



Kimberly McGehee Aldrich, Mayor

Sylvia Apodaca
Mike Grant
Mike Martin

Joe Salazar
Janeshia Grider
Susan E. Street

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER
112 BAUMAN, KIRBY, TX 78219**

This meeting will also be held by videoconference call. The location where a quorum of the governmental body will be physically present is City Hall, City Council Chambers at 112 Bauman Street, Kirby, Texas 78219 and it is the intent to have a quorum present at that location and for the member of the governmental body presiding over the meeting to be physically present at that location. A member of the public may testify from a remote location by videoconference at:

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

5. Citizen Participation

1. Willie Mae Clay – She thanked Council for considering her request for the installation of a platform at the bus stop at Charles Conrad and FM 78.

2. Jessica Zapata Bogardus – She introduced herself as a candidate for Bexar County District Clerk.

3. Thomas Jank - He inquired about the building permit he submitted for a carport in his backyard.

4. Chris Garza – He participated via video conference call. He recited an oath of office and said it seems a Council majority have forgotten what they swore by when they took office. He spoke about discussions and decisions during various Council meetings. He asked that the issue he addressed be placed on the next agenda.

6. Consideration Of And Action On Minutes

a. Regular Minutes – December 16, 2021

Mayor Pro-Tem Grant moved to approve the minutes of December 16, 2021; seconded by Council Member Grider. The motion carried with a 4-1-1 vote.

AYES: 4 NAYES: 1 (Council Member Martin) ABSTAIN: 1 (Council Member Apodaca)

b. Regular Minutes – January 13, 2022

Council Member Martin moved to approve the minutes of January 13, 2022; seconded by Council Member Apodaca. The motion carried with a 5 – 1 vote.

AYES: 5

NAYES: 1 (Council Member Grider)

c. Regular Minutes – January 27, 2022

Mayor Pro-Tem Grant moved to approve the minutes of January 27, 2022; seconded by Council Member Grider. The motion carried with a 5 – 1 vote.

AYES: 5

ABSTAIN: 1 (Council Member Apodaca)

7. General Discussion And Possible Action

a. Discussion And Possible Action To Pay For Council Member Susan Street To Attend A Grant Writing Workshop

Council Member Street said City Manager Vernon had provided her with the information from the City Attorney informing her it would not be recommended for her to write grants for the City. She stated she stopped the fundraiser and is returning the money to those who donated. She thanked the residents for their support.

b. Discussion And Direction On Ordinance No. O-2019-865 An Ordinance Of The City Of Kirby, Texas Repealing Existing Chapter 91 Of The Code Of Ordinances And Adopting A New Chapter 91 Entitled “Animals” To Set Out Provisions As To Animals, Including An Animal Shelter, Animal Control Officers, Microchipping, Animal Bites And Animal Care, Spaying And Neutering, Rabies Control, Adoption Of Animals, Fees, Enforcement, And Related Matters, And Setting A Fine Not To Exceed The Amounts Set Out In Section 10.99 Of The Code Of Ordinances For Each Violation

Police Chief Cardona said a house bill that was enacted in 2019 changed some of the current ordinance. She presented information in our current ordinance addressing hens, chickens, roosters, livestock, fowl and astray animals. She also addressed spay/neuter and microchipping.

City Manager Vernon said the current ordinance will be updated with the new language from State Law.

c. Discussion And Possible Action On The Installation Of A Concrete Bus Stop Pad At Charles Conrad And Old Seguin Road

Council discussed the installation of a concrete bus stop pad at Charles Conrad and Old Seguin Road.

Mayor Pro-Tem Grant moved to accept the installation of a concrete bus stop pad at Charles Conrad and Old Seguin Road; seconded by Council Member Martin.

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

- d. Discussion And Possible Action On Resolution No. R-2022-743, Calling A General Election On May 7, 2022; For The Purpose Of Electing A Three Council Members; Designating The Polling Places And Directing The Giving Of Notice Of Such Election; And Providing Details Relating To The Holding Of Such Election

Debate y posible adopción de medidas en relación con la resolución No. R-2022-743, convocando elecciones generales el 7 de mayo de 2022; con el fin de elegir a tres miembros del Consejo; designar los lugares de votación y dirigir el aviso de dicha elección; y proporcionar detalles relacionados con la celebración de dichas elecciones

Council Member Grider moved to accept Resolution No. R-2022-743 calling a General Election on May 7, 2022; for the purpose of electing a three Council Members; designating the polling places and directing the giving of notice of such election; and providing details relating to the holding of such election; seconded by Council Member Street. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

- e. Discussion And Direction On Potential Changes To Ordinance No. O-2018-849 An Ordinance Regulating Signs In The City Of Kirby, Texas.

City Manager Vernon said on April 8, 2021 Council discussed the sign ordinance and decided they would send their recommended changes to City Manager Vernon. She didn't receive any recommendations from Council.

Council discussed their recommendations regarding political signs.

8. City Manager Announcements

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

City Manager Vernon said volunteers are needed to help with Saturday park clean ups March 12 & 19, 8:30 AM Hugo Lentz Park and check in under the pavilion. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 10 at Friendship Park and volunteers are needed.

9. 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 announced the Senior Center is hosting a Valentine’s Day lunch at noon on February 14, 2022. She asked to revisit Ordinance No. O-2021-903 at the next meeting for reconsideration and possible action. She thanked the employees for their hard work.

Council Member Grider – She announced Beautification & Recycle Committee is hosting the Fiesta Decorating Contest. The deadline to enter is March 28, 2022 at 5:00 P.M. Judging will be on April 1, 2022. Pick up entry form at City Hall. Email entry form to City Secretary. The Beautification and Recycle Committee will partner with the VFW having a parking lot sale on May 14. This will be the first fundraiser for the Beautification & Recycle committee. She thanked the VFW. She announced Kirby Youth Outreach Program is starting back up. Brazilian Jujitsu will come out April, May and June and will provide one free clinic per month for the kids. The VFW will be assisting with the location. Community partnerships are so important. She recognized February as Black History month. She identified the success of individuals who are being recognized this month. In the future she would like to see all cultures observed each month.

Mayor Pro-Tem Grant – He recognized the Tuskegee pilots. He stated that it’s not the color of skin that matters; it’s what is inside the skin that matters. It’s about how we feel about one another. He said he would not be able to attend the next meeting and said there needed to be a full Council to address the Ordinance Council Member Street requested to be placed on the next agenda.

Council Member Apodaca – She urged pet owners to make sure their gates are locked. Harm comes to pets that get out of the yard and run into traffic. She thanked everyone for their phone calls and cards. She expressed how much she appreciates the support.

Council Member Martin – He said there are 18 wheelers driving on Boatman. They see the signs that regulate them and said it’s drivers that are lost and trying to find Amazon warehouse. He attended NE Partnership with Council Member Grider and she volunteered for the bicycle mobility association. He thanked City employees.

Mayor Aldrich - She thanked all the employees for the job they do and for choosing to work in Kirby. She offered her condolences to Council Member Apodaca. She thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 P.M.

Kimberly Aldrich, Mayor

ATTEST

Patty Cox, City Secretary, TRMC