



Kimberly McGehee Aldrich, Mayor

Sylvia Apodaca
Mike Grant
Mike Martin

Joe Salazar
Janeshia Grider
Susan E. Street

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING/BUDGET WORKSHOP
THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER
112 BAUMAN, KIRBY, TX 78219**

1. Call Meeting to Order

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

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Mayor Aldrich 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 Aldrich
Mayor Pro-Tem Grant
Council Member Apodaca
Council Member Salazar
Council Member Martin
Council Member Grider
Council Member Street

5. Citizen Participation

1. Lee Dora Hays – She informed Council there is a great need for a senior living facility.
2. Norvell Luke – She said there has been trouble with garbage service where she lives.
3. Roger Romens – He said he will speak when 8.a. Workshop is addressed. He wanted to speak about the tax rate and read a letter he wrote last year regarding the tax rate.

6. Consideration Of And Action On Minutes

- a. Regular Meeting – July 22, 2021
- b. Special Meeting – July 29, 2021

Council Member Salazar moved to accept the Minutes of July 22, 2021 Regular Meeting and July 29, 2021 Special Meeting; seconded by Council Member Apodaca. The motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

7. General Discussion And Possible Action

- a. Discussion And Possible Action On Ordinance No. O-2021-898 Authorizing The City To Enter Into An Agreement For Ambulance (EMS) Billing Services And Authorizing The Mayor Or The City Manager To Execute Such Agreement. This Is The Second Reading.

Council Martin moved to accept Ordinance No. O-2021-898 authorizing the City to enter into an agreement with Specialized Billing Systems for Ambulance (EMS) Billing Services with a 9% reporting fee and authorizing the mayor or the city manager to execute such agreement; seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Grant. The motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

- b. Discussion And Possible Action On Appointment Of A Member To The Beautification And Recycle Committee.

There were not any applications submitted.

- c. Discussion And Possible Action On Ordinance No. O-2021-899 Including A Revision To Sewer Service Charges And Providing For A Penalty. This Is The First Reading.

City Manager Vernon informed Council a redline copy is included in their packet. The ordinance is not ready for approval because of additional editing that is needed.

Mayor Pro-Tem Grant moved to table action on Ordinance No. O-2021-899 including a revision to sewer service charges and providing for a penalty; seconded by Council Member Apodaca. The motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

- d. Discussion And Possible Action On A Proposal For Engineering Services To Repair The Pump And Lining At Well Number 3

City Manager provided the purpose for this item. There are guidelines and additional steps required by TCEQ, and due to the need for engineered plans there is an additional \$25,000 is needed.

Council Member Street moved to accept the proposal for engineering services to repair the pump and lining at Well Number 3; seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Grant. The motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

- e. Discussion And Possible Action Authorizing The Mayor To Enter Into An Interlocal Agreement With CPS Energy For Ackerman Road Improvements

Council Member Martin said SAWS and the City should work together on the project. He asked Mayor Aldrich to place this on the next agenda.

City Manager Vernon explained the reason CPS Energy required the Interlocal Agreement.

Council Member Martin moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with CPS Energy for Ackerman Road Improvements; seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Grant. The motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

- f. Discussion And Possible Action On Establishing A Parks And Recreation Committee

Mayor Aldrich suggested postponing this item to allow time to advertise and receive applications from those who want to be a member of the Committee.

City Manager Vernon said Council Member Martin requested this item. Council Member Martin said a lot of work is needed at the parks and that is the reason for the Parks and Recreation Committee. There was discussion about appointing applicants and what is expected of them.

Council Member Salazar moved to postpone establishing a Parks and Recreation Committee until applications have been received; seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Grant. The motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

8. Budget Workshop

- a. Discussion And Direction On The Proposed Budgets For Fiscal Year 2021-2022 And Announcement Of Date And Time Of Budgets Public Hearing

City Manager Vernon said in certain departments there are highlighted adjustments to salaries to improve starting pay. She reminded Council there has to be a minimum four months reserve in the water fund and general fund.

Tina Ynfante, Finance Director, presented the proposed budgets for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. She identified the changes that were made throughout the budget.

The budget public hearing is scheduled for September 1, 2021 at 6:30 P.M.

9. City Manager Announcements

- a. Announcements On City Events And Items Of Community Interest.

City Manager Vernon did not have any announcements.

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 Interest

Council Member Salazar – He thanked City Manager Vernon and Finance Director Ynfante for looking out for employees.

Council Member Grider – She announced an outreach program involving police officers and our community. Police officers are going to reach out to the community by walking the streets on August 21, 2021, Saturday, 10:00 A.M. – Noon. The streets are Corian Glen, Buzz Aldrin, Corian Oak and Swann Lane. She said she will be with officers distributing information.

Community outreach is vital. She inquired about when the doors open prior to city council meetings. City Manager Vernon said they open at 6:45 P.M., when security is here, otherwise we wait for them to arrive. Council Member Grider urged everyone to stay safe, mask up, and use common sense. She thanked Council Members Martin and Street for their Town Hall meetings. She said children are going back to school and she wished them a great school year and thanked staff.

Mayor Pro-Tem Grant – He asked that Council discuss removing the no parking signs on the north side of the street on Binz Engleman. He requested an agenda item regarding a stop sign at Fred Haise. He inquired about the STEP program. He requested a completed budget from the Senior Center to be provided to City Council.

Council Member Street – She thanked everyone who attended the Town Hall meeting and reminded Council about having a quorum. She asked for a workshop to discuss the funds that will be received for American Rescue Plan. She inquired about the report on stop signs. City Manager Vernon said this will be on the next agenda. She said at the Town Hall meeting a resident inquired about the amount of time it takes to obtain a building permit. She thanked staff, City Manager Vernon and Finance Director Ynfante for their hard work on the budget. She wished for a happy start of the school year.

Council Member Apodaca – She invited everyone to the VFW is hosting an NFL Sunday Funday on September 19, 2021 Cowboys vs Chargers. \$10 brisket and sausage sandwich, potato salad and beans from noon till food is gone.

Council Member Martin – He requested an agenda item to discuss the sewer on Ackerman and possibly requesting SAWS assist with funding; also include an agenda item to discuss senior living and housing. City Manager Vernon stated CPS Energy provided brochures at the last Council meeting that identified various resources and programs available that offer assistance. Council Member Martin asked that quorums be discussed.

Mayor Aldrich – She asked City Manager Vernon to find out what can be done about the garbage service on Hoeneke. She said the Council members individual pictures on the website are gone. She shared information pertaining to quorums and walking quorums. She thanked the employees for choosing Kirby. She expressed her appreciation for each employee. She urged everyone to stay safe, mask up, and get vaccinated.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 P.M.

Kim Aldrich, Mayor

ATTEST

Patty Cox, City Secretary, TRMC