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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETINGTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2023 - 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.

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

Council Member Apodaca

Mayor Aldrich

Council Member Garza, ZOOM
Mayor Pro-Tem Grider
Council Member Martin
Council Member Street
Council Member Walczyk

5. Citizen Participation

1. Roger Romens – He spoke about a vote taken at the last council meeting on agenda item 7. i. He addressed concerns with the Senior Center
2. Lisa Pierce – She spoke about the residency requirement to run for City Council.
3. Sharon Shuler – She spoke that for a year now it is as if a cancer is growing in our Council. She shared comments from conversations with residents.
4. Maria Lozano – She spoke about the termination of our city manager and recent resignations from employees.
5. Joe Molina – He spoke about the Ackerman Road construction project.
6. Jack Miller – He spoke about the minutes being inaccurate, shared historical events involving weapons in public meetings and mass shootings in the United States, and a recent occurrence at Kirby Senior Center.
7. Interim City Manager Cardona read an email from Jody Flinn thanking the Beautification & Recycle Committee for voting Puppy Power Resort as the winner for this years Fiesta decorating contest.
8. Interim City Manager Cardona read an email from Julie Martinez addressing a situation from the last Council meeting regarding point of order being called during Citizen Participation, attorney fees, mass exodus of City employees.
9. Interim City Manager Cardona read a note from individual who wished to remain anonymous. The writer addressed the Mayoral campaign, Council Members and action taken by City Council.

Council discussed that the note was anonymous and that a vote should be taken if the Council will allow the anonymous note to be read.

Council Member Walczyk moved that the anonymous note not be read because it is not following our Rules of Order; seconded by Council Member Street. The motion failed with a 3 -3 vote.

AYES: 3 NAYES: 3 (Council Members Apodaca and Martin,
Mayor Pro-Tem Grider)

Interim City Manager Cardona continued reading the note.

6. Consideration Of And Action On Minutes

a. Regular Minutes – March 9, 2023

Council Member Apodaca moved to accept the Regular Minutes - March 9, 2023. The motion died due to the lack of a second.

The minutes will be corrected and presented on May 11, 2023.

Mayor Pro-Tem Grider recognized Jack Miller

Mr. Miller said he was not sure if they were March 9, those are the minutes that he is objecting to. If it is not March 9, he does not have an issue.

Council Member Walczyk moved to postpone approval of the Regular Minutes - March 9, 2023 until they are corrected properly; seconded by Council Member Apodaca. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0

b. Regular Minutes – April 13, 2023

Council Member Apodaca moved to accept the Regular Minutes - April 13, 2023; seconded by Council Member Martin.

Council Member Walczyk stated a decision was not made on March 9, 2023 minutes.

Mayor Pro-Tem Grider postponed the vote on the Regular Minutes – April 13, 2023 and returned to item a. Regular Minutes – March 9, 2023.

Mayor Pro-Tem Grider said to continue to vote on the Regular Minutes – April 13, 2023.

The motion carried with a 5-1 vote.

AYES: 5

NAYES: 1 (Council Member Street)

7. Presentation

a. Presentation – Yard Of The Quarter – April 2023

Beautification & Recycle Committee Chairperson Maria Lozano and Committee Member Pat Baber presented the Yard of the Quarter – April 2023 to Mr. and Mrs. Navaira.

b. Presentation – Fiesta Decorating Contest Winners

Beautification & Recycle Committee Chairperson Maria Lozano and Committee Member Pat Baber presented the Awards for the Fiesta Decorating Contest winners. Best Door - Emily Mejia, Most Creative and First Place – Judy and Cindy Hedrick, Second Place – Brittany Hernandez and Luis Hernandez, Third Place -Maria & Joe Urbina, Business Best Outdoor – Puppy Power.

c. Recognition Volunteers And Donors For Easter Egg Hunt

Fire Chief William Hilburn presented certificates to the volunteers and donors. He expressed his appreciation to those who were not present. Grace Bentz, Patty Cox, Maria Davila, Stephanie Faulkner, Gloria Grider, Janeshia Grider, England Gomez, Kathy Gomez, Sally Hitt, Kirby Quality Cleaners, Kirby Volunteer Firefighters, Inc., Maria Lozano, Mike Martin, Patt Mann, Mayle's Used Cars, Lupita Rodriguez, Jessikah Salensky, Maria Shaw and the Shaw Family, Sharon Shuler, Esteban Torres, Juan Vasques, BJ Voigt, Debbie Walczyk.

