

**MINUTES
of the
KEENE CITY COUNCIL**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2022

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

ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation – Councilmember Robert Foster

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

- 1. Public Comments:**
 - **Jennifer Baggett spoke about deep trenches in Carver Park that should be roped off for safety reasons.**
- 2. Mayor Comments:**
 - **None**
- 3. Consideration of City Council Minutes dated September 8, 2022.**
 - **Councilmember Robert Cooper made a motion to approve the City Council Minutes dated September 8, 2022. Councilmember Phillip Jackson made a correction to the minutes. Councilmember Phillip Jackson seconded the motion.**
 - **Motion Carried (5-0-1) (Councilmember Foster abstained).**
- 4. Public Hearing: Hold a public hearing to receive written or oral comments regarding the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year proposed budget.**
 - **Public Hearing started at 6:07 p.m.**
 - **Director of Finance Charles Williams presented the budget to council.**
 - **Public Hearing ended at 6:10 p.m.**
- 5. Discussion and possible action regarding Ordinance No. 2022-650 approving and adopting a budget for operating the municipal government for the City of Keene for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2023; and appropriating money for the various funds and purposes of such budget including appropriations of money to pay interest and sinking fund requirements on all indebtedness.**
 - **Councilmember Thomas Gutwa spoke about the budget.**
 - **Councilmember Foster made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2022-650 approving and adopting a budget for operating the municipal government for the City of Keene for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2023; and appropriating money for the various funds and purposes of such budget including appropriations of money to pay interest and sinking fund requirements on all indebtedness. Councilmember Cooper seconded the motion.**
 - **A roll call vote for budget Ordinance No. 2022-650 was held, the councilmembers voted as noted below:**

Lisa Parrish (Place 1) – No

Rob Foster (Ward 1) – Yes

Thomas Gutwa (Place 2) – No

Gwen Beeson (Ward 2) – Yes

Phillip Jackson (Place 3) – Yes

Robert Cooper (Ward 3) – Yes

- Motion carried (4-2-0).
- A roll call vote for ratification of the votes for Ordinance No. 2022-650 approving the Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 was held, the councilmembers voted as noted below:

Lisa Parrish (Place 1) – No

Rob Foster (Ward 1) – Yes

Thomas Gutwa (Place 2) – No

Gwen Beeson (Ward 2) – Yes

Phillip Jackson (Place 3) – Yes

Robert Cooper (Ward 3) – Yes

- Motion carried (4-2-0).

6. **Public Hearing: Hold a public hearing to receive written and/or oral comments regarding the Ad Valorem Tax Rate and levy on assessed property subject to taxation within the City of Keene, Texas, for the 2022 tax year for the use and support of the municipal government of the City of Keene for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022 and ending on September 30, 2023.**

- Public Hearing started at 6:20 p.m.
- Public Hearing ended at 6:22 p.m.

7. **Discussion and take possible action regarding Ordinance No. 2022-651 approving and adopting an Ad Valorem Tax Rate and levy on assessed property of a proposed tax rate of \$.834134 per \$100 valuation for tax year 2022 for the City of Keene, Texas including a Levy for Debt Obligations (\$.097049) and a levy for Maintenance and Operations (\$.737085) consistent with the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Municipal Budget.**

- Councilmember Foster made a motion to approve that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate, .834134 dollars, which is effectively an 8.31 percent increase in the tax rate, as set forth in Ordinance No. 2022-651. Councilmember Cooper seconded the motion.
- A roll call vote for the Proposed Tax Rate of \$.834134 as set forth in Ordinance No. 2022-651 was held, the councilmembers voted as noted below:

Lisa Parrish (Place 1) – No

Rob Foster (Ward 1) – Yes

Thomas Gutwa (Place 2) – No

Gwen Beeson (Ward 2) – Yes

Phillip Jackson (Place 3) – Yes

Robert Cooper (Ward 3) – Yes

- Motion carried (4-2-0).

8. 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:

- No Executive Session held.

551.071 (consultation with the attorney)
551.074 (personnel matters)

551.072 (real property)
551.076 (security matters)

551.073 (prospective gifts)
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.

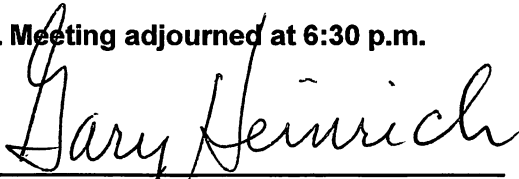
9. Reconvene into Open Session for possible action resulting from any item posted and discussed in Executive Session.

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

- None.


11. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

By:



Gary Heinrich, Mayor

Attest:



Jaqueline Munoz-Saldivar, City Secretary