

**MINUTES
of the
KEENE CITY COUNCIL**

TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2023

PRESENT: Mayor Lisa Parrish, James Belz, Ray Johnson, Thomas Gutwa, Rob Foster, Owen Larson, And Gwen Beeson.

ABSENT: None.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m.

Invocation – Councilmember Foster

Pledge of Allegiance & Pledge to the Texas Flag – Council and Public.

1. Mayor Comments:

- None.

2. Public Comments:

- Tim Parrish, Jen Baggett, Kevin Romanelli, and Susan Gutwa spoke on the agenda item.

3. Discussion and take possible action authorizing the purchase of a fire pumper truck and/or brush truck for the fire department using financing through Hilltop Securities.

- Chief Warner spoke on the topic.
- Councilmember Johnson spoke on the topic.
- Councilmember Larson spoke on the topic.
- Councilmember Beeson spoke on the topic.
- Pierce Sales Representative Brian Peters spoke on the topic.
- Wes Schram spoke on the topic.
- Captain Stroud spoke on the topic.
- Councilmember Foster spoke on the topic.
- Councilmember Gutwa spoke on the topic.
- Finance Director Charles Williams spoke on the topic.
- Hilltop Securities Managing Director Jim Sabonis spoke on the topic.
- Samantha Gillin spoke on the topic.
- Captain Howerton spoke on the topic.
- Billie Hopps spoke on the topic.
- Jen Baggett spoke on the topic.
- Brent Batla spoke on the topic.

- Councilmember Foster made a motion authorizing the Interim City Manager to purchase a fire pumper truck and brush truck through the HGAC (Houston-Galveston Area Council) Purchasing Cooperative to be financed through Hilltop Securities with a Public Property Finance Act Contract and authorize the Interim City Manager to sign all documents needed to purchase the trucks.
- Councilmember Gutwa seconded the motion.
- Motion carried unanimously 6-0-0.

4. Executive Session: Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, the City Council may convene into a closed, Executive Session in accordance with the following authority:

551.071 (consultation with the attorney) 551.072 (real property) 551.073 (prospective gifts)
551.074 (personnel matters) 551.076 (security matters) 551.087 (economic development)

a) No executive session was held.

5. Reconvene into Open Session for possible action resulting from any item posted or discussed in Executive Session.
6. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

By: Lisa Parrish

Lisa Parrish, Mayor

Attest: Tabatha Mansell

Tabatha Mansell, City Secretary