



Lisa B. Pierce, Mayor

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John W. Pierce
Debra Wilson

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2018 – 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

Mayor Pierce
Council Member Lehman
Council Member Pierce
Council Member Grant
Council Member Wilson
Council Member Apodaca

ABSENT

Mayor Pro-Tem Aldrich

Although Mayor Pierce deviated from the agenda, the minutes will be prepared in the order the agenda was posted.

5. Citizen Participation

1. Norma Hamby, Senior Center Manager, informed the City Council that the San Antonio Food Bank is going to have a Food Fair at the Senior Center on November 8. Everyone is invited to pick up a box of products and a turkey. There are forms that need to be completed in advance for auditing purposes.

2. Steve Linscomb, Communications Director - Judson ISD, provided an update on the construction at Kirby Middle School and Hopkins Elementary. He extended an invitation to upcoming school events.

6. Consideration Of And Action On Minutes

a. Regular Meeting October 11, 2018

Council Member Grant moved to approve the minutes of October 11, 2018; seconded by Council Member Lehman. The motion carried with a 5-0-1 vote.

AYES: 5 NAYES: 0 ABSTAIN: 1 (Council Member Wilson)

7. Presentations

a. Introduction Of New City Employees

Chief Bois, Police Department, introduced Phoenix Mercado and Frank Carrizales. Assistant Chief Hilburn, Fire Department, introduced Brandon Sanchez and Mike Miller. Gilbert Salas, Director of Public Works, introduced Martin Alexander.

b. Dangerous Assessment Response Team (DART), Officer Megan Thompson

Officer Megan Thompson, Code Compliance Officer, presented information on the Dangerous Assessment Response Team program. DART is a multi-pronged proactive unit to target the worst of the worst properties and abate the nuisance properties in the City, the worst of the worst properties. The mission is to reclaim, restore, and revitalize neighborhoods plagued by properties which threaten the public safety due to documented habitual criminal activity and code enforcement violations for two years or more.

8. Discussion And Possible Action

- a. Discussion And Possible Action On A Request For Qualifications For Engineering Services

City Manager Vernon informed Council, per their request, the city attorney has provided information regarding the request for qualifications for engineering services.

Marc Schnall, City Attorney, said this is a basic request and he outlined the steps to take.

Council Member Wilson moved to authorize the city manager to advertise a request for qualifications for a new engineer service firm; seconded by Council Member Grant. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

- b. Discussion And Possible Action On Ordinance No. O-2018- 848 Repealing Current Section 94.02 Of The Code Of Ordinances And Adopting A New Section 94.02 Of The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Kirby In Regards To Notices To Owners Or Occupants To Abate Nuisances. This Is The First Reading.

Mr. Schnall said city staff requested that we look at adjusting time periods, tightening up requirements to enhance the city's ability to get unacceptable situations and nuisances and things of this nature addressed in a more expedient fashion. Mr. Schnall identified the changes to the ordinance.

Council Member Grant moved to accept Ordinance No. 2018-848 repealing current Section 94.02 of the Code of Ordinances and adopting a new Section 94.02 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Kirby in regards to notices to owners or occupants to abate nuisances; seconded by Council Member Wilson. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

- c. Discussion And Possible Action On An Ordinance Revising The No Parking Ordinance Adopting New Section 70.05.

Chief Bois provided Council with the changes to be considered for the No Parking Ordinance.

Council asked that all streets that meet the criteria for the restrictions be brought back to Council for consideration.

- d. Discussion And Possible Action On Ordinance No. O-2018-849 Amending The Sign Ordinance In Chapter 154 Of The Code Of Ordinances To Add Provisions Related To Digital Signs And Monument Signs. This Is The First Reading.

City Manager Vernon said our current sign ordinance does not address monument and digital signs. This ordinance added definitions and makes them permissible with the requirement of a permit.

Council Member Pierce moved to accept Ordinance No. 2018-849 amending the Sign Ordinance in Chapter 154 of the Code of Ordinances to add provisions related to digital signs and monument signs; seconded by Council Member Wilson. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0

- e. Discussion And Possible Action To Appoint Member(s) To The Planning And Zoning Commission

Mayor Pierce stated the application was rescinded and she has been to table this item.

Council Member Grant moved to table this item; seconded by Council Member Lehman. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0

- f. Update, Discussion And Possible Action On Binz Engleman Road Reconstruction Project

Mr. Salas provided the update on the Binz Engleman Road reconstruction project. There was discussion regarding the removal of the dirt from Gaiety Lane.

- g. Update, Discussion And Possible Action On Mowing And Cleaning Of Drainage Ditches And Easements

Mr. Salas informed Council the drainage along Redding has been mowed and will be placed on the schedule for mowing.

Council asked that public notices be placed on website and water bills reminding residents to mow their alley, clean their curbs and not blow grass into the street.

9. Executive Session

- a. Consultation With Attorney Regarding Kirby Bexar Animal Facility Including Interlocal Agreement And Ground Lease With Bexar County And investigation Of Personnel Complaints. Executive Session Pursuant To Section 551.071, Texas Government Code, Consultation With Attorney.

Mayor Pierce closed the regular meeting at 7:17 P.M. and convened into executive session.

10. Reconvene To Open Session

- a. Discussion And Possible Action On Interlocal Agreement And Ground Lease With Bexar County For The Kirby Bexar Animal Facility

Mayor Pierce stated the Executive Session closed at 8:46 P.M. and reconvened the regular meeting at 8:48 P.M.

Council Member Wilson moved to authorize the city attorney to initiate a notice to Bexar County in regards to issues under the Interlocal Agreement; seconded by Council Member Grant. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

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 Apodaca – She thanked the City for the opportunity to attend the TML Conference. She said it was very informative.

Council Member Wilson – She thanked the City for the opportunity to attend the TML Conference. She thanked Chief Bois for the nice going away party for Sammi, it's sad to see her leave.

Council Member Lehman – He asked that paving be addressed on Edalyn.

Council Member Grant – He said the rope broke on the flag pole at the Senior Center. The no park signs on Binz Engleman are too far apart.

Council Member Pierce – He welcomed the new employees and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Mayor Pierce – Mayor Pierce thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She announced upcoming events. She asked if the signage for the school zone could list the times instead of only blinking light. She said Republic Services has not delivered the letters addressing the carts and recycling. On the next agenda include TML Update for the conference council and staff attended. Welcome new employees and wished Sammi much success in her new journey. There was only one response received on the Parks and Recreation survey. She asked if the resident on Gibbs Sprawl obtained his permit. She asked that the ordinances that are approved need to be enforced and she asked that the animal ordinance be placed on the next agenda.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:39 P.M.

Lisa B. Pierce
Mayor

Attest:

Patty Cox, TRMC, City Secretary