



Lisa B. Pierce, Mayor

Barbara Collins Bowie
Mike Grant
Jerry Lehman

Kimberly McGehee-Aldrich
John W. Pierce
Debra Wilson

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2017 – 7:00 P.M.
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER
112 BAUMAN, KIRBY, TX 78219**

1. Call Meeting to Order

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

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Mayor Pierce led the invocation and 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 Pierce
Mayor Pro-Tem Lehman
Council Member Pierce
Council Member Grant
Council Member Wilson
Council Member Bowie, arrived at 7:06 P.M.
Council Member Aldrich

5. Citizen Participation

There were not any citizens signed up to participate.

6. Consent Agenda

a. Approval Of Regular Minutes – July 13, 2017

Council Member Grant moved to accept the Consent Agenda; seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Lehman.

The motion carried with a 5-1 vote (Council Member Wilson abstained)

7. Presentation

a. Suicide Awareness

Veronica Herrera approached the City Council to address suicide awareness.

City Council offered their support to recognize September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and September 10th is World Suicide Prevention Day.

b. Youth After School Program Partnership

Tom Brown and Tim Littlefield presented the Alamo City All-Stars Sports and Fitness After-School Program.

Council Member Wilson invited them to participate in National Night Out and bring literature to promote their program.

The Council offered advice on how to promote their program.

c. Status Update On Kirby Bexar Animal Facility

Council Member Grant provided an update on the Kirby Bexar Animal Facility. The facility needs two kennel technicians and needs to be promoted. Signage is needed to help identify the facility and volunteers are needed to help care for the animals.

8. Discussion And Possible Action

- a. Discussion And Possible Action To Award Bid For Friendship Park Hike & Bike Trail Construction

Miles Stanley, Ford Engineering, informed the Council there were ten bids opened on June 14, 2017. After reviewing the bids, they are recommending D&S Concrete in the amount of \$479,358.70.

Council Member Pierce moved to award the bid for Friendship Park Hike & Bike Trail Construction in the amount of \$479,358.70 to D & S Concrete; seconded by Council Member Wilson.

The motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

AYE: 7

NAY: 0

- b. Review, Discussion And Possible Action Regarding Ordinance No. O-2016-798 Repealing Current Section 71.06 Of The Code Of Ordinances And Adopting A New Section 71.06, No Parking Zones, To Chapter 71, Stopping, Standing, And Parking, Of The Code Of Ordinances To Specify No Parking Zones And Related Restrictions And Including A Penalty Of A Fine Not To Exceed \$500 For Violations

City Manager Vernon informed Council that local businesses have voiced their concerns about the 'no parking' zones. They were asked to attend this meeting to voice their concerns before Council.

Chief Bois provided the background on the concern from one of the businesses affected by the 'no parking' zones.

Council Member Grant moved to table this item to the second meeting in August to allow Chief Bois time to provide an update; seconded by Council Member Bowie.

The motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

AYE: 7

NAY: 0

- c. Discussion And Possible Action Regarding A Wellness Program For City Of Kirby Employees

City Manager Vernon provided Council the history on the initial discussions about the Wellness Program. Employees will be assessed a cost contribution if they chose to not

participate in the Wellness Program. The deadline being recommended to complete the physical is September 15.

There was discussion about the deadline and the employee's contribution.

Council Member Pierce moved to implement the Wellness Program with a November 30 deadline and employee will contribute 10% of the premium if the employee does not present a record of completed physical to Human Resources by November 30; seconded by Council Member Grant.

The motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

AYE: 7

NAY: 0

- d. Review, Discussion And Possible Action Regarding Ordinance No. O-2015-778 Repealing Ordinance No. O-2008-653 And Providing A Declaration Of Purpose; Providing A Definition Of Garage/Yard Sales; Providing For A Requirement And Display Of Permit; Establishing A Permit Application Fee; Limiting The Number Of Garage/Yard Sales; Regulating Signage, Hours Of Operation And Prohibiting The Sale Of Prepared Food Operation; Providing A Civil Remedy And A Penalty For Each Violation Thereof; And Providing For Severability.