d. Presentation – Recognition For Volunteers And Donors For Entrepreneurial Day For Children

Council Member Walczyk presented certificates to the volunteers and donors. Kathrine McGarity, Kirby Fire Department, Christopher Garza, Ruby Rodriguez, Susan Street, Kirby Police Department, Kirby Baptist Church, Robbin King.

8. Discussion And Possible Action

a. Discussion And Possible Action On Hugo Lentz Park Amenities

City Council discussed installing a bathroom facility and restoring water service. There was discussion about the cost for the bathroom facility. Also, discussed adding a bar-b-q pit. This item will be placed on an agenda when there are fees provided for the bathroom facility and bar-b-q pit that are reasonable.

Council Member Street moved to allow Interim City Manager Cardona to find an ADA compliant relatively inexpensive porta potty to place at Hugo Lentz immediately; seconded by Council Member Walczyk. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

b. Discussion And Possible Action To Appoint A Chairperson To Coordinate Upcoming Events

City Council discussed a appointing a chairperson to coordinate City events. The chairperson will coordinate one event, not all events. There was discussion about the Fourth of July event, the Festival Event Committee and their events.

Council Member Street nominated Council Member Apodaca as Chairperson to coordinate the Fourth of July event; seconded by Council Member Walczyk. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

c. Discussion and Possible Action For Little League To Have Parade

City Council discussed the history of the Parade.

Council Member Walczyk moved to allow Maria Lozano to speak; seconded by Council Member Apodaca. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

Mayor Pro-Tem Grider recognized Ms. Lozano.

Ms. Lozano provided more history on GNELL's Parade.

After the discussion regarding police service, Interim City Manager Cardona (Police Chief) volunteered her service for the Parade.

d. Discussion And Possible Action On The Current Sewer Ordinance

City Council discussed the current sewer ordinance. The discussion was about the resident's responsibility for the lateral lines.

Council Member Garza moved to allow Joe Molina to speak; seconded by Council Member Apodaca. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

Mayor Pro-Tem Grider recognized Mr. Molina.

Mr. Molina offered advice on the ordinance.

Frank Salazar, Director of Public Works, redirected the conversation to identify the difference between the water line and sewer line.

Council Member Walczyk moved to allow Mr. Molina to speak; seconded by Council Member Apodaca. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

Mr. Molina provided more guidance on lateral lines and easements.

After their discussion, Council decided more research was needed. This item will be brought back.

e. Discussion And Possible Action On Funding 4th of July Event

Interim City Manager Cardona said half of the fee for fireworks has to be paid up front according to the provider of the fireworks display company.

City Council discussed funds for the 4th of July event. In the past HEB donated funds for the 4th of July event. Currently, the City has not received any funds from HEB for the event. Regardless, whether the City receives a donation from HEB, the City will fund the 4th of July event.

Council Member Martin moved that the City fund the 4th of July event; seconded by Council Member Apodaca. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

f. Discussion And Possible Action On Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the Alamo Area SWAT Team

Interim City Manager Cardona presented this item and provided the history of the SWAT team. This is an annual contract and the cost has stayed consistent, \$6,500. There are two Kirby police officers on the SWAT Team.

Council Member Martin moved to provide the funds for the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the Alamo Area SWAT Team; seconded by Council Member Street. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

Council Member Martin moved for a ten minute break; seconded by Council Member Apodaca. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

Mayor Pro-Tem Grider called for a ten minute break at 9:13 P.M.

Mayor Pro-Tem Grider reconvened the meeting at 9:25.

g. Discussion And Possible Action On City Festival For The Year 2023

Council Member Walczyk spoke about the Festival Committee and currently there are four members.

City Council discussed a date and name for the festival. The date and name of the event will be determined at a later date.

