



Kimberly McGehee Aldrich, Mayor

Sylvia Apodaca
Mike Grant
Mike Martin

Joe Salazar
Janeshia Grider
Susan E. Street

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 12, 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 7:02 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.”

Mayor Aldrich read a letter of resignation submitted by Mayor Pro-Tem Grant effective immediately. He nominated Joe Molina to fill his vacancy because he received the fourth highest votes in the recent election.

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 - resigned prior
to the meeting

5. Citizen Participation

1. Maria Lozano – She asked to speak during item 8. h.
2. Jack Miller – He said he lives in Kirby and anyone can speak whether they live in the City or not. Kudos to Council for making the decision to remove the prohibition from the agenda. His reason for being here is because of a comment Council Member Grant made. He spoke about an email sent in by Mr. Garza to be read at a previous Council meeting.
3. Ismael Rincon – Mr. Miller informed Council that Ismael Rincon speaks Spanish only and decided not to speak.
3. Steve Pitman – He asked to speak during item 8. h.
4. BJ Voigt – She spoke about a comment made during a previous meeting. All proceeds from her yard sale will go toward the purchase of flags for various entities.

6. Presentations

a. City Of Kirby Anniversary Celebration

City Manager Vernon announced the 67th Anniversary Celebration on May 18that, 5:30 P.M. Everyone is invited to enjoy the celebration.

b. Emergency Medical Services Week Proclamation

Mayor Aldrich read the proclamation and presented it to Chief Hilburn and all Emergency Medical Services members.

c. Yard Of The Quarter

Chairperson Maria Lozano, Beautification and Recycle Committee and members of the Committee recognized Dee and Dan Guerro as recipients of Yard of the Quarter.

7. Consideration Of And Action On Minutes

a. Regular Minutes – April 28, 2022

Council Member Salazar moved to approve the April 28, 2022 minutes; seconded by Council Member Grider. The motion carried with a 5-0-1 vote

AYES: 5 NAYES: 0 ABSTAIN – 1 Council Member Apodaca.

8. General Discussion And Possible Action

a. Receipt Of Canvass Of The General Election Returns And Declaring The Results Of The General Election On May 7, 2022; For The Purpose Of Electing Three Council Members For Two Year Terms On The City Council.

This item was postponed to May 16, 2022 because the ballots are currently being cured by Bexar County Elections.

b. Discussion And Possible Action On Resolution No. R-2022-746 Canvassing The Returns And Declaring The Results Of The General Election Held May 7, 2022.

This item was postponed to May 16, 2022 because the ballots are currently being cured by Bexar County Elections.

c. Presentation Of Certificates Of Election To Newly Elected Officials

This item was postponed to May 26, 2022 because the ballots are currently being cured by Bexar County Elections.

d. Administration Of Oath Of Office To Newly Elected Officials And Presentation Of Statement Of Officer

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e. Discussion And Possible Action To Elect A Mayor Pro-Tem For The Term May 2022 – May 2023

Council Member Street moved to appoint Council Member Grider as Mayor Pro-Tem; seconded by Council Member Martin. The motion carried with a 5-1 vote.

AYES: 5 NAYES: 0 ABSTAIN: 1 (Council Member Grider)

f. Discussion And Possible Action To Consider Proposed Fence At The Bexar County Animal Facility

Mr. Armando Aranda represented Bexar County and explained the purpose of fence.

After their discussion, Council Member Street moved to allow the fence; seconded by Council Member Martin.

The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0

g. Discussion And Possible Action On 2022 Pool Season Entry Fee And Passes

Council discussed the fees for the 2022 pool season.

Council Member Street moved to continue charging the \$2 entry fee, and bring back the following fees for the 2022 pool season: pool pass fees \$35 per individual, \$25 per additional and \$70 per family (max 4 members); seconded by Council Member Apodaca.

The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0

h. Discussion And Possible Action On 2022 Water Fitness Classes

There was an extensive discussion about the water fitness classes offered by Stephanie Faulkner. The discussion encompassed pros and cons for the classes, fees, insurance and a contract. Maria Lozano expressed her experiences with the water fitness classes. Jack Miller offered his thoughts on this item.

Mayor Pro-Tem Grider moved to not charge the instructor a rental fee for the 2022 water fitness classes; seconded by Council Member Salazar. The motion carried with a 4 – 2 vote.

AYES: 4 NAYES: 2 (Council Members Street and Martin)

i. Discussion And Possible Action On Amazon Delivery Trucks Route

Chief Cardona provided the history on Amazon's delivery truck route.

Mayor Aldrich identified the problem with the delivery trucks entering Kirby and the weight restrictions.

