

**MINUTES
of the
KEENE CITY COUNCIL**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 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 – Gary Heinrich

Pledge of Allegiance – Gary Heinrich

- 1. Public Comments – None**
- 2. Mayor's Comments - None**
- 3. Consideration of City Council Minutes dated September 24, 2020.**

Councilmember Cooper made a motion to approve the City Council Minutes for September 24, 2020. Councilmember Bass seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0-0

- 4. Discussion and possible action regarding Ordinance No. 2020-620 annual investment policy review and approval.**

Councilmember Cooper made a motion to table Ordinance No. 2020-620 regarding the annual investment policy. Councilmember Bass seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0-0

- 5. Public Hearing: Hold a public hearing to receive written and/or oral comments regarding the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 prospect budget.**

Public Hearing Opened at 6:03 p.m.

No public comments

Public Hearing Closed at 6:05 p.m.

- 6. Discussion and possible action regarding Ordinance No. 2020-623 approving and adopting a budget for operating the municipal government for the City of Keene for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021; and appropriating money for the various funds and purposes of such budget including appropriations of money to pay interest and principal sinking fund requirements on all indebtedness.**

Councilmember Parrish asked M. Boese, the city manager, to explain the changes to the budget since the last council meeting. M. Boese explained that \$7000 had been added to the police budget for a fence around the gun range and that \$60,237 had been added to the Public Works department to hire a supervisor for the streets department.

Councilmember Parrish asked M. Boese how many street personnel the city had currently. M. Boese replied that there were 2 positions, but one was vacant. Councilmember Parrish asked M. Boese if the city were underpaying as the reason for the vacancy. M. Boese said that 2 positions were currently open in the Public Works department and one employee did leave for higher pay elsewhere. Councilmember Parrish asked M. Boese how many applications for the vacant position had been received to date. Don Martin, Director for the Public Works Department, raised his fingers to show that 3 applications had been received. Councilmember Parrish questioned that no additional material to fill potholes was being added to the budget and cited concerns that the hiring of an additional personnel to the Public Works department would be productive.

Councilmember Foster made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-623 regarding adopting a budget for operating the municipal government for the City of Keene for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021; and appropriating money for the various funds and purposes of such budget including appropriations of money to pay interest and principal sinking fund requirements on all indebtedness. Councilmember Bass seconded the motion.

<u>Councilmember</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Councilmember</u>	<u>Vote</u>
J. Belz	Yes	R. Foster	Yes
L. Parrish	No	D. Bass	Yes
R. Cooper	Yes	G. Beeson	Yes

Motion Carried 5-1-0

7. Discussion and possible action regarding Ordinance No. 2020-624 adopting the tax rate of \$0.854134 and levying a tax upon all property subject to taxation with the City of Keene, Texas, for the 2020 tax year for the use and support of the municipal government of the City of Keene of the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending on September 30, 2021.

Councilmember Foster made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-624 regarding adopting the tax rate of \$0.854134 and levying a tax upon all property subject to taxation with the City of Keene, Texas, for the 2020 tax year for the use and support of the municipal government of the City of Keene of the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending on September 30, 2020. Councilmember Belz seconded the motion.

<u>Councilmember</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Councilmember</u>	<u>Vote</u>
J. Belz	Yes	R. Foster	Yes
L. Parrish	No	D. Bass	Yes
R. Cooper	Yes	G. Beeson	Yes

Motion Carried 5-1-0

8. Department Reports:

- Fire Department
Chief Warner updated the council and the citizens on the Fire, EMS and Code Enforcement activity for the month of August 2020.
- Police Department
Chief Hunt updated the council and the citizens on the August 2020 patrol and criminal activity with incident statistics and types of calls. He also presented the animal control activity.
- Finance Department
Finance Director C. Williams presented the August 2020 financials.

9. 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.

Consult with Attorney 551.071

Executive Session Began: 6:52 pm

Executive Session Ended: 7:31 pm

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

No action taken

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

None

12. Adjourn

7:34 p.m.

By: _____

Gary Heinrich, Mayor

Attest: _____

Diane Helms, City Secretary