

**MINUTES
of the
KEENE CITY COUNCIL**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2022

PRESENT: Mayor Gary Heinrich, Mayor Pro-Tem Gwen Beeson, Lisa Parrish, Robert Cooper, Rob Foster, Thomas Gutwa, and Phillip Jackson.

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation – Thomas Gutwa

Pledge of Allegiance & Pledge to the Texas Flag – Council

1. Public Comments:

Councilmember Gutwa asked the council to consider some of the allowed uses in our commercial uses along Old Betsy and Hwy 67.

2. Mayor Comments: None

3. Consideration of City Council minutes dated December 30, 2021.

Councilmember Cooper made a motion to approve minutes dated December 30, 2021.

Councilmember Foster seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0-1, Councilmember Parrish abstained because she was not present at the meeting.

4. Discussion and take possible action on planning services agreement with Pacheco Koch Consulting Engineers.

Councilmember Foster made a motion to approve the planning service agreement with Pacheco Koch Consulting Engineers. Councilmember Cooper seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0-0

5. Discussion and take possible action regarding the City of Keene 2022 Holiday schedule.

Councilmember Beeson made a motion to approve the City of Keene 2022 Holiday schedule. Councilmember Cooper seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0-0.

6. Discussion and take possible action on Ordinance No. 2022-642, providing for the establishment of No Parking – Tow-away zone signs in front of private curb cut-out with trash dumpster on East Magnolia Street, the north side of the intersection with Elm Street; and ordaining other matters relating to the subject.

Councilmember Foster made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2022-642, providing for the establishment of No Parking – Tow-away zone signs in front of private curb cut-out with trash dumpster on East Magnolia Street, the north side of the intersection with Elm Street; and ordaining other matters relating to the subject. Councilmember Parrish seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-1-0, Councilmember Jackson voted in opposition.

7. Discussion and take possible action on Ordinance No. 2022-643, providing for the establishment of No Parking area in front of the Keene Junior High School on south Eastern Street; and ordaining other matters relating to the subject.

Councilmember Beeson made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2022-643, providing for the establishment of No Parking area in front of the Keene Junior High School on south Eastern Street; and ordaining other matters relating to the subject. Councilmember Foster seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0-0

8. Executive Session: Pursuant to Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government, Sections 551.071 (consultation with an attorney), 551-072 (real property), 551. 073 (prospective gifts), 551.074 (personnel matters), 551.076 (securities matters), 551.087 (economic development). An 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 was held.

9. Reconvene into Open Session for possible action resulting from any item posted and discussed in Executive Session. N/A

10. City Manager Comments:

The City Manager Mr. Parker advised that the city offices would be closed on Monday January 17th in observance of Martin Luther King holiday. Mr. Parks wanted to thank Cheryl McClain for her years of service, her last day would be January 20th.

11. Department Reports:

- a. Police Department: Chief Hunt presented the police department reports for December 2021.
- b. Public Works: Don Martin presented the public works department reports for December 2021.

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

Councilmember Parrish wanted to discuss livestreaming the meetings. Councilmember Gutwa wanted to see if the council could change the zoning without it going thru P&Z.

13. Adjourn at 7:03 p.m.

By: Gary Heinrich

Gary Heinrich, Mayor

Attest: Diane Helms

Diane Helms, City Secretary