

**MINUTES
of the
KEENE CITY COUNCIL**

THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2023

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

ABSENT: Owen Larson.

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

Invocation – Mayor.

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

1. Mayor Comments:

- Mayor Parrish welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Public Comments:

- Troy Smith spoke on agenda item 4.
- Melissa Patterson spoke on agenda item 4.
- Cheryl Schram spoke on volunteers for flag take down on 06.20.2023.
- Paul Gnadt spoke on zoning to ban short term rentals.
- Bud Findley spoke on infrastructure.
- Jen Baggett spoke on agenda item 4.
- Samantha Gillin spoke on agenda item 4.
- Sheila Drapiza spoke on agenda item 4.

3. Consideration and approval of City Council minutes dated June 8, 2023.

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

- Councilmember Belz made a motion to approve the City Council Minutes dated June 8, 2023, with corrections.
- Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion.
- Motion carried 4-0-1. (Foster abstained)

4. Discussion and take action to dismiss the current Interim City Manager designee and/or appoint a new designee for Interim City Manager.

- Councilmember Gutwa spoke on the topic.
- Councilmember Johnson spoke on the topic.

- Councilmember Foster made a motion to approve dismissing Lisa Parrish as the designee Interim City Manager.
- Councilmember Beeson seconded the motion.
- Motion carried 4-1-0. (Gutwa against)

- Councilmember Beeson made a motion to approve appointing Don Martin as the new designee Interim City Manager.
 - Councilmember Foster seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried 4-1-0. (Gutwa against)
- 5. Discussion adopting rules on the procedures for setting the agenda.**
- Mayor Parrish spoke on the topic.
 - Councilmember Foster spoke on the topic.
 - Cheryl Schram spoke on the topic.
 - Human Resource Director Nathan Drambareanu spoke on the topic.
 - Bud Findley spoke on the topic.
 - Councilmember Beeson spoke on the topic.
 - Councilmember Belz spoke on the topic.
- 6. Department Reports**
- **Development Services**
 - Assistant City Manager Don Martin presented updates.
 - Councilmember Johnson spoke on the topic.
 - Wes Schram spoke on the topic.
 - **Finance Department**
 - Finance Director Charles Williams presented the report.
 - Councilmember Belz spoke on the topic.
 - Councilmember Johnson spoke on the topic.
 - Assistant City Manager Don Martin spoke on the topic.
 - Samantha Gillin spoke on the topic.
 - Wes Schram spoke on the topic.
 - Councilmember Gutwa spoke on the topic.
- 7. 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)
- 8. Reconvene into Open Session for possible action resulting from any item posted or discussed in Executive Session.**
- 9. Requests for future items on the agenda.**
- Mayor Parrish requested discussion on setting agenda items.
 - Councilmember Foster requested discussion on banning short term rentals.
 - Councilmember Belz requested discussion on Impact fees.
- 10. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.**

By: Lisa Parrish

Lisa Parrish, Mayor

Attest: Tabatha Mansell

Tabatha Mansell, City Secretary