

**REGULAR MEETING**

**March 6, 2012**

**7:00 p.m.**

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

Council members present: Rick Neumayer, Brett Latta, Greg Allen, Ann Fessenden and Tyrone Martin

Absent: None

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

**For** – Neumayer, Latta, Allen, Fessenden and Martin

**Against** – None

**Passed** – 5-0

**Public Comment:**

- None

The following Ordinance was read for the second and final time for consideration:

**ORDINANCE 12-0306**

**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** a Stop Sign will be added at the north and south side of SE Second Street at its intersection with S Ferguson Avenue controlling east and west bound traffic on SE Second Street;

**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 adopt the Ordinance as read. Latta seconded the motion. Votes:

**For** – Neumayer, Latta, Allen, Fessenden, and Martin

**Against** – None

**Passed** – 5-0

The following Ordinance was read for the second and final time for consideration:

**ORDINANCE 12-0306B**

**AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KERENS, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 5 SECTION 1 PART A REVISING MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES FOR SERVICES FURNISHED BY THE CITY'S SANITATION DEPARTMENT; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PRESCRIBING A DATE SUCH RATES AND CHARGES SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE**

**WHEREAS**, The City Council of the City of Kerens, Texas has determined it necessary to revise the monthly rates and charges of the City's Sanitation Department to meet increased obligations payable from the revenues of said Department; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KERENS, TEXAS;

SECTION 1: REFUSE REGULATIONS

That the monthly rates and charges of the City's Sanitation Department shall be and are hereby revised and established to be as follows:

GARBAGE AND TRASH SERVICE CHARGE

Residential	.....	\$9.50 per month
Business	.....	\$13.50 per month

The rates and charges herein provided for the Sanitation Department shall be effective as of April 1, 2012.

Martin made a motion to adopt the Ordinance as read. Allen seconded the motion. Votes:

- For** – Neumayer, Latta, Allen, Fessenden, and Martin
- Against** – None
- Passed** – 5-0

Latta made a motion to accept and approve the annual audit for Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2011 as presented by Frank Steele of Anderson, Marx & Bohl. Neumayer seconded the motion. Votes:

- For** – Neumayer, Latta, Allen, Fessenden, and Martin
- Against** – None
- Passed** – 5-0

The following ordinance was read for 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 amended to read:

26. On the east and west side of S Throckmorton Avenue at its intersection with S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street controlling north and south bound traffic on S. Throckmorton Avenue; and on the north and south side of S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street at its intersection with S. Throckmorton Avenue controlling east and west bound traffic on S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street creating a 4-way Stop.
27. On the east and west side of S. Bonner Avenue at its intersection with S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street controlling north and south bound traffic on S. Bonner Avenue and on the north and south side of S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street at its intersection with S. Bonner Avenue controlling east and west bound traffic on S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street creating a 4-way Stop.
28. On the east and west side of S. Goodman Avenue at its intersection with S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street controlling north and south bound traffic on S. Goodman Avenue; and on the north and south side of S. 2<sup>nd</sup> street at its intersection with S. Goodman Avenue controlling east and west bound traffic on S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street creating a 4-way Stop.
33. On the east and west side of S. Humphreys Avenue at its intersection with S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street; and on the north and south side of S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street at its intersection with S. Humphreys Avenue controlling east and west bound traffic on s. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street creating a 4-way Stop.
42. On the east and west side of S. Throckmorton Avenue at its intersection with S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street; and on the north and south side of S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street at its intersection with S. Throckmorton Avenue controlling east and west bound traffic on S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street creating a 4-way Stop.
44. On the east and west side of S. Goodman Avenue at its intersection with S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street; and on the north and south side of S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street at its intersection with S. Goodman Avenue controlling east and west bound traffic on S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street creating a 4-way Stop.

**SEVERABILITY**

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Allen made a motion to set the second and final reading of the Ordinance for the April Regular Meeting. Fessenden seconded the motion. Votes:

**For** – Neumayer, Latta, Allen, Fessenden, and Martin

**Against** – None

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**Operations**

- **Property Inspections** – Chief Miers stated that Officer Covey’s report shows 8 occupancy inspections, 1 condemned building demolished, 1 dog kennel cleaned and 1 junk car abated.
- **Water Dept.** – chlorine readings are good. All equipment is working properly.
- **Sewer Dept.** – pumps at the west lift station are being repaired, possible lightening damage.
- **Street Dept.** – Police Department have obtained several new pieces of equipment from military surplus including at least one pickup truck.
- **Police Dept.** – Chief Miers stated that TxDot finally got the City Limit signs moved to their proper locations. He also informed the council that the Library burglary has been solved and most items were recovered.
- **Animal Control** – 6 dogs went to the animal shelter today after one of them bit the owner.
- **Court** –Warrant Roundup went well. New security camera system has been delivered and should be installed within a week.
- **Tax Dept.** – This month’s report not yet received, but 74.17% of current property taxes collected as of February 29, 2012.
- **Office** – Scott presented certification that candidates for the Gneral Election May 12, 2012 are unopposed, and no write-in candidates have filed, so no election will be necessary.
- **Grants** – work on the final stage of the Drainage Grant should begin next week.
- **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, Latta, Allen, Fessenden, and Martin

**Against** – None

**Passed** – 5-0

With no further business to transact, Mayor Saunders adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

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**Jeffrey Saunders, Mayor**

**Attest:**

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**Cindy Scott, City Secretary**

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