

REGULAR MEETING

March 11, 2014

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, Greg Allen, Ann Fessenden, and Bruce Franklin. Brandon Blue arrived at 7:10

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. Franklin seconded the motion. Votes:

For – Neumayer, Fessenden, Allen, and Franklin

Against – None

Passed – 4-0

Public Comment:

None

Neumayer made a motion to accept and approve Chief Miers' annual Racial Profiling Report. Fessenden seconded the motion. Votes:

For – Neumayer, Blue, Allen, Fessenden, and Franklin

Against – None

Passed – 5-0

Neumayer made a motion to amend the Personnel Policy by changing the probationary period from 6 months to 3 months to ensure that the City is in Compliance with the Public Health Service Act Section 2708. This change is to be effective October 1, 2014. Fessenden seconded the motion. Votes:

For – Neumayer, Blue, Allen, Fessenden, and Franklin

Against – None

Passed – 5-0

Neumayer made a motion to demolish the structure located at 700 SW Third Street, bill Michael Byrd demolition costs as computed giving him 30 days to pay. If payment not paid within the 30 day period, a lien will be filed against the property. Franklin seconded the motion. Votes:

For – Neumayer, Blue, Allen, Fessenden, and Franklin

Against – None

Passed – 5-0

Allen made a motion to list the Crown Victoria Police cars on the govdeal.com auction site. Fessenden seconded the motion. Votes:

For – Neumayer, Blue, Allen, Fessenden, and Franklin

Against – None

Passed – 5-0

The following Ordinance was read for consideration:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 14-0311

**AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
KERENS, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 5 SECTION 1 PART A**

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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 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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	\$9.75 per month
Business	\$13.65 per month

The rates and charges herein provided for the Sanitation Department shall be effective as of April 1, 2014.

Franklin made a motion to pass and approve the Ordinance as presented. Fessenden seconded the motion. Votes:

- For** – Neumayer, Blue, Allen, Fessenden, and Franklin
- Against** – None
- Passed** – 5-0

Blue made a motion to approve a Proclamation recognizing Kerens High School LadyCats Basketball bid for State Championship. Neumayer seconded the motion. Votes:

- For** – Neumayer, Blue, Allen, Fessenden, and Franklin
- Against** – None
- Passed** – 5-0

Operations

- **Code Enforcement** – Officer Covey reported that he had done 4 occupancy inspections, abated 5 junk vehicles, 1 yard cleaned, and delt with 1 dog at large.
- **Water Dept.** – No major problems.
- **Sewer Dept.** – no major problems.

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- **Street Dept.** – work in progress. Still in need of good equipment.
- **Police Dept.** – No problems to report.
- **Animal Control** – Skunks and armadillos main complaints this month.
- **Court** – No problems to report.
- **Tax Dept.** – No report from Russell Hudson’s office.
- **Office** – No problems to report.
- **Grants** – HOME program has changed and an application is in progress.
- **Economic Development** – workshop for long range planning was postponed due to ice.
- **Long Range Planning** – no new information.

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

For – Neumayer, Blue, Allen, Fessenden, and Franklin

Against – None

Passed – 5-0

With no further business to transact, Mayor Saunders adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Jeffrey Saunders, Mayor

Attest:

Cindy Scott, City Secretary