



Kimberly McGehee Aldrich, Mayor

Sylvia Apodaca
Mike Grant
Mike Martin

Joe Salazar
Janeshia Grider
Susan E. Street

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2022 – 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

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

ABSENT

Council Member Salazar*

*Due to medical reasons Council Member Salazar was able to listen and speak only during the meeting.

5. Citizen Participation

1. Roger Romens – He spoke item 10. Executive session. He said six years ago he requested to do this and was told Council could not have the information because it was an HR matter.

2. Chris Garza - City Manager Vernon read an email from Chris Garza. He voiced his concerns about City Council, voting, street repairs, budget and zipper to repair streets. He wants the Council to work for everyone.

6. Consideration Of And Action On Minutes

a. Regular Minutes – December 9, 2021

Mayor Pro-Tem Grant moved to approve the regular minutes – December 9, 2021; seconded by Council Member Martin. The motion carried with a 5-0-1 vote. (Council Member Apodaca abstained.)

b. Regular Minutes – December 16, 2021

There was no official action taken on this item.

7. Presentation

a. Employee Of The Quarter

Chief Cardona introduced Andrew Gonzales, Employee of the Quarter.

b. Fire Badge Pinning Ceremony

Chief Hilburn introduced Miles Bentz. He received his pin and Teresa Wagner, Police Secretary, officiated the Oath of Office as a Firefighter/EMT of the Fire Department.

c. Blue Santa Donor Recognition – Officer Megan Thompson

Officer Thompson recognized Blue Santa Donor's. Mayor Aldrich, Dollar General – Foster & Kirby, Joe Salazar, BJ Voigt, Mike Grant, Gibson Plumbing, Kirby Cleaners, Auto Brake & Clutch and JD Air & Plumbing.

8. Consent Agenda

a. Approval Of Quarterly Investment Report For Period Ending September 30, 2021

No official action taken on this item.

9. General Discussion And Possible Action

- a. Discussion And Possible Action On Resolution No. R-2022-740 Adopting The City Of Kirby Investment Policy.

Council discussed moving some of the funds into a CD.

No official action taken on this item.

- b. Discussion And Possible Action On Resolution No. R-2022-741 Adopting The City Of Kirby Investment Strategy

Council discussed the Investment Strategy.

Council Member Street moved to accept Resolution No. R-2022-741 Adopting The City Of Kirby Investment Strategy; seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Grant. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

- c. Discussion And Possible Action On Appointment Of A Member To The Economic Development Committee

Mayor Pro-Tem Grant moved to appoint Jody Flynn to the Economic Development Committee with a term expiring December 31, 2023; seconded by Council Member Apodaca. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

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

Council Member Apodaca moved to appoint Glenda Ehlers-Curtis to the Beautification and Recycle Committee; seconded by Council Member Martin. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

e. Update, Discussion And Possible Action On K-9 Jake

Chief Cardona informed Council that Mr. Guzman, CEO/Director of Operations at JIREH K-9 Training Academy, has agreed to accept K-9 Jake if Council votes to relinquish all rights at no cost.

Council discussed K-9 Jake and what is best for him and the City.

Mayor Pro-Tem Grant moved to release ownership of K-9 Jake to Mr. Ramiro Guzman, retire K-9 Jake's badge and relinquish all rights at no cost; seconded by Council Member Apodaca. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

f. Discussion And Possible Action on SWAT Agreement Renewal.

Chief Cardona presented the procedures for the SWAT team procedures. The cost will be \$6,500.

Council discussed this item.

There was no official action taken on this item.

g. Update, Discussion And Possible Action On City Council Candidate Filing Application Addendum

Council discussed this item.

Mayor Pro-Tem Grant moved to allow the City Council Candidate filing application addendum to be included in the City Council Candidate packet; seconded by Council Member Apodaca. The motion failed with a 3-3 vote.

AYES: 3

NAYES: 3 (Council Members Street, Grider and Martin)

10. Executive Session

a. Deliberate Evaluation Of The Public Works Director – Possible Executive Session Pursuant To Texas Government Code Section 551.074, Personnel Matters

Mayor Aldrich closed the regular meeting at 7:49 P.M. to convene into Executive Session to deliberate evaluation of the Public Works Director – possible executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074, personnel matters.

Mayor Aldrich reconvened the regular meeting at 8:18 P.M., stating there was not action taken in executive session.

11. City Manager Announcements

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

City Manager Vernon said City offices will be closed on January 17, 2022 recognizing Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. She reminded everyone about winter averaging and rebate program.

12. 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 Street – She said the Senior Center repairs at gazebo will start soon. The Center is having a Valentine Day Spaghetti Lunch event. Call the Senior Center to reserve/prepay, ask questions. She spoke about a Grant Development Workshop she wants to attend and asked if the City will pay for it? She wanted to schedule time to meet with Mayor Aldrich. She thanked City employees, first responders, and asked everyone to stay warm and safe.

Council Member Grider – She announces several events: Beautification and Recycle Committee will have Fiesta contest, Travel the Trail - January 19 and February 16; youth program activity suspended due to COVID; planning spring activities. On January 17, 9:00 A.M. Major Taylor Cycling Club bike event -35 miles - contact Council Member Grider for additional information. Goals – create youth activities, plan and organize a festival, funds for animal control services. Community service for youth in the future; infrastructure, streets, connect trail to parks. Prayers for Patsy Flores family. She is here for residents to be their voice. Keep giving feedback and hopes this year we can all work together.

Mayor Pro-Tem Grant – He asked that the Community Garden be placed on the next agenda.

Council Member Apodaca – She thanked Ms. Flynn and Ms. Curtis for volunteering, she thanked department heads, city employees. She thanked everyone who reached out to her and offered their prayers for her family.

Council Member Martin – He said he attended the North East Partnership and the topic was I-H 35 Corridor. On January 26 there will be an appreciation lunch for all city employees at the Fire Department starting at noon. Wednesday, January 19 is the first day to file for the election. Potholes are still a concern and the streets need to be repaired.

Mayor Aldrich - Reminded everyone still in winter averaging until February 15; successful Santa parade; thanked all City employees, thank you for choosing Kirby, she will meet with Council Member Street after the meeting. She thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

13. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 P.M.

Kimberly Aldrich, Mayor

ATTEST

Patty Cox, City Secretary, TRMC