



Lisa B. Pierce, Mayor

Sylvia Apodaca
Mike Grant
Jerry Lehman

Kimberly McGehee-Aldrich
John W. Pierce
Debra Wilson

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2019 – 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 community in a fiscally responsible manner.”

4. Roll Call

PRESENT

ABSENT

Mayor Pierce
Mayor Pro-Tem Aldrich
Council Member Lehman
Council Member Pierce
Council Member Grant
Council Member Wilson
Council Member Apodaca

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

5. Citizen Participation

There were not any citizens signed up to participate.

6. Consideration Of And Action On Minutes

a. Regular Meeting May 9, 2019

Council Member Lehman moved to accept the minutes for May 9, 2019; seconded by Council Member Grant. The motion carried with a 6-0-1 vote.

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

ABSTAIN: 1 (Mayor Pro-Tem
Aldrich)

7. Presentation

a. City Of Kirby 2019 Pool Season

City Manager Vernon presented an update on the opening of the 2019 Pool Season and the hours of operation. Ms. Vernon will inform San Antonio Pool Management there is an interest in a special time for senior swimming.

8. Discussion And Possible Action

a. Discussion And Possible Action To Elect A Mayor Pro-Tem For The Term May 2019 - May 2020

Mayor Pierce stated that Sylvia Apodaca has declined the appointment of Mayor Pro-Tem; therefore, Council is being asked to elect a Mayor Pro-Tem for the term May 2019 – 2020.

Council Member Pierce moved to reappoint Kimberly Aldrich; seconded by Council Member Wilson. With all voting, “aye” the motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

b. Discussion And Possible Action On A Summer Youth Tennis Program In Friendship Park

City Manager Vernon announced the San Antonio Tennis Association is requesting use of the tennis court in Friendship Park to conduct a Summer Youth Tennis Program on the following dates and times: June 15, 22, 29 and July 13, 20, and 27. The hours of operation will be 10:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.

Council Member Grant moved to accept the dates and hours of operation for the Summer Youth Tennis Program in Friendship Park; seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Aldrich. With all voting, "aye" the motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

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

Gilbert Salas, Director of Public Works, provided an update on the progress on the Binz Engleman Road Reconstruction.

City Manager Vernon informed Council that San Antonio Constructors provided a written request to consolidate Phase IV and V.

Council discussed this request and Council Member Wilson moved that San Antonio Constructors to begin Phase IV after the current punch list is accepted and then they can start Phase V; seconded by Council Member Grant. With all voting, "aye" the motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

d. Discussion And Possible Action On Appointing A Regular Member(s) And An Alternate Member(s) To The Building And Standards Commission

Mayor Pierce stated Thomas Hernandez, applicant, is in attendance to answer any questions the Council may have.

Mr. Hernandez provided the Council with his background information and stated he's looking forward to being a member of the Building and Standards Commission.

Council Member Wilson moved to appoint Thomas Hernandez to the Building and Standards Commission as a regular member for a term expiring October 1, 2021; seconded by Council Member Grant. With all voting, "aye" the motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

- e. Discussion And Possible Action On Appointing A Member(s) To The Beautification And Recycle Committee

There were not any applications.

- f. Discussion And Possible Action On Appointing A Member(s) To the Kirby Senior Center Corporation Board

There were not any applications.

- g. Update, Discussion And Possible Action On Autumn Lane Criminal Activity Concerns By Neighbors

Lt. Laymon presented the history of the criminal activity on Autumn Lane and throughout the City. The call volume in the City increased January 2016. The information presented encompassed January 2016 through May 8, 2019. The calls received by dispatch included requests for service and suspicious activity.

- h. Discussion And Possible Action On A Code Compliance Strategic Plan For The City Of Kirby

Officer Thompson presented the three phases in the Code Compliance Strategic Plan for the City of Kirby. The changes that will be implemented are as follows:

- Adopt the International Property Maintenance Code
- Every month bring properties before the Building and Standards Commission.
- We plan to conduct consistent ongoing enforcement efforts, establishing a positive, productive presence in every neighborhood.
- We expect the ratings in each area of the city to steadily improve.
- We anticipate dramatically reducing the number of structures needing major repair, progressing up to minor repair or even sound conditions.

- i. Discussion And Possible Action On Ordinance No. O-2019-857, To Adopt The International Property Maintenance Code, 2018 Edition, And Local Amendments Thereto And Establishing A Penalty Of A Fine Of Not More Than \$2,000 For Violations With Each Day A Violation Occurs Constituting A Separate Offense. This Is The First Reading.

City Manager Vernon informed Council that the 2018 Edition of the International Property Maintenance Code is available and Council is being asked to adopt the 2018 International Property Maintenance Code.

Council Member Grant moved to adopt Ordinance No. O-2019-857, adopting the International Property Maintenance Code, 2018 Edition, and local amendments thereto and establishing a penalty of a fine of not more than \$2,000 for violations with each day a violation occurs constituting a separate offense; seconded by Council Member Lehman. With all voting, “aye” the motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

j. Discussion And Possible Action To Install A Memorial Street Sign On Theodor Honoring Former Planning And Zoning Commission Chairman Reggie Russell

City Manager Vernon provided information on the memorial sign. The Planning and Zoning Commission members recommended the memorial renaming of the street Theodor, where he was a resident, to Reggie Russell Way. This will be a memorial street sign and the official street name will remain Theodor, so we can honor his memory. If Council approves this tonight, we will go back to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a date to unveil the street sign.

Council Member Grant moved to accept the installation of a memorial street sign on Theodor honoring former Planning and Zoning Commission Chairman Reggie Russell; seconded by Council Member Lehman. With all voting, “aye” the motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

Mrs. Jan Russell, Mr. Russell’s wife, thanked the Council and expressed how moved she is by Council’s action tonight and Reggie would be too! This community meant a lot to him.

9. 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 Wilson – She said the property on Springfield Road was mowed, but they did not weed eat. She said she will not be able to attend the next Council meeting and asked when is the next Charter review? City Manager Vernon said the last Charter review was in 2014 and is reviewed every six years.

Council Member Lehman – He said the next Economic Development Committee Quarterly Business Mixer is June 12, 6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M. at Wingit.

Council Member Apodaca – She wished everyone a safe weekend.

Mayor Pierce – She thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She wished everyone a happy and safe Memorial Day and she hoped everyone remembers what this day is for. She attended the Planning and Zoning meeting and a new business is requesting to not install a sprinkler system. The Commissioners tabled the meeting to June 11, 2019 so they can receive information from the fire marshal. The property, Big Boy Hauling, is located on the corner of Binz Engleman and Springfield. She asked that in preparation of the item coming before Council, that Council drive by the area to get an idea of their request. The Senior Center Breakfast is on June 8. Thank you departments in the City for all you do. She received a letter from TCEQ and we are in compliance, there are no violations. She thanked Mr. Salas for keeping us in compliance.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:11 P.M.

Lisa B. Pierce
Mayor

Patty Cox, TRMC
City Secretary