



Kimberly McGehee Aldrich, Mayor

Sylvia Apodaca
Christopher Garza
Janeshia Grider

Mike Martin
Susan Street
Debbie Walczyk

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER
112 BAUMAN, KIRBY, TX 78219**

This meeting was 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

ABSENT

Mayor Pro-Tem Grider

Council Member Apodaca
Council Member Garza
Council Member Martin
Council Member Street
Council Member Walczyk

5. Citizen Participation

None

6. Presentation

a. Presentation Of Proposed General, Water, Debt Service And ARPA Fund Budgets For The 2022-2023 Fiscal Year

City Manager Vernon presented the Proposed tax rate: 0.614126 per \$100; No New Revenue Tax Rate \$0.605950 per \$100; Voter Approved Tax Rate 0.614126 per \$100. She provided the breakdown for property taxes. The 2021 Certified Roll identified the Tax Levy \$2,922,364. The 2022 Certified Tax Roll identified the Tax Levy: 3,194,242. Last year's average residence value was \$131,530 @ .685667/100 = \$901.86. Using this year's proposed tax rate the average residence value is \$145,601 @.614126/100= \$894.17.

City Manager Vernon provided an overview on the proposed General, Water, Debt Service and ARPA Fund Budgets for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year. The information is based on the last budget session. Proposed revenue is \$4,556,165 with \$600,000 transfer in from the water fund for a total of \$5,156,165. Total expenditures is \$5,912,001. The deficit is \$755,836. Total amounts per department: City Council: \$20,500; City Administration: \$461,525; Police Department: \$1,606,820; Municipal Court: \$97,659; Fire Department: \$1,329,304; Animal Services Department: \$159,203; Parks Department: \$226,812; Streets Department: \$1,428,262; General Operations: \$581,916; Capital Expenditures: Fire Department: \$20,000; Streets Department: \$898,000. Interest and Sinking Fund: Ad Valorem Tax Collection plus interest \$504,574; Bond Principal plus interest and paying agent fees \$487,925. Excess \$16,649. Capital Project Fund Series 2018 current status: Capital Project Series 2018 - \$6,845,000. Capital Project fund as of August 2022 plus issuance excess and interest income is \$7,106,115. Expenses \$667,411; Ending Balance \$6,438,704.

City Manager Vernon announced the meeting the Council will vote on the tax rate will be Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

7. Public Hearing

a. Public Hearing On Proposed Budgets For The 2022-2023 Fiscal Year

Mayor Aldrich opened the Public Hearing at 7:22 P.M.

1. Roger Romens – He stated that ten years ago the operational reserve was over eight months. Now it is under three months with this budget. The City is needing more funds to operate and that comes from the residents. He's concerned for the residents who will have to make decisions on what they are going to do without.

2. Cory Mobley – He stated as a member of the Economic Development Committee there is a need for an outside organization to help them generate more businesses. Three proposals were provided and in order to help the community the Committee needs outside help.

3. Lisa Pierce – These days most people are on a fixed income. She understands challenges that are being faced. She urged Council to think about each line item. Consider as we move into the year our animal services. This service that is least looked at and overlooked. There is a large number of stray animals and the shelter needs people to help care for them. Funding is needed for animal services. This is a necessity. Thank you for your service.

Mayor Aldrich closed the public hearing at 7:31 P.M.

8. Discussion And Possible Action

a. Discussion And Direction On Proposed Budgets For Fiscal Year 2022-2023

City Manager Vernon stated in order to have four months reserves there needs to be \$550,000 removed from the budget. Council discussed the various items in the budget could be removed.

City Manager Vernon started the discussion with an overview of the Water Fund. Salaries were increased in department budgets to reflect the \$2.00 per hour increase for every employee, except department heads. Adding a pipe cutter - \$5,000.

City Manager Vernon provided an overview of the General Fund Revenues. Council provided input on the line items.

City Manager Vernon asked Council if they had any changes to Council Expenses. Council did not have any changes. She continued with the expenses of City Administration, Police Department, Municipal Court, Fire Department, Animal Services, Parks, Streets, and General Operations.

Council Member Garza moved to allow Lisa Pierce an opportunity to speak; seconded by Council Member Walczyk. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

Lisa Pierce spoke about a previous street construction bid and the contractor did resurface the street as a part of their bid.

City Council continued their exploration of the proposed budget to reduce \$550,000 from the budget.

City Manager Vernon will continue reviewing the budget for the funds.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

Kimberly Aldrich, Mayor

ATTEST

Patty Cox, City Secretary, TRMC