



Kimberly McGehee Aldrich, Mayor

Sylvia Apodaca
Mike Grant
Mike Martin

Joe Salazar
Janeshia Grider
Susan E. Street

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 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
Council Member Apodaca
Council Member Salazar
Council Member Martin
Council Member Grider
Council Member Street

ABSENT

Mayor Pro-Tem Grant

5. Citizen Participation

1. Chris Garza – He spoke about staff and council accountability.
2. Helen Bruns – She spoke about the condition of City streets. Taxes paid by residents should pay for the repairs needed on our city streets.
3. Sally Hitt – She thanked Stephanie for the Candidate Forum.
4. Jack Miller – He spoke about an investigation he is conducting. He addressed his concerns with Mayor Pro-Tem Grant.
5. Jack Miller – He said he signed up to speak on items A-G.
6. Patricia Mann – She spoke about the Easter Egg Hunt and thanked everyone who volunteered. She would like to see more events in the City.
7. Ernest Spradling – He spoke about his support for City Manager Vernon.
8. Lisa Pierce – She spoke about her support for City Manager Vernon.
9. Harold Shaw - He spoke about his support for City Manager Vernon.

6. Presentations

a. Fire Badge Pinning Ceremony – Chief William Hilburn

Chief Hilburn introduced Blake Ferrell and Gunnar Graf. They received their pins and City Secretary swore them in as a Firefighter/EMT of the Fire Department.

b. Police Badge Pinning Ceremony – Chief Roxanne Cardona

This item will be brought back to the next meeting.

c. Volunteer Fire Department Board Update – President Casey Hawkins

President Hawkins was not able to attend the Council meeting. Chief Hilburn provided the Kirby Volunteer Fire Department Board update.

d. National Telecommunicators Week Proclamation - April 10-16

Mayor Aldrich read the proclamation recognizing National Telecommunicators Week – April 10 – 16 and presented it to Chief Cardona, Police Department and Chief Hilburn, Fire Department.

e. Fiesta Decorating Contest Winners Presentation – Beautification And Recycle Committee

Maria Lozano, Chairperson, Beautification and Recycle Committee along Barbara Herb, Alice Moxygamba, Pat Baber and Glenda Ehlers-Curtis recognized the Fiesta Decorating Contest Winners:

Schertz Bank and Trust for best indoor decorations and El Maurita Tacos Dorados for best outdoor.

Third Place - 3911 Starburst Circle; Second Place - 4818 Borchers and First Place and Most Creative - 3310 Buzz Aldrin.

7. Consideration Of And Action On Minutes

a. Regular Minutes – March 5, 2022

Council Member Street moved to approve the minutes of March 5, 2022; seconded by Council Member Apodaca. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

b. Regular Minutes – March 24, 2022

Council Member Apodaca moved to approve the minutes of March 24, 2022; seconded by Council Member Grider. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

8. General Discussion And Possible Action

a. Discussion And Possible Action On Ordinance No. O-2022-911 An Ordinance Repealing Sections 30.01 – 30.10 Of The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Kirby Relating To The City Council And Its Rules Of Procedure And Rules For Citizen Participation At Meetings And Adopting New Sections 30.01 – 30.10 Of The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Kirby Relating To The Rules Of Procedure For The City Council And Rules For Citizen Participation At City Council Meetings And Establishing An Effective Date. This Is The First Reading.

Council discussed the ordinance.

Council Member Apodaca moved to accept Ordinance No. O-2022-911 an Ordinance repealing Sections 30.01 – 30.10 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Kirby relating to the City Council and its Rules of Procedure and Rules for citizen participation at meetings and adopting new Sections 30.01 – 30.10 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Kirby relating to the Rules of Procedure for the City Council and Rules for Citizen Participation at City Council

Meetings and establishing an effective date; seconded by Council Member Salazar. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

- b. Discussion And Possible Action On Greater Northeast Little League (GNELL) Installing A Sprinkler System On The Friendship Park Softball Fields.

Doug Wolfe, President, Greater Northeast Little League, asked for permission to install a sprinkler system on the Friendship Park Softball Field. GNELL will pay for the entire cost of the sprinkler system and will maintain the sprinkler system.

Council discussed the proposed location of the sprinkler system and fee to pay for the water being used.

After discussing this, Council Member Martin moved to allow Greater Northeast Little League to install a sprinkler system on the Friendship Park Softball field; seconded by Council Member Salazar. The motion carried with a 4-2 vote.

AYES: 4

NAYES: 2 (Council Members Grider and Street)

- c. Discussion And Possible Action On Engineering Services Proposal From Bain Medina Bain For Alan Shephard Drive Sewer Reconstruction

City Manager Vernon presented the proposal in the packet for civil engineering services Task Order #2 – Alan Shepard Dr. Sewer Reconstruction BMB Project No. P-3897.02. The total for the services is \$50,000.

After Council discussed the proposal Council Member Martin moved to postpone action on engineering services proposal from Bain Medina Bain for Alan Shephard Drive Sewer Reconstruction to the next meeting, seconded by Council Member Grider. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

- d. Discussion And Possible Action On Crime Control And Prevention District Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget Amendment

Chief Cardona identified the equipment being requested and stated the increase in expenditures is \$82,165.00 in the 2021-2022 Budget. She informed Council that Crime Control & Prevention District approved the 2021-2022 Budget amendment at their last meeting.

