

REGULAR MEETING

March 7, 2017

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 Bryant Jennings

Absent: Ann Fessenden

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 Jennings
Against – None
Passed – 4-0

Public Comment:

- None

Jason Adams, Kerens ISD Superintendent presented information on the Bond Proposal that will be on the ballot for the May election. Council agreed that this proposal seemed to be well planned and just what the school and the community needs.

Neumayer made a motion to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Martha Fields and Carole Cottrell as Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Kerens. Blue seconded the motion. Votes:

For – Neumayer, Blue, Allen, and Jennings
Against – None
Passed – 4-0

Neumayer made a motion to approve the reappointment of A.L. Atkeisson, Dick Martin, and Jeremy Hudson to the Board of Directors of the Kerens Economic Development Corporation. Jennings seconded the motion. Votes:

For – Neumayer, Blue, Allen, and Jennings
Against – None
Passed – 4-0

The following Resolution was read for consideration:

RESOLUTION Regarding Civil Rights

The City of Kerens, Texas

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Whereas, the City of Kerens, Texas, (hereinafter referred to as “City of Kerens”) has been awarded TxCDBG funding through a TxCDBG 7216269 grant from the Texas Department of Agriculture (hereinafter referred to as “TDA”);

Whereas, the City of Kerens, in accordance with Section 109 of the Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act. (24 CFR 6); the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101-6107); and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and for construction contracts greater than \$10,000, must take actions to ensure that no person or group is denied benefits such as employment, training, housing, and contracts generated by the CDBG activity, on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or disability;

Whereas, the City of Kerens, in consideration for the receipt and acceptance of federal funding, agrees to comply with all federal rules and regulations including those rules and regulations governing citizen participation and civil rights protections;

Whereas, the City of Kerens, in accordance with Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, and 24 CFR Part 135, is required, to the greatest extent feasible, to provide training and employment opportunities to lower income residents and contract opportunities to businesses in the TxCDBG project area;

Whereas, the City of Kerens, in accordance with Section 104(1) of the Housing and Community Development Act, as amended, and State’s certification requirements at 24 CFR 91.325(b)(6), must adopt an excessive force policy that prohibits the use of excessive force against non-violent civil rights demonstrations;

Whereas, the City of Kerens, in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, does not discriminate on the basis of disability and agrees to ensure that qualified individuals with disabilities have access to programs and activities that receive federal funds; and

Whereas, the City of Kerens, in accordance with Section 808(e)(5) of the Fair Housing Act (42 USC 3608(e)(5)) that requires HUD programs and activities be administered in a manner affirmatively to further the policies of the Fair Housing Act, agrees to conduct at least one activity during the contract period of the TxCDBG contract, to affirmatively further fair housing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KERENS CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KERENS, TEXAS, that the CITY OF KERENS ADOPTS/REAFFIRMS THE FOLLOWING:

1. Citizen Participation Plan and Grievance Procedures (Form A1013);
2. Section 3 Policy (Form A1002);
3. Excessive Force Policy (Form A1003);
4. [If Grant Recipient employs 15 or more employees], Section 504 Policy and Grievance Procedures (Form A1004); and

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5. Fair Housing Policy (Exhibit 1015).

Neumayer made a motion to pass and approve the resolution as read. Allen seconded the motion. Votes:

For – Neumayer, Blue, Allen, and Jennings
Against – None
Passed – 4-0

Operations

- **Code Enforcement** – Officer Covey reported to Chief Miers that he wrote 2 citations, did 5 occupancy inspections, and 7 yards cleaned as well as 6 vehicles abated and 2 open sewers abated.
- **Water Dept.** – Greg Allen has no information on the flow meter.
- **Sewer Dept.** – Nursing Home is dumping grease in the sewer. Marcus reported that the manhole had been pumped clean, but refilled with grease within a week.
- **Street Dept.** – Some potholes were patched this month. Weather keeping things too wet to get a lot done.
- **Police Dept.** – Chief Miers reported that the PD is staying busy. Still awaiting delivery on the two new Tahoes.
- **Animal Control** – No new problems.
- **Court** – No problems.
- **Tax Dept.** – Mike Dowd's report shows 68.45% of current taxes collected as of January 31, 2017.
- **Office** – Audit has begun.
- **Grants** – Received notice that the close out has been completed on the 2014 Grant.
- **Economic Development** – No new information.
- **Long Range Planning** – No new information.

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

For – Neumayer, Allen, Fessenden, and Jennings
Against – None
Passed – 4-0

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

Jeffrey Saunders, Mayor

Attest:

Cindy Scott, City Secretary