



Janeshia A. Grider, Mayor

Sylvia Apodaca
Christopher Garza
Joe Molina

Mike Martin
Sally Hitt
Maria Lozano

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 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. A member of the public may testify from a remote location by videoconference at:

1. Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Grider called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Mayor Grider 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 Grider

ABSENT

Council Member Lozano

Mayor Pro-Tem Apodaca
Council Member Garza
Council Member Hitt
Council Member Martin
Council Member Molina

5. Citizen Participation

1. Debra Walczyk – She commented the Children’s Entrepreneurial Event was not on the City’s website. Continue to encourage children to learn how to make money doing things for themselves as they grow older. Provide a list of roads to City Manager to be worked on.

2. Tyrone White – He said on Monday on Ackerman Road during a routine traffic stop he felt mistreated. He provided information on his experience.

3. Michael Rios and Cory Mobley – Will speak on agenda item.

4. Kathy Rowe – She provided history on property located at 5458 Seguin Road. She is the current owner and has placed the property on the market for sale.

5. Roger Romens – He said he will speak now and during the agenda item later. He spoke about the City motto and said Mr. Wright shared with him the information he provided Council this evening.

6. Consideration Of And Action On Minutes

a. Special Minutes – May 16, 2023

Mayor Pro-Tem Apodaca moved to accept the Special Minutes – May 16, 2023; seconded by Council Member Hitt. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

b. Regular Minutes – May 25, 2023

Council Member Molina asked for a correction to the minutes. The minutes should reflect, “What appeared to be a handgun was displayed and handed to our police.” The minutes were approved with the correction.

The motion carried with a 5-1 vote.

AYES: 5

NAYES: 1 (Council Member Martin)

7. Presentation

- a. Kirby Police Department Promotional Ceremony for Sgt. Donald Lackey

Chief Cardona officiated the Promotional ceremony for Sgt. Donald Lackey.

8. Executive Session

- a. The City Council Will Convene In Closed Session Pursuant To Texas Government Code Section 551.074, Personnel, To deliberate Matters Associated With The Impending Vacancy Of The City Manager Position And With Filling Said Vacancy.
- b. Conduct Interviews Of Applicant For The Position Of City Manager

Mayor Grider convened the regular meeting to go into Executive Session at 7:35 P.M.

9. Reconvene To Open Session

Mayor Grider reconvened the regular meeting at 9:51 P.M.

- a. Following Deliberation In Closed Session, The City Council Will Reconvene In Open Session To Take Any Final Action Required On The Matters Discussed In Closed Session

Council Member Molina moved to offer Dr. Roland the position of City Manager starting June 20, 2023; seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Apodaca. The motion carried with a 5-1 vote.

AYES: 5

NAYES: 1 (Council Member Garza)

10. Discussion And Possible Action

- a. Discussion And Possible Action on a City Fall Festival

Debra Walczyk provided an update on the City Fall Festival. She explained a specific date must be set in order to get a commitment for funding. All funds will go directly to the City. Also, the event needs a name. She will submit dates on June 22, 2023 Council meeting.

b. Discussion And Possible Action On The Kirby Senior Painting Program

Debra Walczyk and Council Member Martin provided an update on the Kirby Senior Painting Program.

This item will be brought back on the next Council agenda.

c. Discussion And Possible Action On Request From Liberty Fireworks To Provide A Fireworks Display at 2826 Ackerman Road For True Vision Church On June 19, 2023

Michael Rios, Liberty Fireworks, and Pastor Cory Mobley, True Vision Church, presented the safety plans for the Juneteenth fireworks display. Pastor Mobley identified the great historical significance of this date as the emancipation of enslaved African Americans in the United States.

Mayor Grider recognized Ms. Gloria.

Ms. Gloria spoke about the history leading up to the importance of Juneteenth.

Mayor Grider read a letter from Commissioner Tommy Calvert supporting the event.

William Hilburn, Fire Chief, confirmed that Liberty Fireworks submitted all required documents for the event and have been approved to conduct the Fireworks Display at 2826 Ackerman Road for True Vision Church on June 19, 2023.

Council Member Garza moved to approve the request from Liberty Fireworks Display at 2826 Ackerman Road For True Vision Church On June 19, 2023; seconded by Council Member Molina. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

d. Discussion And Possible Action To Accept Resignation Of Alex Ebert From The Planning And Zoning Commission

Council Member Garza moved to accept resignation of Alex Ebert from the Planning and Zoning Commission; second by Mayor Pro-Tem Apodaca. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

e. Discussion And Possible Action Appoint A Member(s) To Economic Development Committee

Council Member Martin moved to appoint Debra Walczyk to the Economic Development Committee; seconded by Council Member Garza. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

- f. Discussion And Possible Action Appoint Member(s) To Planning And Zoning Commission

Council Member Garza moved to appoint Lisa Pierce and Debra Walczyk to the Planning Commission; seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Apodaca. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

- g. Discussion And Possible Action On Quarterly Financial Report Period Ending March 31, 2023

Interim City Manager Cardona provided information on the Quarterly Financial Report Period ending March 31, 2023.

