

CITY OF KIRBY, TEXAS

Timothy Wilson, Mayor



Stephanie Faulkner, Mayor Pro-Tem
Mike Grant
Jerry Lehman

Roger A. Romens
Ernest Spradling
Debra Wilson

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING/WORKSHOP/REGULAR MINUTES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER
112 BAUMAN, KIRBY, TX 78219

1. Call Meeting to Order:

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:

Mayor Wilson led the invocation and followed with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

3. Mission Statement:

“The City of Kirby is dedicated to delivering excellent municipal services to our entire community in a fiscally responsible manner.”

4. Roll Call:

PRESENT

ABSENT

Mayor Wilson
Mayor Pro-Tem Faulkner
Council Member Spradling
Council Member Grant
Council Member Lehman
Council Member Wilson

Council Member Romens

5. Citizen Participation:

1. Sam Richardson, 4802 Gibbs Sprawl – Beautification and Recycle Committee will conduct their monthly clean up on September 5, 2015 on Ackerman Road. He asked that everyone meet at the VFW parking lot at 8:00 A.M.

6. Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval Of Workshop/Regular Council Minutes – August 13, 2015
- b. Approval Of Workshop/Special Council Minutes – August 19, 2015
- c. Accept Quarterly Financial Report Ending June 30, 2015

Council Member Spradling moved to accept the consent agenda, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Faulkner. The motion carried with a 6-0-1 vote.

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 ABSTAIN – 1 (Council Member Grant)

7. Public Hearing:

- a. Public Hearing To Consider Proposed Budget For 2015-2016 Fiscal Year

Mayor Wilson opened the public hearing to consider the proposed budget for 2015-2016 Fiscal Year at 7:04 P.M.

Debra McMillan, 4511 Hoeneke, stated her opinion was it would not be in the best interest of the residents of the community to expand any positions and offered her concerns.

Mayor Wilson closed the public hearing to consider the proposed budget for 2015-2016 Fiscal Year at 7:05 P.M.

- b. Public Hearing To Consider Proposed Tax Rate Of .729376 For 2015-2016 Fiscal Year

Mayor Wilson opened the public hearing to consider proposed tax rate of .729376 for 2015-2016 Fiscal Year at 7:05 P.M.

Debra McMillan, 4511 Hoeneke, stated previously the Council discussed that the tax rate would stay the same; however, property values have increased and the residents of the community who are on fixed incomes will pay more taxes. There were discussions on two bond issues and this will also further burden the residents of the community. Her question for Council was when the residents can expect improved departmental efficiency to counter act the ever increasing tax burden.

Mayor Wilson closed the public hearing to consider the proposed tax rate of .729376 for 2015-2016 Fiscal Year at 7:06 P.M.

8. Budget Workshop:

a. Presentation, Discussion And Direction Of The Proposed Budget For Fiscal Year 2015-2016

City Manager Vernon informed Council there will be changes to the proposed budget to reflect the new insurance rates presented tonight. She addressed the adopted and proposed rates, public hearing dates and first reading dates.

Council and staff discussed the proposed budget which included changes from the last meeting.

September 3, 2015 there will be a budget workshop at 6:00 P.M. and public hearing on proposed tax rate at 7:00 P.M.

9. Discussion And Possible Action:

a. Insurance Decision Discussion And Possible action on the City of Kirby's Group Health, Life, and AD&D, Vol. Life, Dental And Vision Insurance For The Plan Year Beginning October 1, 2015

Jenni Haff, Wortham Insurance, presented the options for health insurance. There was a 48.5% increase this year and after reviewing the options, she recommended the City consider Humana Option one. There was a 5% increase in dental with Humana, the vision rate did not change, and the life insurance rate did not change.

City Manager Vernon informed Council staff's recommendation is Humana Option One.

Mayor Pro-Tem Faulkner moved to accept Humana Option One, seconded by Council Member Grant. The motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

AYES – 7

NAYES - 0

- b. Discussion And Possible Action To Consider Resolution No. R-2015-660 Extending The Contract With Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson LLP, Attorneys At Law For The Collection Of Delinquent Taxes

Carri Wells, Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson, LLP, presented the report for the collection of delinquent taxes and explained the procedures to collect taxes when they are delinquent.

City Manager Vernon stated staff recommendation was to extend the contract for another five years.

Council Member Grant moved to accept Resolution No. R-2015-660 extending the contract with Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson LLP, Attorneys at Law for the collection of delinquent taxes, seconded by Council Member Lehman.

The motion carried with a 7 – 0 vote.

AYES – 7

NAYES - 0

- c. Discussion And Possible Action To Consider Ordinance No. O-2015-770 Amending Section 97.12(B) Of Chapter 97 Of The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Kirby, Texas, In Regard To The Number Of False Burglary Alarms That Can Result In Suspension Of Or Refusal To Renew An Alarm System Permit, This Is The First Reading.

City Manager Vernon stated this is a legislative change and asked Council to consider amending Section B to allow a change to the number of false alarms. This ordinance will go into effect September 1, 2015.

Council Member Grant moved to adopt Ordinance No. O-2015-770 amending Section 97.12(B) of Chapter 97 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Kirby, Texas, in regard to the number of false burglar alarms that can result in suspension of or refusal to renew an alarm system permit, seconded by Council Member Romens.

The motion carried with a 7 – 0 vote.

AYES – 7

NAYES - 0

- d. Discussion And Possible Action To Dispense With The Second Reading Of Ordinance No. O-2015-770 So That Ordinance No. O-2015-770 Becomes Effective Immediately.

Council Member Spradling moved to dispense with the second reading of Ordinance No. O-2015-770 so that Ordinance No. O-2015-770 becomes effective immediately, seconded by Council Member Lehman.

