

REGULAR MEETING

February 12, 2013

7:00 p.m.

There being a quorum present, Mayor Saunders called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Council members present: Greg Allen, Ann Fessenden and Tyrone Martin

Absent: Rick Neumayer

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

For –Allen, Fessenden, and Martin

Against – None

Passed – 3-0

Public Comment:

None

Martin made a motion to appoint Brandon Blue to fill Carole Cottrell's unexpired term. Allen seconded the motion. Votes:

For –Allen, Fessenden, and Martin

Against – None

Passed – 3-0

Scott then swore in Mr. Blue and he took his seat on the Council.

The following Resolution was read for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO. 201300212-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KERENS DECLARING FINANCAIL SUPPORT FOR *THE CROSSING AT OAK GROVE* (FKA KERENS APARTMENTS) DEVELOPMENT LOCATED AT 200 DANIELS DRIVE, KERENS, NAVARRO COUNTY, TEXAS, A JOINT HOUSING TAX CREDIT AND HOME FUNDS APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR THE YEAR 2013

WHEREAS, K. F. Crossing, LTD. Has proposed the acquisition and rehabilitation at 200 Daniels Drive named Crossing at Oak Grove (fka Kerens Apartments) in the City of Kerens and County of Navarro; and

WHEREAS, K. F. Crossing, LTD. intends to submit a joint application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for 2013 Housing Tax Credits and HOME Investment partnership fund for the Crossing at Oak Grove (fka Kerens Apartments); and

WHEREAS, a request for a Commitment of Development Funding by a Unit of General Local Government (§2306.6710(b)(1)(E) from K. F. Crossing, LTD. has been received by the City of Kerens. The City hereby declares support for the proposed acquisition and rehabilitation of the Crossing at Oak Grove (fka Kerens Apartments) and commits to Development funding in the form of a construction loan based on the population of the City of Kerens multiplied by a factor of 0.15 in funding

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per Low Income units. The \$7,600 in funding will be in the form of a construction loan with an interest rate no higher than three (3) percent per annum and a term of a least five (5) years, and repayable at any time during the term of the construction loan; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The City of Kerens hereby supports the proposed acquisition and rehabilitation of the Crossing at Oak Grove (fka Kerens Apartments) and has voted specifically to approve financial support in the form of development funding to K. F. Crossing, LTD. For the purpose of acquisition and rehabilitation of Crossing at Oak Grove (fka Kerens Apartments).

That this resolution shall take place immediately from and after its passage.

Allen made a motion to pass and approve the Resolution as read. Fessenden seconded the motion. Votes

For – Blue, Allen, Fessenden, and Martin

Against – None

Passed – 4-0

Martin made a motion to approve the reappointment of A. L. Atkeisson, Dick Martin, and Derek Kamp to the Kerens Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors. Fessenden seconded the motion. Votes

For – Blue, Allen, Fessenden, and Martin

Against – None

Passed – 4-0

Mayor Saunders read the following Order of Election:

ORDER OF ELECTION FOR MUNICIPALITIES

An election is hereby ordered to be held on May 11, 2013 for the purpose of:
(date)

Election of two (2) aldermen to serve two-year terms and a mayor to serve a two-year term

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at

City Hall – 200 S. Colket Ave – Kerens, Texas
(location)

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning on April 29, 2013 and ending on May 7, 2013 and between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on April 29, 2013 and on May 6, 2013.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Katherine Combs
(Name of Early Voting Clerk)
P. O. Box 160
(Address)

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Kerens, TX 75144
(City) (Zip Code)

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on May 3, 2013

Fessenden made a motion to request all other taxing entities to release Price Block 6 Lots 1-5 located at 401 N Alma and Kerens OT Block 139 Lots 1-4 located at 700 S Throckmorton to the City of Kerens to facilitate clean-up.. Allen seconded the motion. Votes

For – Blue, Allen, Fessenden, and Martin

Against – None

Passed – 4-0

After some discussion, council decided to table any further consideration of a sign ordinance until the March Regular Meeting.

Chief Miers presented his Racial Profiling Report for 2012. Fessenden made a motion to accept and approve the report as presented. Martin seconded the motion. Votes

For – Blue, Allen, Fessenden, and Martin

Against – None

Passed – 4-0

Operations

- **Property Inspections** – Officer Covey's report shows 3 occupancy inspections, and 5 junk vehicles abated, plus 6 yards mowed or cleaned. Mayor Saunders stated that he had talked to Covey about finding a way to get citizens to get house numbers posted on their property.
- **Water Dept.** – No major problems to report.
- **Sewer Dept.** – Looking into purchasing a larger jetter with a root cutter.
- **Street Dept.** – Asphalt repairs continuing as weather permits.
- **Police Dept.** – Chief Miers reported that officer Cook has almost completed his training.
- **Animal Control** – No new problems.
- **Court** – No problems.
- **Tax Dept.** – Russell Hudson's report shows 72.88% of current taxes collected as of January 31, 2013.
- **Office** – No problems.
- **Grants** – Surveying has begun on the 2013 water grant.
- **Economic Development** – No new information.
- **Long Range Planning** – No new information.

Martin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Fessenden seconded the motion. Votes:

For – Neumayer, Allen, and Martin

Against – None

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With no further business to transact, Mayor Saunders adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Attest:

Jeffrey Saunders, Mayor

Cindy Scott, City Secretary