

**MINUTES  
of the  
KEENE CITY COUNCIL**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 2021**

**PRESENT:** Gary Heinrich, Mayor, Gwen Beeson Mayor Pro-Tem, Lisa Parrish, Robert Cooper, David Bass, Phillip Jackson, and City Attorney Pat Chesser.

**ABSENT:** Rob Foster

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

**Invocation – City Manager Bernie Parker**

**Pledge of Allegiance & Pledge to the Texas Flag – Mayor Gary Heinrich**

1. **Mayor Comments: Welcome**
2. **Public Comments: None**
3. **Consideration of City Council Minutes dated May 27, 2021**

**Councilmember Cooper made a motion to approve the May 27, 2021 minutes as presented. Councilmember Bass seconded the motion.**

**Motion carried 5-0-0.**

4. **Discuss and take possible action regarding approving a Municipal Maintenance Agreement with TxDot.**

**Councilmember Bass made a motion to approve the Municipal Maintenance Agreement with TxDot, Resolution No. 2021-387. Councilmember Besson seconded the motion.**

**Motion carried 5-0-0.**

5. **Department Reports:**

**a. Public Work:**

**Public Works Director Don Martin presented the public works department reports for May 2021.**

**b. Police Department:**

**Police Chief Brad Hunt presented police department reports for May 2021.**

6. **Presentation of the Proposed 2021 Budget Calendar.**

**The City Manager presented the Budget Calendar to the council and asked if the dates presented for workshops were acceptable to the council. Workshop dates were**

scheduled for June 17th, with the following dates of July 1st, July 15th, and July 29<sup>th</sup> as needed.

7. City Manager Comments:

City Manager, Bernie Parker updated the council on the open positions within the city and potential new hires coming on board.

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.

- a. 551.074 (personnel Matters): complaint of employee

Executive Session Start Time: 6:57 pm

Reconvene Time: 7:36 pm

9. Reconvene into Open Session for possible action resulting from any item posted and discussed in Executive Session, including hiring a firm to investigate the employee complaint.

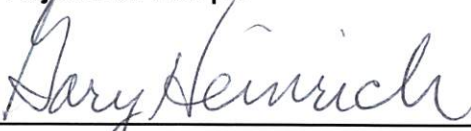
Councilmember Bass made a motion to authorize the City Manager to sign an engagement letter with Messer, Fort & McDonald to conduct an investigation. Councilmember Beeson seconded the motion.


Motion carried 5-0-0.

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

None

11. Adjourn at 7:36 pm

By:   
Gary Heinrich, Mayor

Attest:   
Diane Helms, City Secretary