Mayor Pierce said she requested this item be placed on the agenda for discussion. The garage sale ordinance was put in place in 2015 by the previous Council. The ordinance addressed how to display the signs, they must be staked, and are not allowed to be posted on a street sign or utility poles.

- e. Discussion And Possible Action To Appoint A Member To The Crime Control And Prevention District Board

Sam Richardson, Crime Control and Prevention District Board, said the Board voted unanimously to appoint David Faulkner to fill the vacancy.

Council Member Grant moved to appoint David Faulkner to the Crime Control and Prevention District Board; seconded by Council Member Aldrich.

The motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

AYE: 7

NAY: 0

- f. Discussion And Possible Action Regarding An Addendum To The Service Contract For Fines And Fees Collection Services With Vigilant Solutions

Chief Bois informed Council that Vigilant Solutions will no longer operate the warrant redemption program; instead, they will act as a collection agency. In order to keep the equipment we have to sign this new contract.

Council Member Grant moved to table this item until Chief Bois brings back requested information on August 10; seconded by Council Member Aldrich.

The motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

AYE: 7

NAY: 0

9. Executive Session 551.071 Texas Government Code, Consultation With Attorney

a. For City Council To Receive Legal Advice On Council Compensation

Mayor Pierce closed the regular meeting at 9:18 P.M. to convene into executive session.

Mayor Pierce opened the regular meeting at 10:44 P.M.

10. 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 Bowie – She informed Council that at the last meeting it was brought up she missed some meetings. She said her brother is critically ill and she will be driving to New York to be with him and she will stay as long as it takes. She will submit a letter to this effect. She thanked everyone for their prayers.

Council Member Wilson – She inquired about the new phone system. City Manager Vernon said all departments were connected to the new phone system, except dispatch. She explained there were upgrades that needed to be taken care of first. Council Member Wilson said she has received compliments on the pool manager and asked that she be invited to the last Council meeting in August to be recognized. She thanked the Police Department for putting out weekly notices on what’s been happening in the department.

Council Member Aldrich – She requested placing discussion to extend our boundaries on the next agenda. Parks and Recreation Committee will have a movie night on August 19. She

said residents have called to let her know there is an RV parked in the backyard of a property on the corner of Gaiety and Cinderella.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lehman – He asked that there be discussion about the RV parked in the backyard of a property on the corner of Gaiety and Cinderella be placed on the next agenda.

Council Member Pierce – He thanked city employees and everyone who attended the meeting and have a safe weekend.

Mayor Pierce – She said there will be a Budget Workshop at 6:00 P.M. August 1, 2017; on the next agenda include an item to discuss extending the pool hours to remain open weekends after school starts. She asked staff to get with Veronica Herrera with her request to use Friendship Park in September. She asked to place a discussion about abandoned houses on the next agenda. The website needs to be improved and more useful to others. Former employees still listed on MyGov need to be removed. There will be a meeting with the Animal Advisory Committee and asked that the Kirby Bexar Animal Facility update be placed on every Council agenda. The ordinances need to be updated on the website. The Ordinance Review Committee will meet after all the reviewed ordinances have come to Council. She asked that Council be provided an update on open positions. She asked that CPS Energy be contacted about the streetlights that are not working throughout the City and contact Roland Hinojosa about the leaning utility poles. AT&T has an overgrown gated area outside of Siddons on Binz Engleman and it needs to be taken care of. She asked that monthly reports include water connections and certificates of occupancy. She asked staff to find out what Hayden Paving's goal is because there are 18 wheelers going in and out of their property on Wexford. The 'Welcome to Kirby' sign on Binz Engleman Road is damaged and needs to be repaired.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

Lisa B. Pierce
Mayor

Attest:

Patty Cox, TRMC
City Secretary