



CITY OF KEMPNER

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING & AGENDA

Tuesday, October 8th, 2024, 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 September 24th, 2024.
 - ii. Approval of the September 2024 Financials.
- b. Approval of Ordinance No. 2012-09-25-001 (R2024-002), AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KEMPNER, TEXAS, LEVYING FEES ON HOLDERS OF PERMITS AND LICENSES ISSUED UNDER THE STATE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CODE; PROVIDING FOR REFERRAL AND REVIEW PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS; PROVIDING PENALTY AND OPEN MEETING CLAUSES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS.

4. Workshop

- a. Update from the City Manager relating to the city developing and adopting an ordinance on prohibiting the parking/standing of vehicles in the right of way along U.S. Highway 190.

5. Council and Staff Announcements

- a. Staff Announcements
- b. Council Announcements
- c. Next Regular Meeting date is scheduled to occur on Tuesday, October 22nd, 2024, at 6:00 PM in council chambers.

6. Adjournment.

Certification Of Legal Posting:

I hereby certify that this agenda has been posted on the City message board affixed to the exterior wall of the Eisenhower / Clark Municipal Building AND has been posted on the City of Kempner official website (kempnertx.gov) at least 72 hours prior to the start of the meeting.

Hayleigh Talasek

Signature of Certifying Official

Hayleigh Talasek, City Secretary

Printed Name and Title of Certifying Official

10/4/2024, 1:25PM

Date and Time signed:



CITY OF KEMPNER

MEETING MINUTES

FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 08, 2024, 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), Tom Combs (place 2), Rob Green (place 3), Debbie Hernandez (place 5) and Mayor Wilkerson who will be referred to as place/title only throughout this document. Dan Long (place 4) was not present. Place 5 led the invocation.

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- Attached
Tom asked about letting any community member or group use our facilities. Mayor answered stating we would review our policy based on the council direction.
- c. Mayor's Report- Attached
- d. Police Chief's Report-Attached- presented by Jacob Gallegos
- e. Fire Chief's Report- None, not in attendance.

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Place 2 made the following motion: to approve the consent agenda.

Seconded by: Place 3

All in favor, motion passed by all present.

- b. Approval of Ordinance No. 2012-09-25-001 (R2024-002), AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KEMPNER, TEXAS, LEVYING FEES ON HOLDERS OF PERMITS AND LICENSES ISSUED UNDER THE STATE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CODE; PROVIDING FOR REFERRAL AND REVIEW PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS; PROVIDING PENALTY AND OPEN MEETING CLAUSES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS.

Mayor explained that this initiative arose from efforts to manage the permits currently issued to businesses within city limits selling alcohol. In reviewing past processes, the mayor examined the ordinance adopted in 2012, which itself revised an ordinance from 2005. This update achieves two objectives: first, it removes a provision repealed by the Texas Legislature in 2020, aligning the ordinance with current state law. Secondly, it authorizes the City Manager and City Secretary to develop a streamlined, standardized application and permit process, allowing vendors to display their permits at their locations. The mayor confirmed that the revised ordinance had been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney.

Place 3 inquired about the number of current alcohol vendors in the city. City Manager Ramos responded that vendors include the gas station, two dollar stores, the brick oven establishment, and the drive-through liquor store.

Place 2 noted that Section 10's statement on prohibiting sales in residential areas seemed incongruent, given the city's lack of zoning. The mayor clarified that this was a minor adjustment made after receiving the ordinance back from the City Attorney. The added wording ensures that all current vendor locations remain compliant under the ordinance. While there is no current zoning ordinance, should one be adopted, existing locations would be grandfathered in, with the ordinance prevailing thereafter.

Place 3 made the following motion: Approval of Ordinance No. 2012-09-25-001 (R2024-002)

Seconded by: Place 2

All in favor, motion passed by all present.

4. Workshop

- a. Update from the City Manager relating to the city developing and adopting an ordinance on prohibiting the parking/standing of vehicles in the right of way along U.S. Highway 190.

The City Manager presented a map detailing the proposed sign placements within city limits, which had been reviewed with the council. She noted that these sites were identified based on recommendations from the Police Chief and the TxDOT

representative. She requested feedback from the council, asking if they agreed with the placements or had alternative recommendations.