Council Member Walczyk moved to approve the Fall Festival as a City event; seconded by Council Member Street. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

h. Discussion And Possible Action On Opening Day Pool Party To Be Approved As A City Event On Saturday, May 27, 2023 And For Council To Waive Entry Fees

Council Member Street spoke about the Opening Day Pool Party and asked if this could be an annual event and waive the fees. She said last year everyone had a great time in August and asked to establish an Opening Day Pool Party, a Closing Day Pool Party, and include a Back To School Party as City events. She asked that the entry fees be waived on all Opening Day and Closing Day events. If we have sponsorship, the pool rental, lifeguards, and security can be covered by said monies. These costs apply more to the evening event than the Opening Day event. There will be some costs associated with food and games, also covered by sponsorships.

Council Member Street moved that Council approve the Opening Day Pool Party as a City event and waive the entry fees for the Opening Day Pool Party on May 27, 2023; seconded by Council Member Walczyk. The motion carried with a 6- vote.

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

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 said Early Voting continues, but it is closed tomorrow and open on Saturday the 29th, Monday and Tuesday May 1st and 2nd. Please vote. Election Day is Saturday May 6th. We have had a lot of rain lately and my grass is high, a lot of people's grass is high. As a Public Service Announcement this weekend should be nice so let us try and get the grass cut before we go to Fiesta. Items for the agenda are discussion about and a decision on the next streets to be repaired using the zipper, particularly Swann and Crest; schedule a budget workshop for May; appoint an acting city manager. We talked about it, but we did not ever do it; we need an update on Ackerman Road on each agenda to update the public on what is going on with Ackerman Road; and placing the speed trailer on Kirby Drive. Everybody have a lovely weekend and enjoy Fiesta.

Council Member Garza asked for discussion on the dips on Boatman and Ackerman Road; discussion about the barriers that were stopping people from going up Binz Engleman towards Friendship Park. He said he would like to contact people from Amazon for an update. He spoke about employee vacancies, why there are vacancies, and filling the vacancies. He spoke about property taxes and he believed May 15 is the last date to protest. Lastly, thank you for sticking around and have a good night

Council Member Apodaca said she did not agree with Council Member Garza about why our employees are quitting. She provided reasons why our City employees resigning. She also requested the speed trailer be placed on Kirby Drive. She spoke about trying to organize a CPR First Aid Class and posted information on Facebook. For those of you that do not have Facebook can contact me by calling my city phone and leave me a message or you can send me a message on Facebook. If you need a ride to come and vote let me know by sending me a message on Facebook, call my city phone and we will get you a ride here.

Council Member Walczyk informed Mr. Molina she believed he is right. There needs to be a four-way stop. Also put paint in our budget. Chief Hilburn Starfire to Hauck should be painted red because it is an emergency area. As far as resignations, pay has been a problem. She spoke about comments posted on social media and addressed them. She thanked Frank for his time working in Kirby. She said she is saddened that Mike is following you. She also expressed her appreciation to our Police Department. Call me if you need me or if you want to give me a name for this Festival. I appreciate you all have a good evening.

Council Member Martin thanked everybody for coming and staying. He wished everybody the best of luck with the election. He expressed his appreciation to Frank for his service and for what he has for this City. He expressed his appreciation for Mike. He reminded Interim City Manager Cardona to place the swearing in on the agenda and keep the agenda to a minimum. An item for the agenda is have an update on the speed bumps for Kirby Drive. That is all I have thank you.

Mayor Pro-Tem Grider announced that May is Bike Month and the Second Annual Kirby Bike Event will be held at Friendship Park, May 21st at 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. She identified the

various activities and bike clubs who will be attending. You can look at the City of Kirby's Facebook page - the youth program calendar for more information. She brought up that if not elected she wanted someone on Council to take over the Kirby Youth Event program. Council Member Sylvia Apodaca said that she would take it over the Kirby Youth Event program. Kirby Fitness Zumba class is still going on every Thursday and is 100% free. There has been an interest in walking again and she will provide more information. She addressed remarks made while campaigning. She thanked Frank, Mike and Tracy for all they have done for the City.

10. Adjournment

Mayor Pro-Tem Grider adjourned the meeting at 10:15 P.M.



Kimberly Aldrich, Mayor

ATTEST

Patty Cox, City Secretary, TRMC
City Secretary