The motion carried with a 7 – 0 vote.

AYES – 7

NAYES - 0

- e. Discussion And Possible Action To Consider Ordinance No. O-2015-771 Amending Section 91.045(E) Of Chapter 91 Of The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Kirby, Texas, To Revise The Period Within Which A Decision Of The Municipal Court As To Destruction Or Removal Of An Animal May Be Appealed, To Revise The Period During Which A Destruction Or Removal Order May Be Executed, And To Provide For Release Of An Impounded Animal To The Owner Or For The Owner To Remain Liable For Costs To House And Care For An Impounded Animal. This Is The First Reading.

City Manager Vernon informed Council this is another legislative change.

Council Member Grant moved to adopt Ordinance No. O-2015-771 amending Section 91.045(E) of Chapter 91 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Kirby, Texas, to revise the period within which a decision of the municipal court as to destruction or removal of an animal may be appealed, to revise the period during which a destruction or removal order may be executed, and to provide for release of an impounded animal to the owner or for the owner to remain liable for costs to house and care for an impounded animal.

The motion carried with a 7 – 0 vote.

AYES – 7

NAYES - 0

- f. Discussion And Possible Action To Dispense With The Second Reading Of Ordinance No. O-2015-771 So That Ordinance No. O-2015-771 Becomes Effective Immediately

Mayor Pro-Tem Faulkner moved to dispense with the second reading of Ordinance No. O-2015-771 so that Ordinance No. O-2015-771 becomes effective immediately.

The motion carried with a 7 – 0 vote.

AYES – 7

NAYES - 0

- g. Discussion And Possible Action To Authorize The City Manager To Sign An Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Establishing Concurrent Jurisdiction Between The City Of Kirby And The City Of San Antonio.

Chief Bois informed Council he was requesting authorization for an Interlocal cooperation agreement establishing concurrent jurisdiction between the City of Kirby and the City of San Antonio. SB 631 was passed by the Senate allowing a change to Section 791 of the Texas Government Code. This Section provides that governmental entities of the State may contract with each other to provide governmental functions and services and provide fire protection and associated services to protect public health.

City Manager Vernon informed Council the effective is October 1, 2015. Marc Schnall reviewed the agreement and the changes that were made have been accepted by San Antonio. San Antonio will use the agreement presented by Marc Schnall as a model for area cities.

Council Member Grant moved to authorize the City Manager to sign an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement establishing concurrent jurisdiction between the City of Kirby and the City of San Antonio, seconded by Council Member Spradling.

The motion carried with a 7 – 0 vote.

AYES – 7

NAYES - 0

- h. Discussion And Possible Action To Consider Ordinance No. O-2015-772 Amending the 2014-2015 Municipal Budget Of The City Of Kirby. This Is the First Reading.

City Manager Vernon the memo summarizes the requested amendments. The net effect of the overall budget amendment to the general fund is \$134,973 and that's a reduction in expenses. Revenue decreased by \$477,214 and expenditures decreased by \$612,187.

Council Member Spradling moved to adopt Ordinance No. O-2015-772 amending the 2014-2015 Municipal Budget of the City Of Kirby, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Faulkner.

The motion carried with a 5 – 2 vote.

AYES – 5

NAYES – 2 (Council Members Grant and Romens)

10. Department Updates:

- a. Administration
- b. Public Works

- c. Finance
- d. Fire
- e. Police
- f. Animal Control

a. Administration - City Manager Vernon highlighted a couple of things that happened this week. Met with Bexar County and VIA Transportation to discuss coordinating their ongoing projects and staff will schedule a joint presentation for Council in October. Bexar County will be finished on Starfire in about two weeks and completed striping Ackerman Road.

b. Public Works – Roger Aguillon provided an update on Redding Project. City crews working on repairing main breaks.

c. Finance – City Manager Vernon informed Council she is handling full functions of finance director and advertising for the position. All staff has been helping. Tracy Miller has been handling the administrative functions in finance.

d. Fire – Chief Riedel provided Council with the calls the department has made and the new fire apparatus is almost finished. The City received \$5,325.35 from the department which is 25% of the proceeds from HOBBO Fest.

e. Police – Chief Bois provided Council with the calls the department has made. Will cook breakfast at the Senior Center on September 12, 2015.

f. Animal Control – Christie Banduch provided a comparison between last year's financials and current financials for animal control.

Mayor Wilson called for a 5 minute recess at 8:08 P.M.

Mayor Wilson reconvened the meeting at 8:13 P.M.

11. Requests and Announcements:

- a. Requests By Mayor And Council Members For Items To Be Placed On Future City Council Agendas And Announcements On City Events/Community Interests

Council Member Lehman – Senior Center Birthday lunch on Friday and the theme is Back in the 50's.

Council Member Grant - Requested stands for garage sale signs and asked for an update yard sale fee.

Council Member Spradling – Requested an agenda item for Crime Control Board to present to Council their role at the first meeting in October. Extended his appreciation to city staff during budget time and the fact that City Manager Vernon included staff in the process. He stated he liked to have the Saturday workshop when departments were assigned a time for their presentations so they wouldn't have to stay at the meeting all day.

Council Member Romens – Inquired when the bulk pick up and garage sale would be held.

Mayor Pro-Tem Faulkner – Inquired about the delivery date for the new fire truck. Chief Riedel said the end of September. She asked for an update on employee incentives. The next Ordinance Review Committee meeting is September 15.

Mayor Wilson – Asked Council members to inform city manager or himself if planning on attending meetings. Economic Development Committee will meet on September 2.

12. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Timothy Wilson
Mayor

ATTEST:

Patty Cox, TRMC
City Secretary