

**MINUTES
of the
KEENE CITY COUNCIL**

THURSDAY, January 19, 2023

PRESENT: Mayor Lisa Parrish, 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 – Councilmember Foster

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

1. Mayor Comments:

- Mayor Parrish welcomed the public to the meeting.
- Chief Hunt presented a life-saving award to Officer Rouyre.

2. Public Comments:

- Wes Schram – 1002 W 4th St. – Spoke about sidewalks by the school.
- Dan Alsup – 609 Spring Creek Dr – Introduced himself as Ward III position applicant
- Owen Larson – 1002 Shelly Dr – Introduced himself as Ward III position applicant
- Chuck Easley – 606 Pine Bluff St – Introduced himself as Ward III position applicant

3. Consideration and approval of corrections to the City Council Minutes dated December 15, 2022.

- Councilmember Beeson made a motion to approve the corrected City Council Minutes dated December 15, 2022. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion.
- Motion carried (4-0-1, Foster abstained)

4. Consideration and approval of corrections to the City Council Minutes dated January 5, 2023.

- Councilmember Belz advised that the vote count on item 6 was incorrect and that he voted against the item.
- Councilmember Foster made a motion to approve the City Council Minutes dated January 5, 2023, with the correction. Councilmember Gutwa seconded the motion.
- Motion carried (5-0-0)

5. Discussion and take possible action on the replacement of the vacant council seat of Ward III.

- Council discussed the process and agreed that closed-session interviews will occur during the council meeting on February 2nd with the citizens that turned in the letters of interest.

6. Discussion and take possible action awarding a contract to Lonestar Roofing for the total bid of \$89,050.00, for the repair of the Public Works building roof.

- Director of Human Resources / Interim City Secretary Natanael Drambareanu presented information to the council on the roof repair claim.
- Councilmember Foster made a motion to approve awarding a contract to Lonestar Roofing for the total bid of \$89,050.00, for the repair of the Public Works building roof. Councilmember Belz seconded the motion.
- Motion carried (5-0-0)

7. Discussion and take action to adopt a resolution awarding an administration contract for a 2023/24 CDBG grant.
 - City Manager Bernie Parker presented the item.
 - Councilmember Belz made a motion to approve adopting Resolution No. 2023-415, awarding an administration contract for a 2023/24 CDBG grant. Councilmember Beeson seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried (5-0-0, Belz Against)
8. Presentation of AgendaLink by AJ Thompson with Cloud Driven Solutions, LLC.
 - AJ Thompson presented the product his company provides.
9. Department Report
 - Finance Department
 - Director of Finance Charles Williams presented the report.
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)

- Convened into Executive Session at 7:01 p.m.
 - a. 551.074 (personnel matters) – Chief of Police.

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.
 - Reconvened into Open Session at 7:26 p.m.
 - No action was taken.
13. Discussion and requests for future items on the agenda.
 - None.
14. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

By: 

Lisa Parrish, Mayor

Attest: 

Natanael Drambareanu, Interim City Secretary