

**MINUTES
of the
KEENE CITY COUNCIL**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2020

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

ABSENT: David Bass

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

Invocation – Robert Cooper

Pledge of Allegiance – Gary Heinrich

1. Public Comments – None
2. Mayor's Comments - None
3. Consideration of City Council Minutes dated August 13, 2020.

Councilmember Cooper made a motion to approve the City Council Minutes for August 13, 2020. Councilmember Foster seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0-0

4. Public Hearing: Hold public hearing to discuss the proposed request of rezoning certain tracts of land within the City of Keene, Texas, being legally described as Abstract 114, Tract 39,9, PT 39B, 40, BBB & C RR CO; Abstract 701, Tract 21 (PT3), Tract 21A1, Tract 21A, 21B, 21, 21E J. Pennington; Abstract 567, Tract 2, 2A D. Mise; Exhibit "A". Approximately 16.43 acres more or less of land "from" Agriculture (AG) to "PD-Planned Development subject to the specific requirements contained in this ordinance as exhibit "B". (Ordinance No. 2020-617) (**Canceled**: Application Withdrawn By Property Owner)
5. Public Hearing: Hold public hearing to discuss the proposed tax rate for the FY 2020-2021.

Public Hearing Opened at 6:03 p.m.
No public comments
Public Hearing Closed at 6:03 p.m.
6. Discussion and possible action regarding setting a public hearing for the proposed FY 2020-2021 Budget.

Councilmember Foster made a motion to set the date of September 10, 2020 for the public hearing for the proposed budget for the FY 2020-2021. Councilmember Beeson seconded the motion.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

7. Discussion and possible action regarding employee health insurance proposals for FY 2020-2021.

Haley with Lockton presented the proposed employee health insurance plan.

Councilmember Parrish asked Haley if other health proposals had been considered, such as proposals with lower dependent coverage, higher deductibles for employees, or higher deductibles for employee out of pocket expense. Councilmember Parrish questioned the high cost of this plan and stated that from her research this plan is unsustainable for a town of 6,000 population and for so few numbers of employees.

Haley stated that other proposals had been considered but they were not being recommended at this time.

Councilmember Foster made a motion to approve the employee health insurance proposals for the FY 2020-2021. Councilmember Belz seconded the motion.

Motion Carried 4-1-0.

Councilmembers Belz, Cooper, Foster and Beeson voted in favor of the motion. Councilmember Parrish voted opposed to the motion.

8. Consider and possible action on Resolution 2020-375 declaring intention to reimburse an amount not to exceed \$345,000 for certain capital expenditures with proceeds from debt; and place time restrictions on the issuance of tax-exempt obligations.

Chief Warner gave a presentation about the need for a new ambulance and related equipment. The current ambulance, he stated, is a 2011 model and has been requiring ongoing maintenance that is currently exceeding the budgeted cost for the fiscal year.

Councilmember Parrish asked a question on the motion if the capital expenditures were only for the ambulance and related equipment since they weren't specifically listed in the motion. The city manager, M. Boese, confirmed.

Councilmember Foster made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-375 declaring intention to reimburse an amount not to exceed \$345,000 for certain capital expenditures with proceeds from debt; and place time restrictions on the issuance of tax-exempt obligations. Councilmember Belz seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0-0

9. Discuss and possible action on the interlocal cooperation agreement for dispatching services with Johnson County for the FY 2020-2021.

Councilmember Foster made a motion to approve the interlocal cooperation agreement for dispatching services with Johnson County for the FY 2020-2021. Councilmember Parrish seconded the motion.

Motion Carried 5-0-0

10. Discuss and possible action on the interlocal agreement for communication services with Johnson County for the FY 2020-2021.

Councilmember Belz made a motion to approve the interlocal agreement for communication services with Johnson County for the FY 2020-2021. Councilmember Cooper seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0-0

11. Department Reports:

- **Public Works**

Public Works Director D. Martin updated the council on the project that the water and sewer have been working on. The lift station on North 2280 has been completed under budget and the Fourth Street repairs have completed with some clean-up work still needed to be completed. Bristol Oaks is coming along with water, sewer lines and drainage about 95% complete and working on roads now.

- **Fire Department**

Chief Warner updated the council and citizens on the Fire, EMS and Code Enforcement activity for the month of July 2020. He showed a few pictures and spoke about the Fire and Police Open House event that was on July 26th, 2020.

- **Police Department**

Chief Hunt updated the council and the citizens on the July 2020 patrol and criminal activity with incident statistics and types of calls. He presented the animal control activity with helping some of the animals find their home and others being put into temporary homes.

- **Finance Department**

Finance Director C. Williams presented the July 2020 finances to the council and the citizens.

- **City Manager**

City Manager M. Boese updated the council and citizens that he has been spoken with the new contact for Republic Services and they have agreed to be more flexible on items that will be picked up during bulk trash day.

M. Boese also discussed the need to plan for a capital improvement project for a future police department.

12. Adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

By: Gary Heinrich
Gary Heinrich, Mayor

Attest: Diane Helms
Diane Helms
City Secretary