

**MINUTES
of the
KEENE CITY COUNCIL**

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2020

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

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

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance – Gary Heinrich

1. Public Comments:

Michelle Watts – Spoke about tall grass located near her property on the 4th street pocket park.

2. Mayor's Comments:

None

3. Consideration of Council Minutes dated July 02, 2020 and Budget Workshop July 02, 2020.

Councilmember Parrish made a motion to approve the City Council Minutes for July 02, 2020. Councilmember Beeson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0-0

Councilmember Belz made a motion to approve the Budget Workshop Minutes for July 09, 2020. Councilmember Parrish seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0-0

4. Discussion and possible action to appoint a candidate (Phillip Jackson) for place 4 term to expire March 2022 the Planning and Zoning Board.

Councilmember Belz made a motion to deny the appointment of Phillip Jackson for place 4 to expire March 2022 for Planning and Zoning Board. Councilmember Bass seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-1-1. Councilmember Parrish voted against. Councilmember Foster abstained.

5. Discussion and possible action to appoint a candidate (Royce Spalding) for place 2 term to expire March 2022 the Planning and Zoning Board.

Councilmember Cooper made a motion to appoint Royce Spalding for place 2 term to expire March 2020 the Planning and Zoning Board. Councilman Belz seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0-0.

6. Discussion and possible action to appoint a candidate (Cheryl Schram) as an alternate for place 4 term to expire March 2022 the Planning and Zoning Board.

Councilmember Foster made a motion to appoint Cheryl Schram for place 4 term to expire March 2020 the Planning and Zoning board. Councilmember Bass seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0-0.

7. Bonds and Tax Notes plan of finance presentation from City's financial advisor Hilltop Securities Inc.; discuss bond funding opportunities and possible issuance of a tax note.

Andre Ayala presented options on refunding tax notes and general obligation bonds. Council agreed to grant permission to the city manager to move forward gaining information to see what rates the city could qualify for.

8. Discussion and possible action regarding budget amendment to Police Department for the purchase of a vehicle.

Councilmember Beeson made a motion to approve the ordinance amendment up to \$18,500 for the purchase of a vehicle for the police department. Councilmember Bass seconded the motion.

Motion Carried 6-0-0

9. Discussion and possible action regarding budget amendment for the purchase of a vehicle for the Public Works Department.

Councilmember Cooper made a motion to approve the ordinance amendment for the purchase of a vehicle for the Public Works Department. Councilmember Bass seconded the motion.

Motion Carried 6-0-0

10. Discussion and possible action approving Resolution No. 2020-374 regarding creating new bank accounts.

Councilmember Foster made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-374 regarding creating new bank accounts. Councilmember Belz seconded the motion.

Motion Carried 6-0-0

Councilmember Foster left the meeting at 7:13

11. Department Reports:

- **Police Department**
Chief Hunt updated the council and citizens on the June 2020 patrol and criminal activity with incident statistics and types of calls. He also presented the animal control calls and report for June 2020.
- **Fire Department**
Chief Warner updated the council and citizens on the Fire, EMS and Code Enforcement activity for the month of June 2020. He explained that the lack of volunteer presence was still due to Covid-19.
- **Public Works**
Director Martin updated the council and citizens on the completion of the fence for wells 1 & 5 on S. College, the repairs on 4th Street and the updates on the progress of the water, sewer and drainage for the new Bristol Oaks Subdivision.
- **Police and Fire**
Chief Hunt and Chief Warner announced the Open House for Police and Fire Department will be Sunday, July 26 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm, located at 201 & 203 E Hillcrest Street. Tour the station and fire and police vehicles will be available to view. This is a great opportunity to visit and ask questions. Covid-19 restrictions will apply.

- 12. 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.**

Entered Executive Session at 7:35 pm

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

Reconvened into Open Session at 8:23 pm

Councilmember Belz made a motion to grant the city manager permission to enter into a contract to sell real property. Councilmember Bass seconded the motion.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

Councilmember Belz made a motion to allow the city manager to negotiate a building lease for the police department. Councilmember Bass seconded the motion.

Motion Carried 5-0-0


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

No Budget Workshop for July 23, 2020.

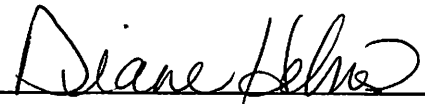
Councilmember Belz would like to have an item to discuss and take possible action on EDC A & B boards having meetings more frequently.

15. Adjourn

Council adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

By: 

Gary Heinrich, Mayor

Attest: 

Diane Helms, City Secretary