Council Member Salazar moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Martin. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

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

There were not any applications received.

- f. Discussion And Possible Action On Burning Brush In The City Of Kirby

Council Member Grider requested this item.

Chief Hilburn presented an overview of our current city ordinance regarding open burning permit requirements for residents. He informed Council that Bexar County has issued a Declaration on burning.

- g. Discussion And Possible Action To Authorize The City To Enter Into A Joint Election Agreement With Bexar County Elections Department For Services During Early Voting And Election Day And Authorizing The City Manager To Sign The Memorandum Of Understanding And Joint Election Agreement.

Discusión y posible acción para autorizar a la ciudad a entrar en un acuerdo electoral conjunto con el Departamento de Elecciones del Condado de Bexar para los servicios durante la votación anticipada y el día de las elecciones y autorizar al Gerente de la Ciudad a firmar el Memorando de Entendimiento y el Acuerdo Electoral Conjunto.

Council Member Apodaca moved to authorize the City to enter into a Joint Election Agreement with Bexar County Elections Department for services during Early Voting and Election Day and authorizing the City Manager to sign the Memorandum of Understanding and Joint Election Agreement; seconded by Council Member Grider. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

9. Executive Session

- a. Deliberation On Review, Evaluation, Duties, Discipline Or Dismissal Of The City Manager. Possible Executive Session Pursuant To Texas Government Code Section 551.074, Personnel Matters.

Mayor Aldrich closed the regular meeting at 8:27 P.M. to go into Executive Session for deliberation on review, evaluation, duties, discipline or dismissal of the city manager. Possible Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074, Personnel Matters.

10. Reconvene To Open Session

- a. Discussion And Possible Action On Review And Evaluation Of The City Manager.

Mayor Aldrich reconvened into open session at 9:42 P.M. and stated there was no action taken in Executive Session.

Council Member Grider moved based on the review and evaluation of the City Manager Vernon to increase her compensation by 4% effective May 1, 2022; seconded by Council Member Martin. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

11. City Manager Announcements

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

City Manager Vernon announced City Hall will be closed on April 15, 2022 in observance of Good Friday. She wished everyone a safe and Happy Easter. Effective Wednesday Stage 2 water restrictions go into effect. Spring Community Garage Sale is May 13 – 15, sign up if you want to be on the list of participants. Annual Spring Clean Up May 16 – 22 residents can drop their unwanted items at Public Works, 10 A.M. – 6 P.M. She received a suggestion from a resident that a partnership with the City and some residents to help transport items to Public Works. If anyone is interested in helping transport items, contact City Hall.

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 a request was made two times for an investigation of a city employee. She asked that this be placed on the next agenda to show Council is being responsive to requests by residents and to verify there has been no wrong doing. The Senior Center elected a new president, David Barboza and vice president Jessica Zapata Bogardus. The Senior Center will have an Earth Day Senior Appreciation Day on Friday, April 22, 10:00 A.M. – noon. There is more information posted on their Facebook page. Early Voting starts on April 25 and Election Day is May 7. She thanked Kirby residents who sent thoughts and prayers for her husband’s family this week. Her mother-in-law was the best and will be missed.

Council Member Grider – She said April is National Child Abuse Prevention month. She wished everyone a Happy Ramadan and thanked Council Member Martin for attending Commissioner’s Court. The City of Kirby Youth Outreach event hosted by Semper Fortis Jui Jitsu Free Clinic on April 30, May 28, June 25, noon – 1:00 P.M. at Kirby VFW Post 2059, all ages are

welcome. She requested an item on a future agenda to discuss the May Clean-up and the cost difference between dropping off at Public Works and curbside clean-up. Another agenda item is to consider English/Spanish for all items on the agenda, and everyone have a safe Good Friday and Happy Easter.

Council Member Salazar – He said Crime Control and Prevention District Board is considering June 15 or June 22 as the date for movie night this summer. They approved waiving security fees on events at Friendship Park for victims of violence related crimes. Also working on dates for the Junior Academy between July and August. The Board accepted Kari Roberts’ resignation at their last meeting. He asked everyone to have a safe Easter and invited everyone to Alamo United Methodist Church on Foster Road.

Council Member Apodaca – She thanked everyone who donated candy, volunteered to filled eggs and distributed the eggs for Easter Egg Hunt. The kids had a lot of fun.

Council Member Martin – He said there are still complaints about 18 wheelers on Boatman. He welcomed Roger Aguilon back. He thanked all employees for doing a super job and expressed how proud he is of staff. He is hosting a meet and greet on April 16 at 10 A.M. – noon. There will be food, Bexar County candidates and other candidates that are involved in our election will be attending. Best of luck and thank you.

Mayor Aldrich – She wished everyone a Happy Easter, thanked everyone for attending the meeting and enjoy a fabulous Good Friday.

13. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:58 P.M.

Kimberly Aldrich, Mayor

ATTEST

Patty Cox, City Secretary, TRMC