

# City Council – Minutes

Thursday, October 5, 2023, at 6:00 PM

Keene City Hall

## 1. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, PLEDGE TO TEXAS FLAG

Mayor Parrish called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, Mayor Parrish gave the invocation, all Council lead the Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to Texas Flag.

**Councilmembers present:** Mayor Parrish, James Belz, Ray Johnson, Thomas Gutwa, Rob Foster, Owen Larson, and Gwen Beeson.

**Councilmember absent:** None.

**Department Heads present:** Brent Batla, Don Martin, Tabatha Mansell, Charles Williams, Derek Malone, Chief Kidd, and Chief Warner.

## 2. MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced she had given a proclamation to Ms. Ella Mae Archer in honor of her 106<sup>th</sup> birthday.

## 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Samantha Gillin, Whitney Gonzales spoke during public comments.

## 4. REPORTS – None.

## 5. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS – None.

## 6. CONSENT AGENDA

### A. Consider approval of City Council minutes dated September 21, 2023.

Motion to approve made by Councilmember Gutwa, seconded by Councilmember Belz  
Motion carried 5-0-1 (Councilmember Foster abstained).

### B. Consider approval of a resolution appointing an early voting judge, presiding election judge, alternate election judge, and authorizing the Johnson County Elections Administrator to appoint the necessary election clerks to conduct the November 7, 2023, City of Keene General Election.

Motion to approve made by Councilmember Gutwa, seconded by Councilmember Belz  
Motion carried 5-0-1 (Councilmember Foster abstained).

## 7. GENERAL

### A. Consider approval of a resolution nominating candidate(s) for the Johnson County Central Appraisal District Board for the years 2024-2025. (Mayor Parrish requested)

Mayor Parrish presented to Council.  
Craig Hundley spoke on the topic.  
Duaine Goulding spoke on the topic.  
John Wood spoke on the topic.  
Amy Lingo spoke on the topic.  
Councilmember Belz spoke on the topic.  
Councilmember Foster spoke on the topic.  
Paul Jones spoke on the topic.  
Councilmember Beeson spoke on the topic.  
Wes Schram spoke on the topic.  
Councilmember Larson spoke on the topic.

Motion to approve nominating Don Beeson Sr, Duaine Goulding, John Wood, Paul Jones, and Amy Lingo for the Johnson County Central Appraisal District Board made by Councilmember Belz, seconded by Councilmember Foster.

Motion carried 5-0-1 (Councilmember Beeson abstained).

### B. Discuss and give staff direction changing the scheduled days and times for City Council meetings. (Councilmembers Foster and Johnson requested)

Mayor Parrish spoke on the topic.

Councilmember Foster spoke on the topic.  
Councilmember Larson spoke on the topic.  
Councilmember Beeson spoke on the topic.  
Councilmember Belz spoke on the topic.  
Councilmember Gutwa spoke on the topic.  
City Manager Brent Batla spoke on the topic.  
Councilmember Johnson spoke on the topic.  
Samantha Gillin spoke on the topic.

Council decided to not make any changes to the scheduled days and times for City Council meetings.

**C. Discuss potential future street maintenance fund. (City Manager Brent Batla requested)**

City Manager Brent Batla presented to Council.  
Finance Director Charles Williams spoke on the topic.  
Mayor Parrish spoke on the topic.  
Councilmember Gutwa spoke on the topic.  
Councilmember Larson spoke on the topic.

**8. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A. Section 551.074 Personnel Matters**

- Review, deliberate, and discuss the performance evaluation, duties, benefits, compensation, and employee agreement for the City Secretary.

8.1 Convene into Executive Session. 7:25 pm

8.2 Reconvene into Open Session. 8:35 pm

- No action was taken.

**9. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Councilmember Foster requested adopting Roberts Rules of Order.

Councilmember Gutwa requested the two agenda items that had been emailed to the City Secretary.

**10. ADJOURN**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm**

By: Lisa Parrish

Lisa Parrish, Mayor

Attest: Tabatha Mansell

Tabatha Mansell, City Secretary