



Notice of Meeting
Regular Meeting of the Keene City Council

Thursday, September 21, 2023

Lisa Parrish
Mayor

Ray Johnson
Place I

Thomas Gutwa
Place II

James Belz
Mayor Pro-Tem, Place III

Rob Foster
Ward I

Gwen Beeson
Ward II

Owen Larson
Ward III

Notice is hereby given that a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Keene will be held on Thursday, September 21, 2023, at 6:00 PM at the Keene City Hall, located at 1000 N Old Betsy Rd (FM 2280), Cleburne, Texas, in the City Council Chamber.

City Hall is wheelchair accessible. The entry ramp is at the front, with entry at the front entrance to City Hall. Reasonable accommodation to furnish auxiliary aids or assistance to assist persons with special needs will be provided when seventy-two (72) hours advance notice is given. Please contact the City Secretary at 817-641-3336 ext. 105.

The City Council of the City of Keene, Texas, reserves the right to meet in a closed executive session on any of the items listed below should the need arise and if authorized by Title 5, Chapter 551, of the Texas Government Code.

Call to order and certification of quorum

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

1. Mayor Comments:

2. Public Comments:

Citizens in attendance who desires to speak to the City Council on an item NOT posted on the agenda shall speak during this section. A speaker card must be filled out and turned in to the City Secretary prior to addressing the City Council. Citizens are required to stand when speaking, state their name and address, and the comment time is limited to three (3) minutes.

Please note that City Council may only take action on items posted on the agenda. The Texas Open Meetings Act prohibits the City Council from deliberating or taking action on an item not listed on the agenda. City Council may, however, receive your comments on the unlisted item, ask clarifying questions, respond with facts, and explain policy.

Each citizen in attendance who desires to speak to the City Council on an item posted on the agenda shall speak when the item is called forward for consideration.

3. Consider approval of City Council minutes dated September 7, 2023.

4. Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding issues staff are experiencing with charging flat rate sewer fees on subdivisions within the city.

5. Public Hearing: Conduct a public hearing to hear and discuss the recommendation of change in zoning request from Derrick Chiu, for approximately 0.3836 acres more/less of land. Lot 5, Blk 1, Windmill Courts Sec 1; 211 N Eastern Street request to change the current zoning from Single Family 2 (SF-2) to Two Family (T-F).

6. Consider approval of an ordinance authorizing the zoning change for approximately 0.3836 acres more/less of land. Lot 5, Blk 1, Windmill Courts Sec 1; 211 N Eastern Street changing the current zoning from Single Family 2 (SF-2) to Two Family (T-F).

7. Public Hearing: Hold a second public hearing to receive written or oral comments regarding the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year proposed budget.

8. Public Hearing: Hold a second public hearing to receive written and /or oral comments regarding the Ad Valorem Tax Rate and levy on assessed property subject to taxation within the City of Keene, Texas, for the 2023 tax year for the use and support of the municipal government of the City of Keene for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023, and ending on September 30, 2024.

9. Consider approval of an ordinance approving and adopting a budget for operating the municipal government for the City of Keene for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023, and ending on September 30, 2024; and appropriating money for the various funds and purposes of such budget including appropriations of money to pay interest and sinking fund requirements on all indebtedness.

10. Consider approval of an ordinance approving and adopting an Ad Valorem Tax Rate and levy on assessed property of a proposed tax rate of \$0.834134 per \$100 valuation for the tax year 2023 for

