

**MINUTES
of the
KEENE CITY COUNCIL**

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2020

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

ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Heinrich called the regular council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Invocation – Rob Foster

Pledge of Allegiance & Texas Flag – Gary Heinrich

1. Public Comments:

Danniele Bass- 201 Pioneer Dr, Keene. Danniele presented the Secret Senior Project. This project is an opportunity for the community to get involved to sponsor a Keene Senior High School student. This would be for giving or donating items to the senior to make them feel special and congratulate them for their accomplishments. She asked if the city could use its platform to promote this on the social media and be a drop off location.

Phillip Jackson – 110 Rosedale Ave, Keene. Phillip would like to give recognition of city employee Cindy Lewis, for being proactive in getting trash collected that had been missed the previous day.

Jesus Ramirez – 303 Shady Oak Rd, Keene. Jesus wanted to address the drainage ditch problem located at Mistletoe to Shady oak. He stated that the pool of water was drawing mosquitoes. He asked that we correct this problem with possibly putting a cement drain.

2. Mayor's Comments:

None

3. Consideration of Council Minutes dated May 07, 2020.

Councilman Cooper made a motion to approve the City Council Minutes for May 07, 2020. Councilman Belz seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0-0

4. Discussion and possible direction to city staff about increasing the total water production capabilities of the city. (Presentation by Eddie Aguilar, Jacob and Martin Engineering).

Eddie Aguilar with Jacob and Martin Engineering presented the council with alternatives to increase total water production capacity. He presented the existing water supply sources with the estimated production and the estimated amount we purchase thru Johnson County SUD. He explained the water supply requirements per TCEQ versus the city's usage. Eddie gave his estimated projections for the next twenty years population and demand for water consumption. Since we are not currently in compliance with the TCEQ requirement of water capacity of 0.6 gpm per connection, an exception request was submitted to TCEQ in April for the city of Keene to have 0.46 gpm per connection. Review time is typically 90 days.

The three alternatives for additional water supply Mr. Aguilar presented were:

Alt. 1: Amend wholesale water purchase agreement with JCSUD.

Alt 2: Inspection, maintenance and rehab of existing wells, especially inactive wells.

Alt 3: Drill new well(s).

City Manager Boese addressed the council to get direction on how the council would like staff to move forward.

Council advised staff that they would like for Mr. Boese to meet with JCSUD to initiate talks about possibly amending the contract to increase the buying purchase availability. In the meantime, while waiting on the exception request from TCEQ to check on the needs and price to repair the wells that are inactive. Another option is to look at the land that the city owns to see if either of the parcels of land would be suitable to put in a new well, or if we needed to look for additional property and sell either of the parcels.

5. Department Reports

- Police

Chief Hunt commented on the Lights on for Seniors and updated the council on the April 2020 patrol activity and criminal investigations activity.

- Fire

Chief Warner updated the council on the Fire and EMS Calls for April 2020 with the incident statistics and types. He introduced the new fire administration officer Mykolyn Garcia and that code enforcement officer Cindy Lewis had moved to the fire department under his supervision. Warner commended his staff on the Decon Unit that they created. He also recognized the crew on the community projects and events that they were included in.

- Finance

Mr. Williams presented the council with the financial reports up to April 2020. He discussed the sales tax and property tax comparisons between 2019-2020 and the projections for the remainder of the fiscal year.

6. Adjourn

Council adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

By:



Gary Heinrich, Mayor

Attest:



Carmella Diane Helms
City Secretary