



Kimberly McGehee Aldrich, Mayor

Sylvia Apodaca
Christopher Garza
Janeshia Grider

Mike Martin
Susan Street
Debbie Walczyk

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 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

ABSENT

Mayor Aldrich
Council Member Garza (participated via ZOOM)

Council Member Apodaca

Mayor Pro-Tem Grider
Council Member Martin
Council Member Street
Council Member Walczyk

5. Citizen Participation

1. Kate Silvas – She informed Council she is a business owner, principal and CEO of Silvas Group a private consulting firm in Converse, Texas. She attended the meeting to listen, learn and understand the City’s needs and priorities.

2. Robert Gonzalez – He is representing his pastor, Carlos Garcia. They are seeking approval to use Friendship Park Pavilion for a youth ministry event, Juventud Que Adora Texas, on October 31. There will be approximately 150 youth that will gather and they understand the need for security.

3. Roger Romens – He stated in light of the recent negative press coverage of the Kirby Senior Center it would be appropriate for Council to place on the next agenda an operational status update of the Kirby Senior Center from the Board President or Vice President. The Kirby Senior Center is a 100 percent wholly owned subsidiary corporation of the City of Kirby. The board members are approved and removed at the sole discretion of the City Council. The update will help alleviate clientele concerns caused by rumors and social media. He identified the functions of the Kirby Senior Center.

6. Consideration Of And Action On Minutes

a. Regular Minutes – August 25, 2022

Council Member Martin moved to approve the minutes of August 25, 2022; seconded by Council Member Walczyk. The motion carried with a 4-1-1 vote.

AYES: 4 NAYES: 1 (Council Member Garza) ABSTAIN: 1 (Mayor Pro-Tem Grider)

7. Presentation

a. Presentation And Discussion On 2022 Pool Season

City Manager Vernon presented an overview of the 2022 pool season and answered questions. The current contract expires November 2022.

8. Discussion And Possible Action

a. Discussion And Possible Action To Award A Bid For The Alan Shepard Road Reconstruction And Sewer Replacement Project

Carl Bain, City Engineer, reported on the seven bids that were received for the Alan Shepard Road Reconstruction and Sewer Replacement Project. There was a four-member committee selected by the City to score the bids. The low bidder with the highest score was RL Jones Construction, score of 95.25. The project reconstruction is from Alan Shepard from the cul-de-sac to Dick Gordon.

After receiving the bid information from Mr. Bain, Council discussed the difference between the bid amount and grant amount awarded that the City needs to allocate to finish the project.

Council Member Walczyk moved to scale back the Alan Shepard Road Reconstruction and Sewer Replacement Project by ten percent to procure savings and reflect that also on our other projects; seconded by Council Member Street. The motion failed with a 2-4 vote.

AYES: 2 NAYES: 4 (Council Member Garza and Martin; Mayor Pro-Tem Grider and Mayor Aldrich)

Council Member Martin moved to accept the bid from RL Jones Construction for the Alan Shepard Reconstruction and Sewer Replacement project; seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Grider. The motion failed 3-3 vote.

AYES: 3 NAYES: 3 (Council Members Walczyk, Street, Garza)

Council Member Street moved to postpone this item to the next meeting to allow the City Engineer time to provide additional information; seconded by Council Member Garza. The motion failed with a 3-3 vote.

AYES: 3 NAYS: 3 (Mayor Pro-Tem Grider and Council Members Martin and Aldrich)

Council Member Walczyk moved to approve the bid from RL Jones Construction for the Alan Shepard Road Reconstruction and Sewer Replacement Project as long as the money doesn't come out of salaries; seconded by Council Member Martin. The motion carried with a 4-2 vote.

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

b. Discussion And Possible Action To Award A Bid For The Ackerman Road Phase II Project

Council Member Walczyk moved to accept the two-year agreement with Speed 21 for use of Friendship Park for Sports Camps and related events with the changes; seconded by Council Member Street. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

- e. Discussion And Possible Action To Accept The Resignation of John Houlton From Crime Control And Prevention District Board

Council Member Street moved to accept the resignation of John Houlton from Crime Control and Prevention District Board; seconded by Council Member Walczyk. The motion carried with a 5-1 vote.

AYES: 5

NAYES: 1 (Mayor Aldrich)

- f. Discussion And Possible Action On Economic Development Budget Allocation For Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Mayor Aldrich explained this item is back on the agenda to discuss allocating funds for the Economic Development Committee they need to advance their productivity with economic development.

Council Member Garza said he wanted to hear what Ms. Silvas will provide and suggested postponing this item until she can do a presentation.

Council Member Martin stressed that the Economic Development Committee needs help to move the City forward.

Council Member Street moved to allow Ms. Silvas to speak about her proposal; seconded by Council Member Walczyk. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

Ms. Silvas provided information on her background and what she can do for the City of Kirby Economic Development Committee.

Council continued their discussion on allocating funds for the Economic Development Committee for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget.

Council Member Walczyk moved to allow Ms. Silvas another opportunity to speak; seconded by Council Member Street. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

Ms. Silvas offered her views for making the decision on allocating the funds for the Economic Development Committee.

Council Member Walczyk moved to allocate \$18,000 to the Economic Development Committee for upcoming projects and some instruction on how to do those projects. Council Member Walczyk withdrew her motion.

Council Member Walczyk moved to allocate \$18,000 to Economic Development Committee for upcoming projects and current projects and if need be somewhere down the line if we need more money we will find it; seconded by Council Member Martin. The motion failed with a 0-6 vote.

AYES: 0
NAYES: 6 (Mayor Aldrich; Mayor Pro-Tem Grider, Council Members Walczyk, Garza, Martin, and Street)

Mayor Pro-Tem Grider requested clarification that if one of the companies is accepted that Council will locate additional funds to accept the proposal. Council concurred.

