

**MINUTES
of the
KEENE CITY COUNCIL**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 2021

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

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

Invocation – City Manager Parker

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

1. Public Comments:

Estevan Solis spoke to the council and expressed this concern that he was asked to turn off the recordings at the end of the city council meetings. He said that he was told he would be banned from the council meetings if he did not turn off the recordings at the end of the meeting. He said that this was a violation of his of his 1st Amendment Rights and the Open Meeting Act 551.023 that reads that citizens are allowed to record parts or all of an open meeting.

2. Mayor's Comments: None

3. Consideration of City Council Minutes dated August 05, 2021.

Councilmember Cooper made a motion to approve the City Council minutes dated August 05, 2021, seconded by councilmember Bass.

Motion carried 5-0-0

4. Discuss and take possible action on a service agreement with Mark Miosi on the potential annexation of 13.140 acres.

Councilmember Beeson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-390 approving the annexation service agreement with Mark & Dawn Miosi on the potential annexation of 13.140 acres of land into the city limits of Keene, seconded by councilmember Parrish.

Motion carried 4-0-1 Councilmember Cooper abstained.

5. Discussion regarding employee health insurance proposals for FY 2021-2022.

HR director Nathan Drambareanu and Randy Mills with Lockton presented the health insurance proposals for the FY 2021-2022.

Councilmember Foster arrived at 6:34

6. Discussion regarding the rate increase with Republic and potential change to the residential and commercial pickup schedule.

City Manager Parker updated the council that Republic is increasing their fees by 40 cents per cart for residential and 63 cents for commercial. The trash service days will also change starting on September 30th. Republic will notify the impacted customers with a postcard mailout, as well as the city will post the routes change on our website.

7. Department Reports:

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

8. City Manager's comments:

Bernie Parker updated the council on the upcoming dates, 08/26/21 is a public hearing for the FY 21-22 budget, 09/2/21 is a public hearing for the FY 21-22 budget and a public hearing for the tax rate for FY 21-22, and 09/16/21 the council will be voting on the FY 21-22 budget and tax rate.

9. Budget Workshop FY 2021-2022.

10. Executive Session: Pursuant to the Open Meeting Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, the City Council may convene into closed, Executive Session in accordance with the following authority; Sections 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). Executive Session may be held, under these 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 subject matter of this City Council Meeting.

No executive session


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

No executive session

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

Lisa asked to discuss no parking signs in front of the school. The city manager asked if we could discuss this in October.

13. Adjourn at 8:00 pm

By: 

Gary Heinrich, Mayor

Attest: 

Diane Helms, City Secretary

