

**MINUTES
of the
KEENE CITY COUNCIL**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 2023

PRESENT: Mayor Parrish, James Belz, Ray Johnson, Thomas Gutwa, Rob Foster, Gwen Beeson, and City Attorney Pat Chesser.

ABSENT: Owen Larson.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m.

Invocation – Mayor Parrish.

Pledge of Allegiance & Pledge to the Texas Flag – Council and Public.

- 1. Mayor Comments:**
 - **Addressed Council and Public.**
- 2. Public Comments:**
 - **Samantha Gillin spoke during public comments.**
- 3. Discussion and take possible action adopting Ordinance No. 2023-656 creating City Council Agenda Setting Procedures.**
 - **Mayor Parrish spoke on the topic.**
 - **Councilmember Foster spoke on the topic.**
 - **City Attorney Pat Chesser spoke on the topic.**
 - **Councilmember Gutwa spoke on the topic.**
 - **Councilmember Beeson spoke on the topic.**
 - **Councilmember Johnson spoke on the topic.**
 - **Councilmember Foster made a motion to approve adopting Ordinance No. 2023-656 creating City Council Agenda Setting Procedures with the following corrections:**
 - **SEC. 30.05 (1)(b) Any one (1) City Council member, including the Mayor, may submit a request in writing to the City Manager and City Secretary for an item to be placed on the agenda.**
 - **SEC. 30.05 (1)(b) In addition, an item requested to be on the agenda by any one (1) City Council member, including the Mayor, during the “Request for future agenda items” at a City Council meeting shall be placed on the next regular City Council meeting agenda.**
 - **Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion.**
 - **Motion carried 4-1-0 (Councilmember Gutwa against. Councilmember Larson absent).**
- 4. Discussion and take possible action authorizing an agreement with Vertosoft and SOMA Global to provide public safety platform software services to the Police Department.**
 - **Police Chief Kidd presented the agreement to Council.**
 - **Councilmember Belz spoke on the topic.**

- Councilmember Foster made a motion to approve authorizing an agreement with Vertosoft and SOMA Global to provide public safety platform software services to the Keene Police Department.
 - Councilmember Gutwa seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried 5-0-0 (Councilmember Larson absent).
5. Discussion and take possible action approving Resolution No. 2023-426 creating a new bank account, PFFCO 2023 Note Series – Fire Engine & Brush Truck.
- Councilmember Foster made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-426 creating a new interest-bearing bank account, PFFCO 2023 Note Series – Fire Engine & Brush Truck.
 - Councilmember Beeson seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried 5-0-0 (Councilmember Larson absent).
6. Discussion and take possible action authorizing staff to use the CARES Act (ARPA) funds for the purchase of live streaming services for public meetings held by the City Council and other City boards, commissions, and economic development corporations.
- HR Director Nathan Drambareanu presented the item to Council.
 - Councilmember Gutwa made a motion to approve authorizing staff to use the CARES Act (ARPA) funds for the purchase of live streaming services for public meetings held by the City Council and other City boards, commissions, and economic development corporations.
 - Councilmember Belz seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried 5-0-0 (Councilmember Larson absent).
7. Budget Workshop FY 2023-2024.
- All department heads presented the FY 2023-2024 budget to Council.
8. City Manager Report.
- Brent Batla updated Council on the following:
 - Updated Council on the RFP for the basketball court, Updated Council on the resumption on the sidewalks on Eastern.
9. Executive Session: Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, the City Council may convene into a closed, Executive Session in accordance with the following authority:
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| 551.071 (consultation with the attorney) | 551.072 (real property) | 551.073 (prospective gifts) |
| 551.074 (personnel matters) | 551.076 (security matters) | 551.087 (economic development) |
- Convened into Executive Session at 9:07 p.m.
 - a) 551.074 (personnel matters) – City Attorney
 - b) 551.074 (personnel matters) – City Secretary
 - c) 551.074 (personnel matters) – Mayor Pro Tem
 - d) 551.087 (economic development); 551.071 (consultation with the attorney) – Possible amendment to Chapter 380 Economic Development Agreement and Developer’s Agreement with J&L Holdings.
 - Councilmember Belz requested the Mayor Pro Tem item to be in open session.
 - Councilmember Foster received a majority consensus from Councilmembers Belz, Johnson, and Beeson to change the order of Executive Session items.

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

- Reconvened into Open Session at 10:57 p.m.

12. Discussion and take possible action authorizing an amendment to the Chapter 380 Economic Development Agreement and/or the Developer's Agreement with J&L Holdings.

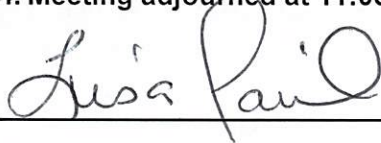
- Councilmember Foster made a motion to approve authorizing an amendment to the Chapter 380 Economic Development Agreement and/or the Developer's Agreement with J&L Holdings.
- Councilmember Gutwa seconded the motion.
- Motion carried 5-0-0 (Councilmember Larson absent).

13. Requests for future agenda items.

- Councilmember Foster requested to move the City Council meetings to Tuesday. Seconded by Councilmember Belz.
- Councilmember Foster requested a Resolution for the City Secretary to report to the City Manager.
- Councilmember Johnson requested to change the City Council meeting time to 7 p.m.
- Councilmember Gutwa requested a discussion regarding the issue Public Works has with determining sewer output in areas the City doesn't provide water service.

14. Meeting adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

By: _____



Lisa Parrish, Mayor

Attest: _____



Tabatha Mansell, City Secretary