

**MINUTES  
of the  
KEENE CITY COUNCIL**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 05, 2021**

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

**INTERPRETERS:** Jorilyn Tasker and Abbey Munzing

**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. Public Comments:**

Councilmember Parrish expressed concerns from citizens about grass clipping from mowing being in the streets. She expressed the hazards and that something needed to be done. The city manager stated that this issue would be addressed.

**2. Mayor's Comments: Welcome**

**3. Consideration of City Council Minutes dated July 22, 2021, Regular City Council Meeting.**

Councilmember Cooper made a motion to approve the City Council minutes dated July 22, 2021, Regular City Council Meeting as presented. Councilmember Foster seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0-1 Councilmember Bass abstained, he was not present during the meeting.

**4. Discuss and take possible action on planning services agreement with Pacheco Koch Consulting Engineers.**

Councilmember Jackson made a motion to approve the agreement with Pacheco Koch Consulting Engineers with a detailed invoice of services. Councilmember Bass seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0-0

**5. Discuss and take possible action on a petition for annexation from Mark Miosi to annex approximately 13.140 acres of land into the city limits of Keene.**

Councilmember Jackson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-388 accepting the petition for annexation from Mark & Dawn Miosi to annex approximately 13.140

acres of land into the city limits of Keene, setting a public hearing date, directing staff to prepare and negotiate an annexation services agreement, and authorizing the City Secretary to publish notice of the public hearing. Councilmember Parrish seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0-1, councilmember Cooper abstained from the motion.

**6. Presentation and discussion on the FY 2021-2022 Proposed Budget.**

The Finance Director, C. Williams, presented a quick overview of the proposed FY 2021-2022 budget.

**7. Discuss the no-new-revenue and voter-approval tax rate calculations; take action to consider a proposed tax rate (must be a record vote) and schedule a public hearing date for the proposed tax rate and the budget.**

Councilmember Bass made a motion to approve the proposed tax rate of .854134. Councilmember Beeson seconded the motion.

Lisa Parrish (Place 1) - Yes

Rob Foster (Ward 1) - Yes

Davis Bass (Place 2) – Yes

Gwen Beeson (Ward 2) – Yes

Phillip Jackson (Place 3) – Yes

Robert Cooper (Ward 3) - Yes

Motion carried 6-0-0

Councilmember Bass made a motion to approve conducting public hearings on August 26, 2021, and September 2, 2021. Councilmember Foster seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0-0

Councilmember Foster made a motion to approve a public hearing on the tax rate on September 16, 2021. Councilmember Bass seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0-0

**8. Department Reports:**

**a. Public Works Department:**

**9. City Manager's Comments:**

The City Manager wanted to update the council that the American Rescue funds application has been completed and submitted.

**10. 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. 551.087 (Economic Development): development incentives

Start executive session at 7:31 pm

End executive session at 7:59 pm

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

No action was taken from the executive session.

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

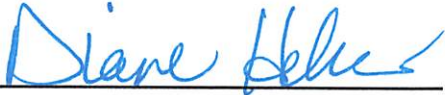
Councilmember Parrish stated concerns about the recent change of time to request special accommodations from 48 to 72 hours. Her concern was that 72 hours is the state-mandated amount of time to post notice of meetings, which would not leave any time for a person needing special accommodations to request assistance. The City Secretary stated the companies that offer the special assistance have asked for a 72-hour notice to be able to make the accommodations. Agendas are being posted on Fridays, that gives individuals that need to request accommodations adequate time.

13. Adjourn at 8:05 pm

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

  
Gary Heinrich, Mayor

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

  
Diane Helms, City Secretary