

**MINUTES  
of the  
KEENE CITY COUNCIL**

**THURSDAY, October 08, 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 – City Manager, M. Boese**

**Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor, Gary Heinrich**

- 1. Public Comments – None**
- 2. Mayor's Comments - None**
- 3. Consideration of City Council Minutes dated October 8th, 2020.**

**Councilmember Cooper made a motion to approve the City Council Minutes for October 8th, 2020 with corrections. Councilmember Belz seconded the motion.**

**Motion carried 6-0-0**

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

**Discussion concerning the signatures for the authority to invest by council, City Manager, M. Boese and T. Ross from Valley View Consulting. Council has requested that we make changes to add the city secretary and the finance director as authority to sign. Also remove the Item D paragraph 4. "Personnel Authorization to Transact Fiscal Affairs".**

**Councilmember Bass made a motion to table Ordinance No. 2020-620 regarding the annual investment policy until the changes have been made. Councilmember Foster seconded the motion.**

**Motion carried 6-0-0**

- 5. Department Reports:**

- Public Works**

**The Public Works Director D. Martin updated the council on the Bristol Oaks Subdivision project on the sewer lines, storm drains, the concrete work and water samples. The crews have been working on eight water leaks, six sewer back-ups and several pothole repairs. Councilmember Parrish questioned how many potholes have been filled, she felt it would be nice to have a count.**

- **City Manger**

The City Manager M. Boese updated the council on the errors on the tax rate ordinance. These corrections will be made, and this did not affect the tax rate. He addressed the past due water accounts and how we are going forward to work with the citizens as well as getting these accounts current. He also addressed the issues with potholes, he wanted to remind everyone that it was against the law for citizens to block the roadway. That it is a serious safety concern for the citizen and others. He wanted to express his appreciation for the volunteerism. If any citizens would like to volunteer and work with city workers to make sure that the safety measures are put in place, we would be more than happy to help that. He addressed the memo in the council packet concerning candidate K. Romanelli concerning some citizens that had complaints about K. Romanelli's military service. He expressed his appreciation to K. Romanelli for providing his military record. M. Boese commented that citizens do have the ability to come forward with concerns that they have whether it is on this topic or any other issues.

6. **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.**

**No Executive Session**

7. **Discussion and requests for future items on the agenda.**

**None**

8. **Adjourn**

**7:07 p.m.**

**By:**



**Gary Heinrich, Mayor**

**Attest:**



**Diane Helms, City Secretary**