

**MINUTES
of the
KEENE CITY COUNCIL**

THURSDAY, JULY 08, 2021

PRESENT: Gary Heinrich Mayor, Gwen Beeson Mayor Pro-Tem, Robert Cooper, David Bass, and Phillip Jackson.

ABSENT: Lisa Parrish & Rob Foster

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

Invocation – Gary Heinrich, Mayor

Pledge of Allegiance & Pledge to the Texas Flag – Gary Heinrich, Mayor

1. **Mayor Pro-Tem Comments: Welcome**
2. **Public Comments: None**
3. **Consideration of City Council Minutes dated June 17, 2021; Budget Workshop and June 24, 2021; regular City Council Meeting.**

Councilmember Cooper made a motion to approve the City Council minutes dated June 17, 2021; Budget Workshop and June 24, 2021; regular City Council Meeting as presented. Councilmember Bass seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0-0.

4. **Discuss and take possible action regarding Ordinance No. 2021-635, stop sign ordinance within the Bristol Oaks Subdivision.**

City Manager Parker made a recommendation to table the item Ordinance No. 2021-635 due to technical issues and bring it back on the July 22nd agenda.

Councilmember Beeson made a motion to table Ordinance No. 2021-635, stop sign ordinance within the Bristol Oaks Subdivision. Councilmember Bass seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0-0.

5. **Discuss and take possible action regarding approving an MOU between the City of Keene and the Joshua ISD regarding cooperation between the police departments of each entity.**

Police Chief Hunt presented and explained the agreement to the council members and citizens.

Councilmember Bass made a motion to approve an MOU between the City of Keene and the Joshua ISD regarding cooperation between the police departments of each entity. Councilmember Cooper seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0-0.

6. Discuss and take possible action or direction to the staff on the sale of old equipment at public works, lathe, and milling machine.

Public works director Martin presented the items with pictures of the items that he wants to sell or scrap.

Councilmember Bass made a motion to approve authorization of the staff / City Manager to sell the old equipment requested from public works, lathe, and milling machine. Councilmember Cooper seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0-0

7. Department Reports:

- a. Police Department:

Police of Chief Brad Hunt presented the police department reports for June 2021

8. City Manager's Comments:

The city Manager updated the council on the leak at one of the water storage tanks on CR 805 on July 5th. Around 9 or 10 in the morning the public works department found the leak and found that it could not be repaired in-house. Some bids have been received for these repairs.

We have a budget meeting scheduled for next Thursday, July 15th. We have not received the benefits true numbers as of yet, hoping that Monday or Tuesday that we will be receiving these numbers. We will have the certified roll around the 23rd as well. He recommended not to have the budget workshop on the 15th but instead have it on the 29th of July. There are also finalized numbers from the police department for dispatch.

Mr. Jackson also wanted to remind the council and staff of his concerns about the crosswalks needing to be identified and marking, especially at Eastern and 4th, other areas as well, College and Hillcrest. The city manager responded that he would ask the public works director to provide an update on the project.

Mr. Jackson also wanted the employees of the city to make a better attempt to recognize illegal actions and react to them in a more timely manner. If any city employee sees anything that needs to be addressed to report it to their supervisor. The City Manager stated that this would be addressed.

9. 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. Economic Development Negotiations (551.087): Possible Housing development incentives.

Executive Session Start Time: 6:29 pm

Reconvene Time: 7:07 pm

10. Reconvene into Open Session for possible action resulting from any item posted and discussed in Executive Session, including hiring a firm to investigate the employee complaint.

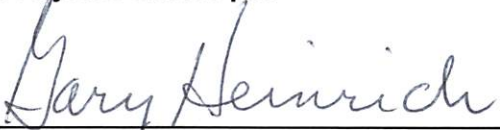
No action was taken from the executive session.

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

Justification on some of the stop signs from item 4.

12. Adjourn at 7:11 pm

By:



Gary Heinrich, Mayor

Attest:



Diane Helms, City Secretary