MINUTES of the
KEENE CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2019

PRESENT: Mayor Gary Heinrich, Mayor Pro-Tem, Gwen Beeson, James Belz, Robert Cooper, and Cheryl Schram.
Arrived at: Rob Foster (6:11 pm) Lisa Parrish (6:13 pm)

CALLED TO ORDER: Called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance & Texas Pledge
Mayor Heinrich led the invocation and pledges.

1. Public Comments.
   
   No comments

2. Mayor’s Comments.
   
   Gwen Beeson thanked employees for all they do and the hard work they put in everyday for the city.
   The Mayor also thanked employees and said he appreciates all they do for the city.

3. Consent Agenda:
   - Discussion and possible action regarding minutes:
     - July 29, 2019
     - August 1, 2019

   Cheryl Schram made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Second by James Belz. Motion passed unanimously. 6-0-0

4. Discussion and possible action regarding employee health insurance proposals for FY 2019-2020

   Insurance Broker, Cinnamon Cherry from Alamo (Brown & Brown Insurance) gave a presentation to council on the 2019-2020 employee insurance proposals.

   Rob Foster made a motion to approve the 2019-2020 employee insurance proposal for United Health Care EPO with $250/$3,000 deductible and pay 100% employee coverage & 70% dependent coverage. Second by Robert Cooper.
   Motion passed 5-1-0 (Cheryl Schram, James Belz, Rob Foster, Gwen Beeson, Robert Cooper – yes; Lisa Parrish – no)
5. Discussion regarding the EOG-compliant generator for City Hall.

*Fire Chief Warner discussed the emergency generator for City Hall. Council decided to roll over the current funds into next year’s budget and revisit the emergency generator for next year.*

6. Discussion and possible action regarding a proposed property tax rate not to exceed for notices, publications and budget purposes.

*Robert Cooper made a motion to approve the proposed property tax rate not to exceed .897822. Second by James Belz.*

**Motion passed 5-1-0 (Cheryl Schram, James Belz, Rob Foster, Gwen Beeson, Robert Cooper – yes; Lisa Parrish – no)**

7. Discussion and possible action regarding dates for public hearings of the 2019 proposed tax rate if higher than the effective tax rate.

*Gwen Beeson made a motion to set dates for the public hearing on Thursday, August 29, 2019 at 6:00 pm and Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 6:00 pm. Second by Cheryl Schram. Motion passed unanimously. 6-0-0*

8. Discussion and possible action regarding setting a date to adopt the 2019 property tax rate.

*James Belz made a motion to set Thursday, September 26, 2019 to adopt the 2019 property tax rate. Second by Rob Foster. Motion passed unanimously. 6-0-0*

9. Discussion and possible action regarding the purchase of new police body cameras.

*Gwen Beeson made a motion to approve the purchase of the new police body cameras. Seconded by James Belz.*

**Motion passed 5-1-0 (Cheryl Schram, James Belz, Rob Foster, Gwen Beeson, Robert Cooper - yes; Lisa Parrish – no)**

10. City Engineer’s Report:
- Capital Improvement Projects
- Drainages Projects
- Engineering Department
• Grant related Projects
• Road Project
• Special Projects
• Transportation
• Wastewater Projects
• Water Projects

Public Works Director Don Martin gave the Engineer's report updating council on the above projects.

11. Interim City Manager's Report:

Interim City Manager Cheryl Estes just notified council the proposed FY 2019-2020 budget will be on next meetings agenda.

12. Executive Session: Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 (consultation with 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.

b. City Manager - 551.074 (personnel matters).
c. City Secretary - 551.074 (personnel matters).

Mayor Heinrich stated, council will only be discussing a) Municipal Court Judge.
Council went into closed session at 8:56 pm.

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

Council reconvened into open session at 9:13 pm.
Robert Cooper made a motion to renew the Municipal Court Judge – Toni Driver’s 2-year contract. Second by James Belz. Motion passed unanimously. 6-0-0

14. Discussion and requests for future items on the agenda.
• Gwen Beeson requested the City Manager and Council review the contract for JSUD every year.
• Mayor stated Rob Foster had asked about large projects like the new City Hall and certificates of obligation should be brought to the citizens for vote. Cheryl Estes let Council know that legislation is working on stricter guidelines on the process of issuing certificates of obligations for bigger projects and having it go to vote among the citizens. Since it is not on the Charter, Council would have to adopt a resolution every year for large projects over a certain dollar amounts would go to citizen vote.

15. Adjourn

Council adjourned at 9:19 pm.

By: [Signature]
Gary Heinrich, Mayor

Attest: [Signature]
Interim City Secretary