

**MINUTES  
of the  
KEENE CITY COUNCIL**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 06, 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 Thomas Gutwa**

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

- 1. Public Comments:**
  - Paul Gnadl of the Keene Chamber of Commerce spoke about the Candidate Forum on October 18, 2022, and the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Awards Banquet on October 27, 2022.
- 2. Mayor Comments:**
  - None
- 3. Consideration of City Council Minutes dated September 22, 2022.**
  - Councilmember Robert Cooper made a motion to approve the City Council Minutes dated September 22, 2022. Councilmember Robert Foster seconded the motion.
  - Motion Carried (6-0-0).
- 4. Discuss and take possible action regarding the renewal of the agreement with Johnson County Emergency Services for FY 2022-2023.**
  - Fire Chief Dan Warner discussed changes made to the agreement as well as savings. Chief Warner also clarified the grant is for new hires only.
  - Councilmember Foster made a motion to approve the renewal of the agreement with Johnson County Emergency Services for FY 2022-2023. Councilmember Gwen Beeson seconded the motion.
  - Motion carried (6-0-0).
- 5. Discuss and take possible action on Resolution No. 2022-407 approving submission of the grant application for the Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant Program to the Office of the Governor.**
  - Police Chief Brad Hunt presented grant to council.
  - Councilmember Foster made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-407 approving submission of the grant application for the Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant Program to the Office of the Governor. Councilmember Cooper seconded the motion.
  - Motion carried (6-0-0).
  - Fire Chief Dan Warner briefed council that Starfest will be on October 31, 2022, Fire safety week starts Sunday and a group of about 45 children would be visiting the fire station for a tour, as well as the annual food drive has started and the fire station is

taking donations to collect canned goods to donate to a local charity until November 18, 2022.

**6. City Manager Report**

- City Manager Bernie Parker shared the second disbursement of the Cares Act Fund was received, the sewer line project was passed and should issue a proceed to work order in the next couple of weeks, the 2021 audit committee will meet on October 17, 2022, the sidewalk project on 4<sup>th</sup> and Eastern should start in the coming week. October 18, 2022 is the Keene Chamber Candidate Forum and Starfest is on October 31, 2022 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Councilmember Thomas Gutwa asked if the city can start a volunteer program for citizens with CDL licenses to help out with the street repairs.

**7. 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.

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

**9. Discussion and requests for future items on the agenda.**

- Economic Development will be added to the Director Reports on future agendas.

**10. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.**

By:

  
Gary Heinrich, Mayor

Attest:

  
Jaqueline Munoz-Saldivar, City Secretary