Place 2 inquired about the costs and maintenance responsibilities for the signs. City Manager Ramos confirmed that the city would cover both expenses. Place 2 expressed no objections to the proposed placements. The mayor reminded the council that funding for these signs cannot come from the street fund, as Highway 190 is not city-owned.

Place 3 noted that, given the safety concerns related to vehicles parking on side streets, the investment is justified.

The Mayor recommended that the City Manager proceed with obtaining cost estimates, drafting the ordinance, and forwarding it to the City Attorney before presenting it to the council for final approval.

5. Council and Staff Announcements

- a. Staff Announcements
- b. Council Announcements- The mayor proposed to the council that, given the staff's busy schedule over the next few weeks and the lack of pressing issues, the upcoming meeting be preemptively canceled. The council had no objections
- c. Next Regular Meeting date is scheduled to occur on Tuesday, November 12th, 2024, at 6:00 PM.

6. Adjournment.

Place 1 made the following motion: To adjourn.
Seconded by: Place 3
The meeting adjourned at 6:31PM

APPROVED: 
John (JW) Wilkerson- Mayor

ATTEST: 
Hayleigh Talasek- City Secretary



Mayor's Report

First, the Water issue. The CM and I had a meeting with the grant people and learned the following:

- There is a grant available for us to apply for to assist with projects of KWSC
- These grants are based upon the area served having around a 50% lower socioeconomic status.
- This is important because the city as a whole does not meet that, but a part of the city might could.
- A couple of different ideas were tossed around with KWSC manager, including
 - Potential water tower
 - Potential injection site for chlorine
 - Potential water line replacement
- We are working together with KWSC to determine what the biggest bang for the buck will be, but please know there are constraints we will be facing under this particular grant.
- We are looking at other grant possibilities.

Second & Third (as they go together): Fund balance assignments & a new officer

- We were awarded with a grant from the COPS grant to fund 1 full time police officer.
- This grant:
 - Requires the City keep the officer position funded for at least 5 years
 - Provides funding for 2 years and 10 months
 - May only be used to provide the salary and fringe benefits
 - Has no match amount required from the City (unless you count the 2 years and 2 months of funding the city will have to provide to stay in compliance of the grant)
- Fund Balances: Once the city has ended the year and the City Secretary has the opportunity to close out the current fiscal year and provide a report:
 - Your City Manager and I will be working to develop a proposal on:
 - Recommended changes to rainy day fund (if any)
 - Recommended dedicated fund balance accounts and funding level in them
 - Recommendations on which accounts to keep money in or move from one to another (for example- if one account has a higher interest rate over the others)
- We will need to put together a plan on how to implement the additional officer in a manner that allows us to plan for it and not just hit the tax payers with a big jump at one time. This may include the use of fund balance monies, it may not.
- Be looking for this during our November meeting.

Thirdly, please make yourself available for a city event on December 7th here at city hall where we will be having the signs installed for the naming of the building. More detailed information will be coming out as the time nears.



CITY OF KEMPNER

**CITY MANAGER REPORT
REGULAR CALL MEETING
Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at 6:00 PM**

MAINTENANCE UPDATES

- 1. Court Security System installation is complete.

STAFF UPDATES

- 1. Training
 - a. Hayleigh and I attended an eGrants training class in San Antonio on August 1, 2024. eGrants has made vast improvements to their website and we were able to evaluate the new system.

CITY EVENTS

- 1. School Supply Drive
 - a. The city held its annual school supply drive from Monday, July 29-Friday, August 2, 2024. We received and distributed close to \$700 in school supplies.



City Council Report

For the Month of July 2024

Honorable Council Members,

During this reporting period, your police department has continued to provide law enforcement services for this City. A snapshot of the activities in which your officers have engaged in are as follows:

Routine items:

- Traffic Enforcement: 15 violator contacts.
- 4 arrests resulting from traffic stops.
- Calls for Service: 8
- Assist other agencies: Assisted other agencies 8 times.
- 35 security checks on local businesses.

Special Items:

- As I am sure you are all aware of the arrests made earlier this month, this is an on going investigation and we are still working with the Lampasas County Attorneys Office and DPS.
- Training. None to report
- Personnel Changes: No changes to report.

As always, I am always available to answer any questions you may have.