

MINUTES
of the
KEENE CITY COUNCIL

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023

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

ABSENT: Ray Johnson.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation – Mel Walden.

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

1. Mayor Comments:

- Addressed the no quorum from last meeting.
- Announced Councilmember Foster has a birthday on April 22, 2023.
- Announced SWAU Flea Market on Sunday, April 23, 2023.

2. Public Comments:

- Kevin Romanelli informed the Council of a lawsuit.

3. Consideration and approval of City Council minutes dated April 6, 2023.

- Councilmember Foster made a motion to approve the City Council minutes dated April 6, 2023.
- Councilmember Larson seconded the motion.
- Motion carried 5-0-0

4. Discuss and take possible action appointing Dan Alsup from alternate to full on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

- Dan Martin spoke on the topic.
- Councilmember Larson made a motion to approve appointing Dan Alsup from alternate to full on the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- Councilmember Gutwa seconded the motion.
- Motion carried 5-0-0

5. Discuss and give direction to staff to advertise for an alternate on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

- **Council** gave Human Resources Director Nathan Drambareanu direction to advertise.

6. Discuss and take possible action appointing Terri Wilson as Prosecutor for the City of Keene.

- Councilmember Foster made a motion to approve appointing Terri Wilson as Prosecutor for the City of Keene.
- Councilmember Belz seconded the motion.
- Motion carried 5-0-0

- 7. Discuss and take possible action to cancel the Tarrant Construction Services contract for janitorial services.**
 - Human Resources Director Nathan Drambareanu spoke on the topic.
 - Councilmember Larson made a motion to approve canceling the Tarrant Construction Services contract for janitorial services.
 - Councilmember Foster seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried 5-0-0

- 8. Discuss and take possible action to approve a two (2) year contract with Zitro International, Mop and Broom for janitorial services.**
 - Human Resources Director Nathan Drambareanu spoke on the topic.
 - Councilmember Foster made a motion to approve a two (2) year contract with Zitro International, Mop and Broom for janitorial services.
 - Councilmember Belz seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried 5-0-0

- 9. Discuss and take possible action on selling four (4) Public Works vehicles at public auction, FM98-OC05-WM05-SM05.**
 - Interim Assistant City Manager, Don Martin spoke on the topic.
 - Councilmember Foster made a motion to approve selling four (4) Public Works vehicles at public auction, FM98-OC05-WM05-SM05.
 - Councilmember Gutwa seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried 5-0-0

- 10. Discuss and take possible action to approve a contract with EmergiFire.**
 - Fire Chief Warner spoke on the topic.
 - Councilmember Belz made a motion to approve a contract with EmergiFire, including Exhibit A Mitigation Rates.
 - Councilmember Larson seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried 5-0-0

- 11. Discuss and take possible action on increasing ambulance fees to align with current industry standards.**
 - Fire Chief Warner spoke on the topic.
 - Councilmember Foster made a motion to approve increasing ambulance fees to align with current industry standards.
 - Councilmember Belz seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried 5-0-0

- 12. Department Report**
 - Chief Kidd police department
 - Chief Warner fire department
 - Charles Williams finance department

- 13. 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)


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.

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

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

- Workshop, in the near future, for Council to create a vision statement.
- Fire Department and Police Department Proclamations.
- Rename the Fire Department in honor of the first Fire Chief.
- Sidewalk Improvement Fund, adding to the sidewalk by Police Department.
- Discuss additional sidewalk and road repair options.

By: _____



Lisa Parrish, Mayor

Attest: _____



Tabatha Mansell, City Secretary