

**MINUTES  
of the  
KEENE CITY COUNCIL**

**THURSDAY, JULY 22, 2021**

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

**ABSENT: David Bass**

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

**Invocation – Council Member Rob Foster**

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

**1. Public Comments:**

Mr. Cooper asked if anyone had any pictures of the old city hall that they could share with him. He is helping gather information for a book on the history of Keene.

**2. Mayor's Comments: Welcome**

**3. Consideration of City Council Minutes dated July 8, 2021, Regular City Council Meeting.**

Councilmember Cooper made a motion to approve the City Council minutes dated July 8, 2021, Regular City Council Meeting as presented. Councilmember Beeson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-2 Councilmembers Parrish and Foster abstained, they were not present during the meeting.

**4. Public Hearing: Hold a public hearing regarding the zoning change request received from Mr. Barnes, regarding a parcel of land located within the City of Keene, Texas, whose legal description is Tracts 8, 9, & 10 of the C H Barker Abstract 33, from 2-Family to Multi-Family.**

**Public Hearing Start Time: 6:05 pm**

Mr. Barnes presented the location with a map of the property that he was requesting the zoning change for.

Councilmember Jackson wanted to clarify that he was asking to change the entire 2.068 acres and not just the portion that the two preliminary structures would be built on.

**Public Hearing End Time: 6:10 pm**

5. Discuss and take possible action regarding the zoning change request received from Mr. Barnes, regarding a parcel of land located within the City of Keene, Texas, whose legal description is Tracts 8, 9, & 10 of the C H Barker Abstract 33, from 2-Family to Multi-Family.

Councilmember Jackson made a motion to approve the zoning change request received from Mr. Barnes, regarding a parcel of land located within the City of Keene, Texas, whose legal description is Tracts 8, 9, & 10 of the C H Barker Abstract 33, from 2-Family to Multi-Family. Councilmember Beeson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0-0.

6. Discuss and take possible action on Ordinance No. 2021-635, providing for the establishment of stop signs in and around the Bristol Oaks subdivision; and ordaining other matters relating to the subject.

Chief Hunt presented a PowerPoint describing the location of the stop signs that were being requested and with the research explaining the safety implications.

Councilmember Foster tabled Ordinance No. 2021-635, providing for the establishment of stop signs in and around the Bristol Oaks subdivision; and ordaining other matters relating to the subject. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-1-0, Councilmember Cooper voted against the motion.

7. Discuss and take possible action on Ordinance No. 2021-636, Call for Election, November 2021.

Councilmember Foster made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2021-636, Call for Election, November 2021. Councilmember Parrish seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0-0

8. Discuss and direction concerning cross-walks in front of the schools.

Public works Director D. Martin updated the council that Mr. Sinclair has been able to purchase the paint needed for the crosswalks and they will be getting them painted next week.

9. Discuss and take possible action on approving City of Keene personnel policy 5.11, public safety quarantine leave.

HR Director N. Drambareanu presented HB 2073 that was signed by Greg Abbott on June 15, 2021. This directed municipalities to implement a paid quarantine leave policy for firefighters, peace officers, detention officers, and emergency medical technicians who were employed by, appointed by, or elected for the political subdivision and ordered to quarantine or isolate due to a possible or known exposure to a communicable disease while on duty.

Councilmember Cooper makes a motion to approve the City of Keene personnel policy 5.11, public safety quarantine leave. Councilmember Foster seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0-0

10. Department Reports:

Fire Department: Fire Chief Warner presented the June 2021 fire department reports.

Finance Department: Finance Director C. Williams presented the June 2021 financial reports.

11. City Manager's Comments:

The city Manager discussed dates to have the budget workshop with the council members.

12. 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.

No executive session held

13. Reconvene into Open Session for possible action resulting from any item posted and discussed in Executive Session.

No executive session held

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

None

15. Adjourn at 7:30 pm

By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Gary Heinrich, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Diane Helms, City Secretary