the council if they had any objections; none were raised. He also invited citizens to provide input, but no comments were offered at that time. However, he encouraged residents to direct any questions, concerns, or comments to the City Manager. In conclusion, the council will proceed with Ordinance “1,” with further review scheduled for the first meeting in April. If approved at that time, the ordinance must be published in the newspaper twice before citations can be issued

5. Council and Staff Announcements

- a. Staff Announcements- none
- b. Council Announcements- Mayor announced that the city has implemented new software to assist with recording meeting minutes. He requested that council members state their place number when speaking to ensure accurate identification by the software. This measure aims to streamline the documentation process and support the City Secretary in her responsibilities.
- c. The next Regular Meeting date is scheduled to occur on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at 6:00 PM in council chambers.

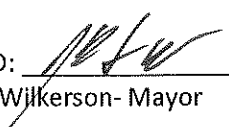
6. Adjournment

Place 1 made the following motion: To adjourn.

Place 3 seconded the motion

All in favor, motion passed by all present

The meeting adjourned at: 6:20PM

APPROVED: 
John (JW) Wilkerson- Mayor

ATTEST: 
Hayleigh Talasek City Secretary