



Kimberly McGehee Aldrich, Mayor

Sylvia Apodaca
Mike Grant
Mike Martin

Joe Salazar
Janeshia Grider
Susan E. Street

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 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. Willie Mae Clay – She inquired about the status of a partnership with VIA and Charles Conrad/Old Seguin Road bus stop.

2. Harold Shaw – He talked about Council requesting a one-on-one meeting with staff to go over the budget.

3. Roger Romens – He asked that Council bring back Ordinance No. O-2021-903 to discuss how the ordinance will be implemented. Pertaining to 8.f. the Charter is clear on service on committees, boards or commissions.

6. Consideration Of And Action On Minutes

- a. Special Meeting – September 1, 2021
- b. Regular Meeting – September 23, 2021

Mayor Pro-Tem Grant moved to accept the minutes of a. Special Meeting – September 1, 2021 and b. Regular Meeting – September 23, 2021; seconded by Council Member Apodaca. The motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

7. Presentation

- a. Fire Department - Badge Pinning Ceremony

Chief Hilburn officiated the Pinning Ceremony. City Secretary administered the Oath to Captain Timothy Gill, FF/EMT Nicholas Flores and FF/EMT Carlos Hernandez.

- b. Breast Cancer Awareness Month

City Manager Vernon recognized Tina Ynfante and Patty Cox as Breast Cancer Survivors.

8. General Discussion And Possible Action

- a. Discussion And Possible Action On Ordinance O-2021- 904 To Repeal Ordinance No. O-2005-618 And To Add A Stop Intersection North And South At Binz Engleman And Fred Haise To Schedule I Of Chapter 72 Of The Code Of Ordinances. This Is The First Reading.

City Council discussed the impact the stop intersection north and south at Binz Engleman and Fred Haise would have on our residents.

Mayor Pro-Tem Grant moved to accept Ordinance O-2021- 904 to repeal Ordinance No. O-2005-618 and to add a stop intersection north and south At Binz Engleman and Fred Haise to Schedule I of Chapter 72 of the Code of Ordinances; seconded by Council Member Salazar. The motion carried with a 6-1 vote.

AYES: 6

NAYES: 1 (Council Member Street)

b. Update And Discussion On Kirby Volunteer Fire Department Board Plans And Activities

Chief Hilburn introduced Casey Hawkins, President of the Kirby Volunteer Fire Department Board. Mr. Hawkins provided information on the Board and answered questions.

c. Discussion And Possible Action On City Of Kirby Investment Policy, Strategy And Options

City Manager Vernon provided a breakdown on the Kirby Investment Policy, Strategy and options that are available. She answered questions from City Council.

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

An application was received by Ms. Simone Green seeking appointment to the Beautification and Recycle Committee.

Mayor Pro-Tem Grant moved to appoint Simone Green to the Beautification and Recycle Committee term ending October 1, 2022; seconded by Council member Martin. The motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

e. Discussion And Possible Action On Ordinance No. O-2021- 905 Designating The Official City Newspaper For Publication Of Matters Pertaining To The City Of Kirby. This Is The First Reading.

City Manager Vernon expressed the City needs more flexibility when publishing City notices in the official City newspaper. She said currently our option is advertising once a week with Northside Herald. They have rigid time frames for submitting the notice to the newspaper. San Antonio Express News offers more days we can advertise and submit our notice. She offered a comparison of the cost difference. Council will consider flexibility vs cost.

Council offered comments addressing the pros and cons of designating a different official City newspaper.

Council Member Martin moved to accept Ordinance No. O-2021- 905 designating San Antonio Express News as the official City Newspaper for publication of matters pertaining to the City of Kirby; seconded by Council Member Salazar. The motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

f. Discussion And Possible Action On City Council Members Serving On Boards, Commissions And Committees

Mayor Pro-Tem Grant and Council Member Grider requested this item. Council Member Grider stated currently, Council Member Street serves on the Economic Development Committee and on the Kirby Senior Center Corporation Board as a member, treasurer and Council liaison. Council Member Martin serves on the Senior Center Corporation Board.

There was discussion regarding Council Members serving on boards, commissions and committees. If current council members resign from boards, commissions and committees this would create a vacancy for citizens to apply to serve. The council members can volunteer to help.

Council Members Street and Martin spoke on their own behalf.

Mayor Pro-Tem Grant moved to remove Council Member Martin from Kirby Senior Center Corporation Board; remove Council Member Street from Economic Development Committee and Kirby Senior Center Corporation Board; seconded by Council Member Apodaca. The motion carried with a 5/1/1 vote.

AYES: 5

NAYES: 1 (Council Member Martin)

ABSTAIN 1 (Council Member Street)

g. Reports By Council Members On Their Experiences During The 2021 Texas Municipal League Conference

Mayor Aldrich, Council Members Grider, Martin and Street; City Manager Vernon shared their experiences during the 2021 Texas Municipal League Conference.

9. City Manager Announcements

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

City Manager Vernon thanked Mayor Pro-Tem Grant, Council Members Apodaca and Salazar and all City staff who participated in National Night out.

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 commented that all members of Council want the zipper machine, but we cannot afford it at this time and we do not have enough personnel to man it. He suggested using the effort to increase our boundary to the west.

Council Member Grider – She inquired about the status of Road Hog Co; October 30, 9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. San Antonio Rugby Academy offering free clinic. October 26, 5:30 P.M. -7:30 P.M. Kirby Middle School Community Trunk or Treat. Regarding a road machine, January 22, 2022 set a goal to have the information and a plan how we are going to move forward with road improvements. She thanked staff for participating in GOVERNMENT 101 class. She urged residents to sign up and get involved. She will start an event once a month for residents to come and speak with her and exercise. The first event is November 1, 6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M. at Friendship Park to “Travel the Trail with Council.” (Originally former Mayor Lisa Pierce’s name for the event.) December 1 is the date for the next walk. It’s an information setting to get to know each other. She agreed with Mr. Shaw and his ideas about the budget. Now that the ordinance is in place, Council needs to discuss how it will be implemented. She thanked all City staff and wished everyone a great weekend.

Mayor Pro-Tem Grant – He thanked everybody for who participated in National Night Out. Building is taking place on Springfield Road. He said he appreciated Council Member Grider’s efforts for activities for youth. We need to find something all youth can participate in. We need to take care of our youth and City.

Council Member Street – She spoke about Judson ISD bond election on November 2. She attended Northeast Partnership luncheon today and this was discussed. She asked that holiday programs be placed on the City calendar. She thanked all city employees.

Council Member Apodaca – She thanked everyone for their unfailing attendance, thank you City employees. On October 17, 1:00 P.M. the VFW will have their Sunday Fun Day.

Council Member Martin – He spoke about Judson ISD bond election. He said there have been tractor trailers and rigs parked on streets. Council needs to finalize Ordinance O-2021-903. He thanked everyone for attending the meeting, thanked staff and wished everyone a good night.

Mayor Aldrich – She spoke about Judson ISD bond election. She thanked Council Members Apodaca and Salazar and Mayor Pro-Tem Grant for attending National Night Out. She thanked Kirby for allowing Council to attend the annual Texas Municipal League Conference. She informed Council she saw a sand volleyball court at Rolling Oaks Mall. She thanked the Fire Department for assisting with her husband while she was away. She expressed how valuable the Fire Department and Police Department are to our City.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 P.M.

Kimberly Aldrich, Mayor

ATTEST

Patty Cox, City Secretary, TRMC