

**MINUTES
of the
KEENE CITY COUNCIL**

THURSDAY, March 2, 2023

PRESENT: Mayor Lisa Parrish, Owen Larson, Ray Johnson, Thomas Gutwa, Rob Foster, James Belz, Gwen Beeson.

ABSENT:

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation – Mel Walden

Pledge of Allegiance & Pledge to the Texas Flag – Council and Public

1. Mayor Comments:

- Mayor Parrish welcomed everyone to the meeting, and asked the public to remember Councilmember Gutwa's stepson as he is going through a surgery.
- Mayor Parrish also welcomed Councilmember Owen Larson to the meeting.

2. Public Comments:

- None

3. Consideration and approval of City Council Minutes dated February 9, 2023, and February 16, 2023.

- Councilmember Belz made a motion to approve the City Council Minutes dated February 9, 2023, and February 16, 2023. Councilmember Foster seconded the motion.
- Motion carried (4-0-2, Larson and Beeson abstained)

4. Discussion and take possible action renaming the City of Keene Council Chamber to Robert G. Cooper Council Chamber.

- Councilmember Larson made a motion to approve renaming the City of Keene Council Chamber to Robert G. Cooper Council Chamber. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion.
- Motion carried (6-0-0)

5. Discussion and take possible action adopting Resolution No. 2023-416 creating a new bank account.

- Councilmember Beeson made a motion to approve adopting Resolution no. 2023-416 creating a new bank account at Pinnacle Bank. Councilmember Foster seconded the motion.
- Motion carried (6-0-0)

6. Discussion and take possible action adopting Resolution No. 2023-417 awarding a professional services engineering contract for a 23/24 CDBG grant.

- Councilmember Foster made a motion to approve adopting Resolution No. 2023-417 awarding a professional services engineering contract for a 23/24 CDBG grant. Councilmember Belz seconded the motion.
- Motion carried (6-0-0)

7. Discussion and take possible action giving the Type A EDC authority to pay off the Type A EDC CR 317 loan at Pinnacle Bank, using funds from the Keene Economic Development money Markey Account.

- Interim Assistant City Manager Don Martin presented the information to council.
- Councilmember Foster made a motion to approve giving the Type A EDC authority to pay off the Type A EDC CR 317 loan at Pinnacle Bank, using funds from the Keene Economic Development Money Market Account. Councilmember Belz seconded the motion.
- Motion carried (6-0-0)

8. Discussion and take possible action appointing members to the Board of Adjustment to fill current vacancies.

- City Manager Bernie Parker presented information to council about the board vacancies.
- Mayor Parrish recommended that Tim Parrish and Eric Jahnke be appointed to the Board of Adjustment.
- Councilmember Beeson made a motion to approve appointing Tim Parrish and Eric Jahnke as members to the Board of Adjustment to fill current vacancies. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion.
- Motion carried (6-0-0)
- Mayor Parrish recommended that Brad Hagelgantz be appointed to the Board of Adjustment as an alternate.
- Councilmember Foster made a motion to approve Brad Hagelgantz as an alternate to the Board of Adjustment. Councilmember Belz seconded the motion.
- Motion carried (6-0-0)

9. Discussion and presentation of the Capital Improvement Project list and Cares Act funds.

- Derek Turner with Jacob | Martin provided a presentation to council about the Capital Improvement Project list.
- Mr. Parker provided some information about the uses of the Cares Act regarding the Capital Improvement Projects.

10. City Manager report

- City Manager Bernie Parker provided his report.

11. Executive Session: Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, the City Council may convene into a closed, Executive Session in accordance with the following authority:

551.071 (consultation with the attorney)	551.072 (real property)	551.073 (prospective gifts)
551.074 (personnel matters)	551.076 (security matters)	551.087 (economic development)

- No executive session was held.

Executive Session may be held, under these 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 subject matter of this City Council Meeting.

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


13. Discussion and take action regarding the appointment of City Council Ward III replacement to serve until the next regular November election.

- Councilmember Belz requested staff to put on the agenda an item to start RFQ engineering costs for impact fees.
- Councilmember Gutwa requested information about changing two street names.

14. Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

By: 

Lisa Parrish, Mayor

Attest: 

Tabatha Mansell, City Secretary