

**MINUTES
of the
KEENE CITY COUNCIL**

THURSDAY, SEPTMEBER 10, 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 – Mike Boese

Pledge of Allegiance – Gary Heinrich

1. Public Comments – None
2. Mayor's Comments - None
3. Consideration of City Council Minutes dated August 27, 2020.

Councilmember Cooper made a motion to approve the City Council Minutes for August 27, 2020. Councilmember Belz seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0-0

4. Amend the Election Order for November 3, 2020. Ordinance No. 2020-618
**Councilmember Parrish made a motion to approve the amendment to the Election Order for November 3, 2020. Ordinance No. 2020-618 with changes noted.
Councilmember Foster seconded the motion.**

Motion carried 6-0-0

5. Discussion and possible action regarding Ordinance No. 2020-619 adopting the 2020 Atmos Energy RRM Tariff
**Councilmember Cooper made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-619 adopting the 2020 Atmos Energy RRM Tariff. Councilmember Belz seconded the motion.
Motion carried 6-0-0**

6. Discussion and possible action on the interlocal cooperation agreement for Housing Class C Misdemeanor Prisoners with Johnson County for the FY 2020-2021.

Councilmember Cooper made a motion to approve the interlocal agreement for Housing Class C Misdemeanor Prisoners with Johnson County for the FY 2020-2021 Councilmember Foster seconded the motion.

Motion Carried 6-0-0

7. Discussion and possible action regarding the Official Ballot for the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool Board of Trustees Election; and authorize the Mayor to execute the Official Ballot.

Councilmember Belz made a motion to vote for Robert T. Herrera for Place 1. Councilmember Foster seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0-0

Councilmember Foster made a motion to vote for John W. (Buzz) Fullen for Place 2. Councilmember Belz seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0-0

Councilmember Foster made a motion to vote for George Hyde for Place 3. Councilmember Belz seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0-0

Councilmember Belz med a motion to vote for Dave Martin for Place 4. Councilmember Foster seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0-0

Council Member Parrish made a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the official ballot for the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool Board of Trustees Election ballot. Councilmember Belz seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0-0

8. Discussion and possible action regarding Ordinance No. 2020-2022 moving the Fire Department to a 14 day pay cycle.

The HR director A. Bransom presented the benefit of changing the fire department to a 14 day pay cycle in line with the rest of the staff. This will not have any effect on the budget.

Councilmember Cooper made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-2022 regarding moving the Fire Department to a 14 day pay cycle. Councilmember Belz seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0-0

9. Discuss and possible action regarding the annual renewal of an agreement between Johnson County Emergency Services District No. 1 and City of Keene, for the extinguisher and other emergency services.

Councilmember Belz made a motion to approve the annual renewal of an agreement between Johnson County Emergency Services District No. 1 and the City of Keene, for the extinguisher and other emergency services. Councilmember Cooper seconded the motion.

Motion Carried 6-0-0

10. Discussion with direction to staff regarding budgeting the cost of personnel and equipment needed to live stream City Council and other board meeting in the FY 2020-2021 budget.

Councilmember Bass directed the staff to not move forward with the live streaming at this time. Councilmembers Foster, Beeson and Belz were in agreeance with councilmember Bass. Councilmember Parrish was not in agreeance.

11. Discussion with direction to staff regarding the FY 2020-2021 budget.

Finance Director C. Williams presented the council with the FY 2020-2021 proposed budget. Councilmembers asked questions from the department heads on certain line item expenses.

Councilmember Belz suggested that we look at including a fence to put around the gun range in the budget.

During the public works discussion, councilmember Belz suggested that we add a position of a street supervisor to the budget to help with issues with potholes and other street repairs.

12. Department Reports:

Public Works

Public Works director D. Martin updated the council on the August projects. Bristol Oaks is coming along with water, sewer lines, and drainage are about 99% complete and streets are almost complete.

Water production and water purchased increased from the month before, due to the higher temperatures. There were 7 water leaks, 5 sewer back-ups and several potholes were prepared during the month of August.

City Manager

City Manager M. Boese announced that we received recognition for our city's response to the 2020 census. He wanted to thank the citizens. He stated that this will help with any grants that we applied for.

Mr. Boese says that he and Councilmember Bass are staying in contact with Republic Services to continue working on improving the trash / bulk pickup for the city.

Utility billing will be moving over to the Fundview software in late October. This will offer the ability to track work orders to better serve the citizens and offer accountability.

Councilmember L. Parrish left the meeting at 8:30 pm

13. Executive Session: Pursuant to Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government, Sections 551.071 (consultation with attorney), 551-072 (real property), 551.073 (prospective gifts), 551.074 (personnel matters), 551.076 (securities 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: 8:30 pm

Executive Session Ended: 9:17 pm

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

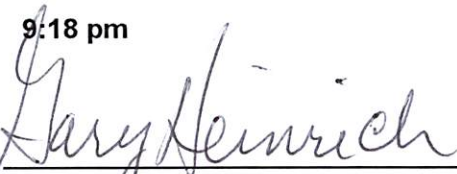
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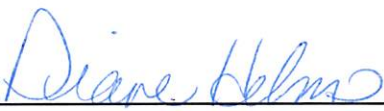
15. Discussion and requests for future items on the agenda.

None

16. Adjourn

9:18 pm

By: 
Gary Heinrich, Mayor

Attest: 
Diane Helms, City Secretary