Council Member Martin moved to accept the Quarterly Financial Report period ending March 31, 2023 seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Apodaca. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote

AYES: 7

NAYES: 0

- h. Discussion And Possible Action On Quarterly Investment Report Period Ending March 31, 2023.

Interim City Manager Cardona presented the Quarterly Investment Report period ending March 31, 2023.

Council Member Martin moved to accept the Quarterly Investment Report period ending March 31, 2023; seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Apodaca. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

AYES: 6

NAYS: 0

- i. Discussion And Update On The Property Located At 5020 Seguin Road

Council did not discuss this property because of pending investigation.

- j. Discussion And Update On The Ackerman Road Construction Project

Council Member Molina provided an update on the Ackerman Road Construction Project.

k. Discussion And Update On The Kazen Road Construction Project

Armando Marques, Interim Public Works Director, provided information on the Kazen Road Construction Project.

l. Discussion And Update On Future Road Projects For The City Of Kirby

Council discussed streets for future road projects and decided on the following streets: 800 – 900 block of Hickory Hill; Crest between Borchers and Swann; Buzz Aldrin after EZ One Stop; Swann after bridge toward Deer Grove; Thomas Pain; Von Braun.

m. Discussion And Update On The Street Maintenance Of Jaenke Road

Council Member Molina explained condition of Jaenke Road and how to repair.

n. Discussion And Possible Action On Assignment Of Council Member Liaisons to City Boards, Commissions And Committees.

Animal Advisory Committee – Mayor Grider
Beautification And Recycle Committee – Council Member Hitt
Building And Standards Commission – Council Member Martin
Crime Control And Prevention District Board Mayor Pro-Tem Apodaca
Economic Development Committee – Council Member Garza
Planning And Zoning Commission – Council Member Molina
Kirby Senior Center Corporation Board – Council Member Lozano

Liaisons were provided dates and times of their meetings.

o. Discussion And Possible Action On Council Meeting Session Time; Any Agenda Items Not Discussed By 10:00 P.M. To Be Placed On Next Scheduled Council Meeting Agenda

Mayor Grider explained why she placed this item on the agenda. She said there have been comments made about the length of the meetings. One idea that she heard was end the meetings at 10:00 P.M. Anything left on the agenda goes onto the next Council agenda.

Council discussed pros and cons on this item.

11. Interim City Manager Announcements

a. Announcements On City Events And Items Of Community Interest

Interim City Manager Cardona read a letter submitted by BJ Voight letter recognizing Flag Day June 14th. On July 2, 2023 5:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M. Fireworks in the Park. Mayor Pro-Tem Apodaca will not be available June 10-16.

12. 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

Mayor Pro-Tem Apodaca said she will not able to attend the next meeting or answer emails. She provided an update on Fireworks in the Park.

Council Member Garza said Kids Entrepreneur Day is Saturday at Kirby Baptist Church. He requested gun carry on the next agenda. Mosquito spraying is this Friday and Saturday; the sign at the pool has the wrong hours; Senior Center 30th Anniversary is Saturday; City garage sale starts tomorrow; brush & bulk going to start Monday. Do not forget about Flag Day June 17 at the Fire Station. He thanked everyone who attended the Pool party and special thanks to Ms. Walczyk and Ms. Street who were imperative in the planning and execution of the process. He thanked all City staff that attended and helped. It was greatly appreciated. He thanked everyone for staying for working here.

Council Member Molina thanked everyone for staying up, we will try to be more efficient and get out sooner. He welcomed Dr. Rowland and said he is looking forward to working with him. Judson ISD summer meals schedule is on the District's website.

Council Member Hitt welcomed Dr. Rowland.

Council Member Martin thanked staff for doing a great job. He welcomed Dr. Rowland, and Fireworks in the Park is on July 2nd. He does not want to be here later than needed. Things are going to get better.

Mayor Grider said the pool sign is being corrected. Items for the next agenda – Open Record Requests to discuss about council members and open record requests whether official and unofficial capacity because we have new members. She welcomed Dr. Roland. Other agenda items – Code of Conduct; rapid designer – flyers for Kirby events, and ID #361467 CB 5941, B 6, 102 Hedwig.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:37 P.M.



Patty Cox, TRMC
City Secretary



Janeshia A. Grider
Mayor