

**MINUTES
of the
KEENE CITY COUNCIL**

THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2023

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

ABSENT: None.

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

Invocation – Mayor Parrish.

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

1. Mayor Comments:

- None

2. Public Comments:

- Troy Smith spoke on forward thinking.
- Captain Stroud of the Keene Professional Fire Fighter Association recognized the Mayor and Council.

3. Consideration and approval of City Council minutes dated May 18, 2023, and May 25, 2023.

- Councilmember Foster made a motion to approve the City Council Minutes dated May 18, 2023, and May 25, 2023.
- Councilmember Belz seconded the motion.
- Motion carried unanimously 6-0-0.

4. Discussion to select committee members to review the preliminary 2023-2024 Budget.

- Mayor Parrish spoke on the topic.
- Councilmember Beeson spoke on the topic.

- Mayor Parrish invited Councilmembers Larson and Gutwa to be on the Budget Committee. Councilmembers Larson and Gutwa accepted.
- Mayor announced herself, plus the following community citizens will be on the Budget Committee, Amy Lingo, Melissa Patterson, and Jennifer Thompson.

5. Discussion and take possible action selecting money market accounts.

- Finance Director Charles Williams spoke on the topic.
- Councilmember Johnson spoke on the topic.

- Councilmember Belz made a motion to approve leaving the money market accounts at Pinnacle Bank.
- Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion.
- Motion carried unanimously 6-0-0.

6. Discussion and take possible action authorizing staff to use the CARES Act (ARPA) funds for the purchase of live streaming for public meetings held by the City Council and other City boards, commissions, and economic development corporations.
 - Human Resource Director Nathan Drambareanu spoke on the topic.
 - Councilmember Johnson spoke on the topic.
 - Councilmember Larson spoke on the topic.
 - Mayor Parrish spoke on the topic.
 - Councilmember Belz spoke on the topic.
 - Samantha Gillin spoke on the topic.
 - Councilmember Beeson spoke on the topic.
 - Councilmember Foster spoke on the topic.
 - Troy Smith spoke on the topic.

 - Councilmember Foster made a motion to table authorizing staff to use the CARES Act (ARPA) funds for the purchase of live streaming for public meetings held by the City Council and other City boards, commissions, and economic development corporations.
 - Councilmember Belz seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried unanimously 6-0-0.

7. Discussion and give direction to staff regarding the remaining funds of the sidewalk project.
 - Assistant City Manager Don Martin spoke on the topic.
 - Councilmember Larson spoke on the topic.
 - Councilmember Johnson spoke on the topic.
 - Councilmember Foster spoke on the topic.
 - Wes Schram spoke on the topic.
 - Councilmember Gutwa spoke on the topic.
 - Troy Smith spoke on the topic.

 - Staff was directed to bring quotes back to Council, not to exceed \$50,000.

8. Discussion and take possible action adopting a new agreement with Eric Wilhite Planning+ Design.
 - Mayor Parrish spoke on the topic.
 - Councilmember Foster spoke on the topic.

 - Councilmember Foster made a motion to approve adopting a new agreement with Eric Wilhite Planning+ Design.
 - Councilmember Larson seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried 5-1-0 (Johnson against)

9. 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:

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| 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) |

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

11. Requests for future items on the agenda.

- Possibly canceling June 15, 2023, scheduled meeting for lack of Council business.
- Review Zoning Board of Adjustment applications for July 6, 2023, meeting.
- Bring back Live streaming quotes and Sidewalk options for a July meeting.

12. Meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

By: 

Lisa Parrish, Mayor

Attest: 

Tabatha Mansell, City Secretary