Ms. Jessica Breaux, Representative from Amazon participated through ZOOM. She expressed they are discussing solutions for the problem. They discussed GPS, relay navigator that would identify restricted streets, third party apps will be contacted to update the map, and a temporary sign to redirect drivers from using Kirby streets.

Council discussed Amazon placing a sign to deter drivers from using certain streets, time frame for placing the sign, whether drivers should or should not be issued a citation or a warning.

j. Discussion And Possible Action On City Of Kirby Social Media Sites

Mayor Pro-Tem Grider requested this item because residents approached her about the purpose of the two social media sites on Facebook. She suggested one central location for residents to go to.

City Manager Vernon provided history of why there are two group. The City currently has one Facebook Page and one official Facebook Group.

Jack Miller – Mr. Miller contributed to the discussion regarding social media.

Council Member Salazar moved to allow Mr. Pitmon to speak; seconded by Council Member Street. The motion carried with 6-0 vote.

Steve Pitmon - Mr. Pitmon spoke about the social media sites.

Council Member Street moved to eliminate official City of Kirby Group on Facebook and only post on City of Kirby Facebook Page for City business; seconded by Council Member Apodaca. The motion carried with 5-1 vote:

AYES: 5

NAYES: 1 (Mayor Aldrich)

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

Mayor Aldrich said an application was submitted by Michael Lawrence-Weden.

Council Member Martin moved to appoint Michael Lawrence-Weden to the Economic Development Committee; seconded by Council Member Street. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

I. Discussion And Possible Action On Appointment Of A Member To The Crime Control And Prevention District Board

This item was postponed.

m. Discussion And Possible Action On Joining Greater: SATX Regional Economic Partnership

Mayor Pro-Tem Grider asked that this item be postponed until the representative can be in attendance.

n. Discussion And Possible Action On a Memorandum Of Understanding For The Bexar County, Texas Childsafe Multi-Disciplinary Team.

Chief Cardona provided the purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding for the Bexar County, Texas Childsafe Multi-Disciplinary Team.

9. City Manager Announcements

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

City Manager Vernon announced the weekend Garage Sale May 13 – 15; May Clean-Up May 16 – 22, and Kirby 67th Anniversary May 18.

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 Street – She stated on May 19 she will be attending a webinar for information on the infrastructure bill that was passed in November to see how we can use it. To place on the next agenda: pool and park concessions and onboarding for new council members. There is a Frontline workers event on June 30 we should talk about a possible sponsorship by the City, new City web site on the agenda, Zipper machine discussion on the next agenda. She wished everyone a lovely weekend.

Mayor Pro-Tem Grider – She stated May is Mental Health Awareness Month. She attended the funeral service for Tim Hardl a long time resident and friend. She expressed her sincere condolences to his family and friends. She announced upcoming events: Bike event on May 22 2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. at Friendship Park; Semper Four Jujitsu Free Clinic on May 28 & June 25 Noon – 1:00 P.M. at VFW Post 2059. Met with San Antonio District 2 Jaylen McKee Rodriguez and it was a productive meeting. She invited him to the May 21, 2022 Forum. They discussed similar

concerns shared with both of our cities. He is hosting a Crime Prevention Summit on May 26, at 6:00 P.M. at Second Baptist Community Center, 3310 E Commerce Street

Council Member Salazar – He asked Mayor Pro-Tem Grider to cover for him to provide information from Crime Control meetings. He announced an event at Alamo United Methodist Church – On Saturday, Arts/Craft Show 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Council Member Apodaca – She announced an event on March 14, 11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. CPS Energy is hosting a Community Safety Event at CPS Energy Park, 9911 Perrin Beitel Road.

Council Member Martin – He thanked all the City employees for the work they do on a regular basis. Thanked everyone for attending the meeting and sharing their opinions. We want to hear your concerns and issues. For the next agenda he asked to place an item on the agenda to provide feedback from a discussion he had at the recent NEP meeting with a commissioner from Karnes County. He asked for an item to be placed on the next agenda to discuss City phones for Council members. When Council Member Salazar ends his term on Crime Control he would like to be added as the liaison.

Mayor Pro-Tem Grider – She announced an open forum to be held on May 21 at 10:00 A.M.– noon in City Hall to discuss the increase in crime in our city and area cities.

Mayor Aldrich – She reminded everyone the last day to protest your property taxes is May 16. It is getting hotter outside, remember elderly, children & pets. Condolences to Tim Hardl family and son Ethan. Congratulations to 2018 graduate from Wagner High School, played football for UTSA and was drafted by the San Francisco 49ers. She thanked all City staff for the fabulous job they do. Thank you for choosing Kirby. She thanked the citizens who tune in through ZOOM or however they attend and attend in person.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 P.M.

Kimberly Aldrich
Mayor

Patty Cox, TRMC
City Secretary