

**MINUTES
of the
KEENE CITY COUNCIL**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2020

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

ABSENT: Lisa Parrish

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

Invocation – Rob Foster

Pledge of Allegiance – Gary Heinrich

1. Public Comments:

Wes Schram - asked to correct the minutes dated July 30, 2020 discussing the ordinance No. 2020-616 that he was not opposed to the ordinance, that he was questioning the maintenance on the roads.

2. Mayor's Comments:

None

3. Consideration of Council Minutes dated July 30, 2020 and August 6, 2020.

Councilmember Cooper made a motion to approve the City Council Minutes for July 30, 2020 and August 6, 2020 with the mentioned corrections. Councilmember Belz seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0-0

4. Discussion and possible action to appoint a candidate (Billie Hopps) for Place 3 term to expire March 2021 for the Planning and Zoning Board.

Councilmember Belz made a motion to appoint Billie Hopps for Place 3 term to expire March 2021 for the Planning and Zoning Board. Councilmember Foster seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0-0.

5. Discussion and possible action to appoint a candidate (Nick Chesney) as an alternate to expire March 2022 for the Planning and Zoning Board.

Councilmember Cooper made a motion to appoint Nick Chesney as an alternate to expire March 2022 for the Planning and Zoning Board. Councilman Beeson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0-0.

6. Department Reports

a. City Manager:

Mr. Boese and Mr. Williams, finance director, were able to have a S&P rating interview. That preliminary rating should be available around August 24th and will be able to update the council of that rating on the next council meeting.

Mr. Boese and Amber, the Human Resource Director, have a scheduled meeting with the Insurance broker on Friday August 14. They will update council on the new insurance rates at the August 27th council meeting.

Mr. Hickman has withdrawn the request for the rezone for the RV park on Hwy 67. This official notice will be included in the August 27th council meeting. The owner of the property is continuing to address the easement concerns for future opportunities.

Mr. Boese wanted to address the concern of the illegal dumping on CR 805B of trash and debris. The fire department lent a helping hand to public works and helped to clean up that area. This shows how our city employees work as a team to meet the needs of the city. He wanted to acknowledge the fire department.

- 7. 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.**

Executive Session Began: 6:08 pm

Executive Session Ended: 7:06 pm

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

Councilmember Belz made a motion to direct the city manager to proceed on the mediated settlement with Quality Excavation. Councilmember Foster seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0-0

9. Adjourn the meeting at 7:07 pm

By: Gary Heinrich
Gary Heinrich, Mayor

Attest: Diane Helms
Diane Helms
City Secretary