



Lisa B. Pierce, Mayor

Sylvia Apodaca
Mike Grant
Jerry Lehman

Kimberly McGehee-Aldrich
John W. Pierce
Joe Salazar

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2020 – 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

Mayor Pierce
Mayor Pro-Tem Aldrich
Council Member Pierce
Council Member Apodaca
Council Member Grant
Council Member Salazar

ABSENT

Council Member Lehman

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

5. Citizen Participation

1. Stephen Pitmon – He said he will wait until item 8.d. is discussed.
2. Roger Romens – He said he will wait until item 8 c. is discussed.
3. Anthony Jetter – He said he will wait until item 8.g. is discussed.
4. Felix Arambula, III – He said he will wait until item 8 g. is discussed.
5. Susan Street – She said she will wait until item 8.c. is discussed.
6. B.J. Voigt – She thanked City Manager Vernon for the street sign, tomorrow is 9-11 and Reach Across America has asked everybody to stand outside in front of their house and waive a flag at specific times. She said she will be standing outside. She thanked Mayor Pro-Tem Aldrich for attending the Kirby Senior Center Rummage Sale. If someone wants to know about her, have them contact her for the correct information. People help people instead of bringing them down.

6. Consideration Of And Action On Minutes

a. Public Hearing/Regular Meeting – August 27, 2020

Council Member Apodaca moved to approve the Public Hearing/Regular Meeting minutes of August 27, 2020; seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Aldrich. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

7. Presentation

a. September 11th Special Presentation – Fire Chief Glenn Levy

Chief Glenn B. Levy recognized the “Flag of Hero’s” that contains the names of all of the firefighters that gave their lives on September 11 and those who have died since that day. He presented the “Flag of Hero’s” to the firefighters to recognize them for what they do every day. Mayor Pierce thanked the first responders.

b. Special Employee Recognition – Police Chief Kevin Bois

Council Member Grant moved to postpone this item until the recipient is able to attend; seconded by Council Member Apodaca. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

8. Discussion And Possible Action

- a. Discussion And Possible Action On Appointing Up To Four Alternate Members To The Building And Standards Commission

There were not any applications submitted.

- b. Discussion And Possible Action On Entering Into An Agreement With Slow-Pitch Amateur Softball League, For Use Of Land Owned By The City Of Kirby To Conduct Slow Pitch Amateur Softball League Athletic Functions

Mayor Pro-Tem Aldrich moved to table this item until representative is available to attend the meeting; seconded by Council Member Salazar. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

- c. Discussion And Possible Action On Volleyball Court Installation

1. Roger Romens – He spoke in favor of the volleyball court and suggested Hugo Lentz and Friendship Parks as locations.

2. Susan Street – She spoke about the location of the volleyball court and other concerns. She supported Friendship Park as a location.

3. B.J. Voigt – She spoke in favor of the volleyball court and suggested a location large enough for multiple volleyball courts and voiced other concerns.

4. Mr. Snow – He spoke about the volleyball courts as a way to keep the youth off the streets and safe. If they stay busy, they may stay out of trouble.

Council Member Grant recognized the comments from the citizens. He wants the youth to have a centrally located volleyball court so they won't have a long distance to travel to use a court. His suggestion is to place the court on the same side as the basketball court by the Senior Center. He has everything that is needed, except the net.

Council Member Grant moved that he be allowed to place the volleyball court somewhere in the John Sterling Park area.

Council discussed the location of the volleyball court. Council Member Grant withdrew his motion.

Council Member Apodaca moved to postpone this item to look at locations and materials; seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Aldrich. The motion carried with a 5-0-1 vote.

AYES: 5

NAYES: 0

ABSTAIN – 1 (Council Member Grant)

d. Discussion And Possible Action On Live Streaming City Council Meeting

Stephen Pitmon said he got together with a small group of people to research live streaming. They had a conference with WebEx and they had decent features which he shared with the city council. The expenses associated with the software would be determined by the equipment that would be required. Also, Granicus is live, but he's not sure of the expense.

City Manager Vernon said she met with Mr. Pitmon to talk about this item. She said Council discussed this in 2015, 2017 and 2019. Due to the expense the City Council chose the audio which is the most cost effective. If installed equipment here, the cost estimate is \$26,089 for the recording equipment. To air the video the options were YouTube and Cloud.

City Council discussed the options and expense.

Mr. Arambula said he is familiar with Granicus which is a great system, but it is pricey. One thing it does not have is two-way communication capability.

e. Discussion And Possible Action On Ordinance No. O-2020-883 Making Appropriations For The Support Of The City Of Kirby For The Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2020 And Ending September 30, 2021 Appropriating Money To A Sinking Fund To Pay Interest And Principal Due On The City's Indebtedness; And Adopting The Annual Enterprise And General Fund Budgets Of The City Of Kirby For 2020-2021 Fiscal Year. This Is The First Reading.

Council Member Pierce moved to approve Ordinance No. O-2020-833 making appropriations for the support of the City of Kirby for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021 appropriating money to a Sinking Fund to pay interest and principal due on the City's indebtedness; and adopting the annual Enterprise and General Fund Budgets of the City of Kirby for 2020-2021 Fiscal Year; seconded by Council Member Apodaca. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

f. Discussion And Possible Action On Ordinance No. O-2020-884 Levying Ad Valorem Taxes For Use And Operation Of The Municipal Government Of The City Of Kirby, Texas For The 2020 Tax Fiscal Year; Providing For Apportioning Each Levy For Specific Purposes; And, Providing When Taxes Shall Become Due And When Same Shall Become Delinquent If Not Paid. This Is The First Reading.

Mayor Pro-Tem Aldrich moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of .698942, which is effectively 5.06 percent increase in the tax rate; seconded by Council Member Apodaca. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

g. Update And Discussion On 2924 Ackerman Road – Possible Executive Session Pursuant To Texas Government Code Section 551.071, Consultation With Attorney

1. Anthony Jetter – He thanked City Manager Vernon for explaining about grandfather. He presented information to the Council regarding this property.

2. Felix Arambula – He presented information to the Council regarding this property.

Mr. Schnall said he will review the information presented at this meeting and render an opinion.

9. Request 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 said she likes the fact that we are trying to bring items to our parks. She asked that the dog park discussion be brought back on the next agenda. Have a safe evening.

Mayor Pierce – Se thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The Community Garage Sale is October 9-11, 2020. Contact City Hall and speak with Patty or email to be placed on the Participant List. October 13 – 30, 2020 is bulk/brush curb side pick-up; October 12, 2020 10 A.M. – 12 P.M. meet the Fire Chief at the Fire Station and masks are required.

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 P.M.

Lisa B. Pierce
Mayor

ATTEST:

Patty Cox, TRMC
City Secretary