

**MINUTES  
of the  
KEENE CITY COUNCIL**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2022**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Gary Heinrich, Mayor Pro-Tem Gwen Beeson, Lisa Parrish, Robert Cooper, Rob Foster, Thomas Gutwa, and Phillip Jackson.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Invocation – Rob Foster**

**Pledge of Allegiance & Pledge to the Texas Flag – Council**

**1. Public Comments:**

Renaë Garrett from Olive Garden, Burleson was here to see if the City would be interested in catering.

Police Chief Hunt presented Officer Linden with the Life-Saving award for his actions on January 11<sup>th</sup>.

**2. Mayor Comments: Welcome**

**3. Consideration of City Council minutes dated January 13, 2022.**

Councilmember Parrish made a motion to approve minutes dated January 13, 2022. Councilmember Cooper seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0-0.

**4. Public Hearing: Hold a public hearing to hear and discuss the redistricting of the City Council member's wards from which Council Members are elected to balance their populations as required by the equal protection clause of the 15<sup>th</sup> amendment to the U.S. Constitution and the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended in 1975 and 1982.**

The public hearing started at 6:07 p.m.

The public hearing ended at 6:15 p.m.

**5. Discussion and take possible action regarding the redistricting of the City Council member's wards from which Council Members are elected to balance their populations as required by the equal protection clause of the 15<sup>th</sup> amendment to the U.S. Constitution and the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended in 1975 and 1982.**

Councilmember Beeson made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2022-400 regarding the proposed redistricting of the City Council member's wards from which Council Members are elected to balance their populations as required by the equal protection clause of the 15<sup>th</sup> amendment to the U.S. Constitution and the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended in 1975 and 1982. Councilmember Foster seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0-0.

6. Discussion and take possible action regarding Resolution No. 2022-398 to remove Carmella Diane Helms as an authorized signatory to all the City of Keene accounts at Pinnacle Bank.

Councilmember Cooper made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-398 to remove Carmella Diane Helms as an authorized signatory to all the City of Keene accounts at Pinnacle Bank. Councilmember Foster seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0-0.

7. Discussion and take possible action regarding Resolution No. 2022-399 to add Natanael Drambareanu as an authorized signatory to all the City of Keene accounts at Pinnacle Bank.

Councilmember Foster made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-399 to add Natanael Drambareanu as an authorized signatory to all the City of Keene accounts at Pinnacle Bank. Councilmember Cooper seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0-0

8. Discussion and take possible action for the Mayor to draft a letter to Pinnacle Bank giving Betty Freeman permissions for approval of Payroll ACH and related transfers.

Councilmember Foster made a motion for the Mayor to draft a letter to Pinnacle Bank giving Betty Freeman permission for approval of Payroll ACH and related transfers. Councilmember Beeson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0-0

9. Department Reports:

- a. Fire Department: Captain Stroud presented the December 2021 department reports.
- b. Finance Department: Finance Director Charles Williams presented the December 2021 City of Keene Finance reports.

10. City Manager Comments:

Mr. Parker provided an update on Well # 7, talked about the openings within the city, and reminded the public that there is an upcoming bulk pickup.

Mr. Parker also thanked Diane Helms for her time with the city.

11. Executive Session: Pursuant to Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government, Sections 551.071 (consultation with an attorney), 551-072 (real property), 551. 073 (prospective gifts), 551.074 (personnel matters), 551.076 (securities matters), 551.087 (economic development). An executive session may be held, under the exceptions, at the end of the Regular Session, Workshop and/or Special Session, or at any time during the meeting that a need arises for the City Council to seek advice from the City Attorney as to the posted matter of the City Council Meeting.

a. 551-074 (Personnel Matters) – Appointment of City Secretary

12. Reconvene into Open Session for possible action resulting from any item posted and discussed in Executive Session.

Reconvened into Open Session at 7:33 pm.

Councilmember Foster made a motion to appoint Nathan Drambareanu as the Interim City Secretary. Councilmember Gutwa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0-0.

13. Discussion and requests for future items on the agenda.

None

14. Adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Gary Heinrich, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Natanael Drambareanu, Interim City Secretary