

REGULAR MEETING

December 10, 2013

7:00 p.m.

There being a quorum present, Mayor Saunders called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council members present: Rick Neumayer, Brandon Blue, Greg Allen, and Ann Fessenden

Absent: Bruce Franklin

Neumayer made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda to include the Minutes to the last meeting and budget review and payment of bills. Allen seconded the motion. Votes:

For – Neumayer, Blue, Allen, and Fessenden

Against – None

Passed – 4-0

Public Comment:

None

The following Ordinance was read the first time for consideration:

Proposed Ordinance

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KERENS, TEXAS,
AMENDING THAT SECTION OF THE CODE OF
ORDINANCES, CITY OF KERENS, TEXAS CHAPTER 8,
SECTION 4 - A - TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNS**

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Kerens, Texas:

THAT the following items will be added to read:

- 53. On the east and west side of S Wright Avenue at its intersection with S. 4th Street controlling north and south bound traffic on S. Wright Avenue.
- 54. On the east and west side of S. Wright Avenue at its intersection with S. 3rd Street controlling north and south bound traffic on S. Wright Avenue.

SEVERABILITY

If any provision, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance, or the application of same to any person or set of circumstances for any reason is held to be unconstitutional, void or invalid or for any reason unenforceable, the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance or the application thereby shall remain in effect, it being the intent of the City Council of the City of Kerens, Texas in adopting this ordinance, that no portion thereof or provision contained herein shall become inoperative or fail by any reason of unconstitutionality or invalidity of any portion or provision.

Neumayer made a motion to approve the Ordinance as read and to set the second and final reading at the January regular meeting. Fessenden seconded the motion. Votes:

For – Neumayer, Blue, Allen, and Fessenden

Against – None

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Neumayer made a motion to accept and approve the new contract with the Humane Society of Cedar Creek Lake. Fessenden seconded the motion. Votes:

For – Neumayer, Blue, Allen, and Fessenden

Against – None

Passed – 4-0

After some discussion about the Sign Ordinance, council requested that Scott write an amendment to the Ordinance to include a clause allowing appeals to the City Council for exceptions to be brought back to the council at the January meeting.

Operations

- **Code Enforcement** – Officer Covey stated that he had done 4 occupancy inspections, 5 lots have been cleaned or mowed, and that he had been working on signs on SH 31. Council discussed several issues that they have concerns about.
- **Water Dept.** – Scott stated that the Texas Rural Water Association has agreed to participate in Appeals Court action on the NCWR case with the City of Corsicana with staff legal assistance and financial aid of \$10,000.00. TRWA's agreeing to help means that they view that this case has state-wide implications. Council agreed that the City of Kerens does want to continue with the appeals process.
Scott also stated that the problem at the South Tower lines and valves freezing this weekend was due to the buzzards eating the insulation off the lines.
- **Sewer Dept.** – No problems to report.
- **Street Dept.** – Blue requested consideration of a stop sign on Third Street at S Wright. Scott will have the Ordinance ready for the first reading at next month's meeting
- **Police Dept.** – Chief Miers said that all equipment has finally been delivered for the new Tahoes and that the truck has been fully equipped except for striping.
- **Animal Control** – No new problems.
- **Court** – No problems to report. Municipal Court will be held tomorrow.
- **Tax Dept.** – Russell Hudson's report shows 37.83% collected as of October 31, 2012.
- **Office** – Scott stated that Experience Works has placed Francine Jackson in the office to gain training and experience.
- **Grants** – Water line construction is on schedule.
- **Economic Development** – No new information.
- **Long Range Planning** – no new information.

Neumayer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Allen seconded the motion. Votes:

For – Neumayer, Blue, Allen, and Fessenden

Against – None

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With no further business to transact, Mayor Saunders adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Jeffrey Saunders, Mayor

Attest:

Cindy Scott, City Secretary