Council Member Street moved to have a fifteen minute recess; seconded by Council Member Walczyk. The motion carried with a 4-2 vote.

Ayes: 4
NAYES: 2 (Mayor Pro-Tem Grider and Mayor Aldrich)

Mayor Aldrich called for a 15 minute recess at 9:10 P.M.

Mayor Aldrich reconvened at 9:25 P.M.

Council Member Walczyk apologized to the audience and those viewing on-line for her comments earlier.

Council Member Walczyk moved to leave \$5,000 in the Economic Development Committee line item plus an additional \$18,000 to the Economic Development Committee line item; seconded by Council Member Martin. The motion carried with a 4-2 vote.

AYES: 4
NAYES: 2 (Mayor Pro-Tem Grider and Mayor Aldrich)

Council Member Martin move to go to item "k"; seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Grider. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

g. Discussion And Direction On Following Robert's Rules OF Order In City Council Meetings

Council Member Street requested this item and provided written information for Council Members addressing Robert's Rules and Parliamentary procedures.

Council shared their thoughts about the Robert's Rules and Parliamentary procedures.

Council Member Street moved to set a date for a workshop for following Robert's Rules for our Council meetings; seconded by Council member Walczyk. The motion carried 4-2.

AYES: 4

NAYES: 2 (Council Member Martin, Mayor Aldrich)

- h. Discussion And Possible Action On Ordinance No. O-2022-915 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. This Is The Second Reading.

Council Member Walczyk moved to accept Ordinance No. O-2022-915 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; seconded by Council Member Martin. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

- i. Discussion And Possible Action On Ordinance No. O-2022-916; Authorizing The Use Of Parks And Recreation Areas Owned And Controlled By The City Of Kirby; Regulating Possession And Consumption Of Alcoholic Beverages In Such Parks; Stating The Policies And Regulations Governing The Use Of Such Park, Establishing A Curfew For Parks Usage. This Is The Second Reading.

Council Member Street moved to accept Ordinance No. O-2022-916; authorizing the use of Parks and Recreation areas owned and controlled by the City of Kirby; regulating possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages in such Parks; stating the Policies and Regulations governing the use of such Park, establishing a curfew for Parks usage; seconded by Council Member Garza. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

- j. Discussion And Possible Action To Appoint A Member To The Planning And Zoning Commission For A Term That Expires August 2024.

There have not been any applications submitted.

- k. Discussion And Possible Action On A Request For The City To Allow Use Of Friendship Park For The Juventud Que Adora Texas on October 31, 2022

Mr. Robert Gonzalez provided information on the Juventud Que Adora Texas' use of the pavilion in Friendship Park.

Council Member Walczyk moved to allow Juventud Que Adora Texas use of Friendship Park on October 31, 2022; seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Grider. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

9. City Manager Announcements

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

City Manager Vernon stated that residential curbside brush and bulk started September 5th. National Night Out is October 4, 6 P.M. - 8 P.M. at Friendship Park. Beautification & Recycle Committee with VFW will have a rummage sale on Saturday, October 15, 8 A.M. – 3 P.M. Saturday, October 29 noon – 2 P.M. trunk or treat in the cul-de-sac at Public Works.

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 said the Senior Center is accepting donations of candy for their Halloween event. She thanked all City employees for doing a good job.

Council Member Garza said he has a distaste for not being given information. City Council needs to be provided information more in advance in order to make decisions. He thanked everyone for attending the meeting and thanked everyone who works for the City.

Mayor Pro-Tem Grider said the Beautification and Recycle Committee will have a street clean up on October 8, 8 A.M. -10 A.M. any youth needing community service hours are invited. Clean up will start at Kirby VFW on Ackerman Road toward the Police Department. Also, Beautification and Recycle Committee along with VFW will have a Rummage Sale on Saturday, October 15, 8 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. \$25 per stall. A flyer will be available next week with further information. Kirby Youth Outreach Events: SA Youth Rugby Free Clinic at Friendship Park 9-11 AM September 24, October 15 and November 19. Kirby Fitness Free Zumba Classes 6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M., September 15 & 20, October 6 & 20, November 3 & 17 and December 1 & 15 at Friendship Park Pavilion. Mayor Pro-Tem Grider addressed accountability. For a future agenda update on the Senior Center. Discussion and possible action removing Council Member Street as a Kirby Senior Center Board Liaison and switching with another Committee.

Council Member Walczyk said she attended Northeast Partnership today and shared some of the discussions about grants. She asked for an agenda item to discuss the Kirby Senior Center. ACCD has an intern program that Kirby can utilize for employee staffing. She stated she proud we have Zipper machine. There are several other cities providing monthly statements open to the public and Council. She asked if Council could receive quarterly statements. She agreed Council should be provided information earlier. An item for an agenda to conduct a workshop for Robert's Rules of Order either in September or November. She asked why there is a meet and greet with Mayor-Pro-Tem Grider and City Manager Vernon only. She introduced a new program she and Council Member Martin developed with the County to paint senior homes. She will provide an application for City Manager Vernon to review.

Council Member Martin thanked all City staff. He inquired about an update on the bridges. City Manager Vernon said Public Works is following up on the bridges. He spoke about his term on the Kirby Senior Center Board and how he tried to speak to the person who could help him with his concern. When he directed his concern to the Board President he was removed from the Board.

Mayor Aldrich said September is Suicide Awareness Month. Speak up, reach out to someone for help. She thanked staff.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:19 P.M.

Kimberly Aldrich, Mayor

ATTEST

Patty Cox, City Secretary, TRMC