



*Lisa B. Pierce, Mayor*

Sylvia Apodaca  
Mike Grant  
Jerry Lehman

Kimberly McGehee-Aldrich  
John W. Pierce  
Joe Salazar

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**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER  
112 BAUMAN, KIRBY, TX 78219**

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**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 Apodaca  
Council Member Grant  
Council Member Salazar

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

## **5. Citizen Participation**

1.) BJ Voigt – She spoke about the Community Garage sale. Her proceeds will be donated to the Police Department, Fire Department and Animal Services.

2.) Mr. Felix Arambula, III – He provided an update on the property located at 2924 Ackerman Road and his client.

3.) Stephanie Faulkner – She said she will speak during item 9. c.

4.) Sid Sanders, Sr. – He said he will speak during item 9. c.

5. David Teplicek– He did not want to speak.

6.) Roger Romens – He said he will speak during item 9. b. & c.

7.) Susan Street – She said she will speak during item 9. c.

8.) Chris Garza – He spoke about the need for a plan for the volleyball court and dog park. He asked if the Council would place an item on an agenda regarding the letter residents received from San Antonio about water contamination.

9.) Harold Shaw – He said he will speak during item 9. c.

10.) Nikyia Sanchez – She said she will speak during item 9. c.

## **6. Consideration Of And Action On Minutes**

### **a. Regular Meeting – September 24, 2020**

Council Member Grant moved to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of September 24, 2020; seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Aldrich. The motion carried with a 6-0-1 vote.

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

ABSTAIN: 1 (Council Member Apodaca)

## **7. Consent Agenda**

### **a. Approval Of Quarterly Investment Report For Period Ending June 2020**

### **b. Approval Of Quarterly Financial Report For Period Ending June 2020**

Mayor Pro-Tem Aldrich moved to accept the Quarterly Investment Report for period ending June 2020 and Quarterly Financial Report for period ending June 2020; seconded by Council Member Salazar. The motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

**8. Presentation**

a. Breast Cancer Awareness Month

City Manager Vernon said the month of October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and she shared facts about breast cancer. She provided an overview of recent events staff participated in. Tonight, we want to pay special tribute to two of our breast cancer survivors - Finance Director Tina Ynfante a survivor since 2011 and City Secretary Patty Cox a survivor since 2019.

b. Introduction Of New Employees

Chief Levy recognized Alexander Vega FF-EMT, Matt Zertuche FF-Paramedic, Abel Mendez FF-EMT. He acknowledged Captain John Speed and Lieutenant Teresa Wagner for their commitment to the department.

c. Community Wide Garage Sale

City Manager Vernon reminded everyone this weekend is the Community Wide Garage Sale, October 9-11, 2020, 7:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M. Anyone can participate and can place a sign in their own yard. The list of participants and map have been placed on the City's website and Facebook.,

d. Curbside Brush/Bulk Pick Up

City Manager Vernon said the Curbside Brush/Bulk Pick Up is October 12 – 30. She reminded everyone to wait until their sector will be picked to place items at their curb. The map is available on the City's website and identifies the three sectors of the City. Place your items at the curb no later than 7:00 A.M. on the day your sector begins and you can place a maximum 5 cubic yards of brush/bulk. Any overage will be left at curb. Residents will be responsible to have the items not picked up removed. They will not pick up hazardous materials. Once Republic Service goes down your street they will not come back. Mayor Pierce said on the flyer there is contact information to call to make arrangements with Republic Services for additional items. If you make arrangements, contact Code Compliance and let her know.

e. City Of Kirby Municipal Pool 2020 Season Report

City Manager Vernon spoke about the financial season. This is the third year with San Antonio Pool Management and we are accepting new proposals for pool service for the next two years. We have been very pleased with their services.

Representatives from San Antonio Pool Management – Doug White, president/General Manager and Elena, Director of Operations, they provided an overview of the pool season.

**9. General 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.

b. Discussion And Possible Action On Establishing A Public Dog Park In The City Of Kirby

1.) Roger Romens – He said he will speak on item b. and c. Planning is very important for City parks and there is a 2012 concept plan that was preceded by the 1995 Park Master Plan. Verify that anything that is being considered for the parks has been addressed in the concept plan. Parks are an asset for quality of life for the residents being provided by the City in addition to other services provided.

Mayor Pierce said Council Member Apodaca has proposed this item be placed on the agenda on September 24, 2020.

Police Chief Kevin Bois presented the information he researched that included feasibility, identifying an area in the City for a dog park, rules, and various design features.

City Manager Vernon provided the history on two grants that had been submitted for amenities that could be placed in a dog park that were denied.

Mayor Pierce said the most recent grant that will be coming up is “Bark for your Park” April 2021. She provided information on the number of times dog parks has been addressed in council meetings. She said a decision will not be made this evening.

Council Member Grant moved to start planning a dog park at a determined location with consideration of the 2012 Conceptual Plan; seconded by Council Member Salazar. The motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

c. Discussion And Possible Action On Volleyball Court Installation In The City Of Kirby

1.) Stephanie Faulkner - She provided the history on the 2012 Conceptual Plan discussions and identified improvements to the parks.

2.) Sid Sanders Sr. – He said safety of the participants and spectators need to be considered. He talked about the type of surface and drainage.

3.) Susan Street – She said a volleyball court would be a good thing. There are specific requirements that would need to be met. She said she is concerned about drainage.

4.) Harold Shaw – He provided pictures identifying where a volleyball court could be located for Council consideration. He spoke about the design of volleyball courts. He said the kids are our future.

