

**MINUTES  
of the  
KEENE CITY COUNCIL**

**THURSDAY, JULY 02, 2020**

**PRESENT: Mayor Gary Heinrich, Lisa Parrish, Robert Cooper, David Bass, and Mayor Pro-Tem Gwen Beeson. Rob Foster was present by phone.**

**ABSENT: James Belz**

**CALLED TO ORDER: Called the regular council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.**

**Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance – Gary Heinrich**

**1. Public Comments:**

**Paul Gnad – Announced that the Independence Day parade and fireworks show scheduled for July 5<sup>th</sup> was cancelled.**

**Chief Bradford Hunt presented a commendation to officer Brandon Arriola.**

**2. Mayor’s Comments:**

**Mayor Heinrich presented a Proclamation for Keene to be a Purple Heart City.**

**City council election packets will be available July 20<sup>th</sup> at city hall for seat places Mayor, Place I, Place III and Ward II**

**3. Consideration of Council Minutes dated June 18, 2020.**

**Councilmember Cooper made a motion to approve the City Council Minutes for June 18, 2020. Councilmember Parrish seconded the motion.**

**Motion carried 5-0-0**

**4. Discussion and possible action to appoint a candidate (Carl Wright) to fill the open seat for the remaining term on the Economic Development Board Type A.**

**Councilmember Bass made a motion to appoint Carl Wright to fill the open seat for the remaining term on the Economic Development Board Type A. Councilmember Beeson seconded the motion.**

**Motion carried 5-0-0.**

5. Discussion and possible action to appoint a candidate (Jason Hamilton) to fill the open seat for the remaining term on the Economic Development Board Type B.

**Councilmember Cooper made a motion to appoint Jason Hamilton to fill the open seat for the remaining term on the Economic Development Board Type B. Councilman Bass seconded the motion.**

**Motion carried 5-0-0.**

6. Discussion and possible action regarding Ordinance No. 2020-614 authorizing the acceptance of credit cards for payment of fees, fines, court costs and other charges; providing for a processing fee for credit card payment of fees, fines, court costs and other charges; providing for a service charge if payment by credit card is not honored.

**Councilmember Bass made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-614 authorizing the acceptance of credit cards for payment of fees, fines, court costs and other charges; providing for a processing fee for credit card payment of fees, fines, court costs and other charges; providing for a service charge if payment by credit card is not honored. Councilmember Beeson seconded the motion.**

**Motion carried 5-0-0.**

7. Department Reports

- a. City Manager:

**City Manager Michael Boese provided an update on the capital improvement plan. He advised council that our engineers are still waiting on our variance requests with TECQ. Mr. Boese stated that the city is hoping to have that back by the end of July or August. We are currently working with TECQ on these variances.**

**Mr. Boese mentioned that the consumer water report is posted on the city website, also customers will be receiving a letter in the mail.**

**Mr. Boese briefly updated council on the Fundview implementations status. He advised that the following departments are up and running: building permits, code enforcement, accounts payable and working on payroll the last couple of days.**

**First budget workshop will be Thursday July 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.**

8. Executive Session: Pursuant to 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), 551.76 (security matters), 551.087 (economic development). Executive Session may be held, under the 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 matter of the City Council Meeting.

**No Executive Session**

9. Adjourn

**Council adjourned at 6:39 p.m.**

By: Gary Heinrich  
Gary Heinrich, Mayor

Attest: Diane Helms  
Diane Helms  
City Secretary