

**MINUTES
of the
KEENE CITY COUNCIL**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

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

ABSENT: Rob Foster

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

Invocation – Gwen Beeson

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

1. **Public Comments:** None
2. **Mayor Comments:**

Chief Hunt presented Officer Seale and Office Royer with a commendation for maintaining a calm demeanor and providing outstanding police service while representing the Keene Police Department during an EMS assist call on September 6, 2021.

3. **Consideration of City Council minutes dated September 16, 2021.**

Councilmember Cooper made a motion to approve minutes dated September 16, 2012. Councilmember Bass seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0-0

4. **Discussion and guidance on a gas well ordinance.**

City Manager B. Parker presented the original gas well ordinance, this ordinance does not give a distance of existing gas wells in regards to new structures. The City Manager asked for direction from the council on a distance regulation for a protected use area from existing gas wells to potential new structures. The council was in agreement that 250ft would be a good distance. They also asked for the staff to research information on easements and the liabilities that would be affected.

5. **Discussion and take possible action setting the dates and times for council meetings for the rest of the 2021 calendar year.**

Councilmember Beeson made a motion setting the dates of October 14, October 28, November 4, November 18, December 2, December 16, and December 30 at 6:00 pm for the council member dates and times for the rest of the 2021 calendar year. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0-0

6. Department Reports:

- a. **Fire Department**
Fire Captain R. Howerton presented the fire department reports for August 2021.
- b. **Development Services**
Development Services director C. McClain presented the development services department reports for August 2021.
- c. **Finance Department**
Finance director C. Williams presented the finance department reports for August 2021.

7. City Manager's Comments:

The City Manager reminded the council and citizens of some important dates of events in the city.

The Candidate Meet & Greet and the National Night out is October 5th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The Candidate Forum is on October 12th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

The first day of Early Election starts on October 18th and runs thru October 29th located in the small room of the community center at City Hall. The voting days are Monday thru Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm with October 21st and 26th being the two 12 hour days 7:00 am – 7:00 pm.

November 2nd is Election Day from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.

- 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. No executive session was held.**

Executive Session Started at 7:16

- a. **Economic Development (551.087): Developer Incentives**
- b. **Consultation with the City Attorney (551.071): Extraterritorial Jurisdiction with Cleburne**

Reconvened into Open Session at 7:45

- 9. Reconvene into Open Session for possible action resulting from any item posted and discussed in Executive Session. - None**

10. Discussion and requests for future items on the agenda. - None

11. Adjourn at 7:45 pm

By: Gary Heinrich

Gary Heinrich, Mayor

Attest: Diane Helms

Diane Helms, City Secretary