5.) Nikyia Sanchez – She spoke on behalf of teenagers that live in Kirby. The teenagers would benefit from having a court here so they won't have to travel to other cities. She asked Council, "Are you here for us, too!"

6.) Roger Romens – He said for many years he saw kids play football in the vacant field that is being considered. He said a volleyball court will take away an amenity for the other kids that have been using the vacant field to play football.

Council Member Grant addressed the type of sand that could be used in a volleyball court.

City Council discussed the proposed locations of a volleyball court.

Council Member Grant moved to accept the location of a volleyball court to be placed adjacent to the gazebo by Kirby Senior Center garage facing Binz Engleman Road; seconded by Council Member Salazar.

Public Works Director Michael Ives said the area being considered is not the same area where he painted lines to identify the location by the basketball court that was originally considered.

Council Member Grant withdrew his motion to accept the location of a volleyball court to be placed in the area marked by Mr. Ives that is adjacent to the basketball court; Council Member Salazar withdrew his second.

Council Member Grant moved to accept area adjacent to the basketball court that was marked off and inspected by our Public Work Director; seconded by Council Member Salazar. The motion carried with a 5-2 vote.

AYES: 5                      NAYES: 2                      (Mayor Pro-Tem Aldrich and Mayor Pierce)

Mayor Pierce said that parking needs to be considered.

d. Discussion And Possible Action To Change The Date Of The October 22, 2020 Regular Council Meeting To October 15, 2020 Due To Early Voting

City Manager Vernon said at the last meeting Council approved to allow discretion to change dates of City Council meetings. The City is an Early Voting Center and the dates and times of the voting vary. On October 22, 2020 the Voting Center closes at 8:00 P.M. and on October 15, 2020 the Voting Center closes at 6:00 P.M. The agenda will reflect we can start the meeting after the poll site closes.

Council Member Grant moved to change the date of the October 22, 2020 regular Council Meeting to October 15, 2020 due to early voting; seconded by Council Member Lehman. The motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

- e. Discussion And Possible Action To Change The Date Of The November 26, 2020 Regular Council Meeting To November 19, 2020 Due To Thanksgiving

Mayor Pro-Tem Aldrich moved to change the date of the November 26, 2020 Regular Council meeting to November 19, 2020 due to Thanksgiving; seconded by Council Member Grant. The motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

- f. Discussion And Possible Action To Change The Date Of The December 24, 2020 City Council Meeting To December 17, 2020 Due To Christmas Eve

Mayor Pro-Tem Aldrich moved to change the date of the December 24, 2020 City Council meeting to December 17, 2020 due to Christmas Eve; seconded by Council Member Apodaca. The motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

- g. Discussion And Possible Action On Resolution No. R-2020-725 Of The City Of Kirby City Council For The Adoption Of The City Of Kirby Cafeteria Plan

City Manager Vernon said Council is being asked to consider adopting this Resolution that describes employee benefits that are being offered.

Council Member Pierce moved to accept Resolution R-2020-725 of the City of Kirby City Council for the adoption of the City of Kirby Cafeteria Plan; seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Aldrich. The motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

- h. Discussion And Possible Action On Ordinance No. O-2020-887 Ordering A Special Election On May 1, 2021, On Amendments To The City Charter Of The City Of Kirby, Texas; Making Provision For The Conduct Of The Election Including City Intention

To Enter Into A Joint Election Agreement And/Or A Contract For Election Services With The Bexar County Election Administrator; Resolving Other Matters Incident And Related To Such Election; And Providing An Effective Date. This Is The First Reading.

City Manager Vernon provided the background on the Charter Review Commission's process and stated there are 15 recommended changes to the Charter. The next available election to place these amendments on a ballot is May 1, 2021. You cannot call the election less than 30 days prior to the election which is why this could not be called for the November 3, 2020 election; however, there is no time limit when you can order it for the next election so we are ordering this for the next election, May 1, 2021, so that the Charter recommendation can go to the voting body as propositions. Additional information will be provided when we get closer to the election. The proposed amendments are on the City's website.

Council Member Apodaca moved to accept Ordinance No. O-2020-887 ordering a Special Election on May 1, 2021, on amendments to the City Charter of the City of Kirby, Texas; making provision for the conduct of the election including City intention to enter into a Joint Election Agreement and/or a contract for election services with the Bexar County Election Administrator; resolving other matters incident and related to such election; and providing an effective date; seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Aldrich. The motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

- i. Discussion And Possible Action On Appointment Of Members To The Beautification And Recycle Committee.

Mayor Pierce said there are four members not seeking appointment and there are not any applications.

## **10. 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 Grant – He requested discussion on the safety of the Gazebo be placed on the next agenda.

Mayor Pro-Tem Aldrich - She thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Council Member Apodaca – She said National Night Out to Go was on Tuesday and City Council and city staff distributed flyers. She thanked all of the employees who participated. We had a great time.

Mayor Pierce – She thanked everyone for attending the meeting and those who spoke. She thanked all employees and welcomed new fire fighters. She thanked Chief Levy for the pinning ceremony. She asked Patty and Tina to keep fighting. City wide garage sale – you do not have to sign up to participate – drive the streets and find treasures. Bulk pick up - place your items at the curb no later than 7:00 A.M. on the day you sector starts. Contact city hall if you are not sure when your sector starts. She thanked Chief Bois for National Night Out, it was a success. She thanked all departments represented at NNO to Go. She wished everyone a safe weekend.

**11. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:02P.M.

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Lisa B. Pierce  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Patty Cox, TRMC  
City Secretary