

**REGULAR MEETING**

**April 7, 2015**

**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, Ann Fessenden and Bruce Franklin.

Absent: None

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

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

**Against** – None

**Passed** – 5-0

**Public Comment:**

- Marie Graham addressed the council by reading a statement stating that certain city departments do not realize or care that Quantum Paradigm is a business.

Neumayer made a motion to accept the Public Utility Commission's increase of 0.8449% to the Municipal Telecommunications Right-of-Way Access Line Rates for 2015. Fessenden seconded the motion. Votes:

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

**Against** – None

**Passed** – 5-0

The following Resolution was read for consideration:

**RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KERENS, TEXAS,  
APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN  
APPLICATION FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE TEXAS  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR  
TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM.**

WHEREAS, adverse conditions exist in the City which represents a potential threat to human health and safety; and

WHEREAS, immediate attention and effort must be given to rectifying the problem.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Kerens, Texas, as follows:

SECTION 1. That an application for Transportation Alternatives Program Funds is hereby approved and authorized to be filed on behalf of the City with the Texas Department of Transportation.

SECTION 2. That the Transportation Alternatives Program application be in the

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amount of \$632,514 which includes a construction budget of \$687,515 and TxDot Administrative Expenses of \$103,127, with a local match of up to \$158,128 and will be used for the construction of mixed use and pedestrian walkways in the City of Kerens.

SECTION 3. The City Council hereby agrees to comply with all assurances executed in connection with the application and, if awarded, the grant is willing to commit to the project’s development, implementation, construction, maintenance, management, and financing.

SECTION 4. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to act on the City’s behalf in all matters pertaining to this application.

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

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

**Against** – None

**Passed** – 5-0

After some discussion, consideration of downtown design guidelines was tabled until the next meeting.

The following Resolution was read for consideration:

**RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTINUED PARTICIPATION WITH THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF CITIES SERVED BY ONCOR; AND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF 11 CENTS PER CAPITA TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE TO FUND REGULATORY AND RELATED ACTIVITIES RELATED TO ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY**

WHEREAS, the City of Kerens is a regulator authority under the Public Utility Regulatory Act (PURA) and has exclusive original jurisdiction over the rates and services of Oncor Electric Delivery Company (Oncor) within the municipal boundaries of the city; and

WHEREAS, the Steering Committee has historically intervened in Oncor (formerly known as TXU) rate proceedings and electric utility related rulemakings to protect the interests of municipalities and electric customers residing within municipal boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Steering Committee is participating in Public Utility Commission dockets and projects, as well as court proceedings, affecting transmission and distribution utility rates; and

WHEREAS, the City is a member of the Steering Committee of Cities Served by Oncor; and

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WHEREAS, in order for the Steering Committee to continue its participation in these activities which affects the provision of electric utility service and the rates to be charged, it must assess its members for such costs;  
NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KERENS, TEXAS:

- I. That the City is authorized to continue its membership with the Steering Committee of Cities Served by Oncor to protect the interests of the City of Kerens and protect the interests of the customers of Oncor Electric Delivery residing and conducting business within the City limits.
- II. It is further authorized to pay its assessment to the Steering Committee ten cents (\$0.11) per capita based on the population figures for the City shown in the latest TML Directory of City Officials.
- III. A copy of this Resolution and the assessment payment check (made payable to "Oncor Cities Steering Committee" shall be sent to Jay Doegey, Chair, Oncor Cities Steering Committee, c/o City Attorney's Office, Mail Stop 63-0300, PO Box 90231, Arlington, Texas 76004-3231.

Neumayer made a motion to pass and approve the Resolution as read. Franklin seconded the motion. Votes:

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

**Against** – None

**Passed** – 5-0

**Operations**

- **Code Enforcement** – Officer Covey's report 3 occupancy inspections, 10 vehicles abated, and 2 refrigerators made "kid proof"..
- **Water Dept.** – No major problems.
- **Sewer Dept.** – Smoke equipment has been delivered. We now just have to wait for some dry weather.
- **Street Dept.** – Equipment is being repaired while waiting for dry weather.
- **Police Dept.** – Chief Miers had his rotator cuff surgery on Monday.
- **Animal Control** – still dealing with skunks.
- **Court** – No problems. Court is scheduled for next Thursday.
- **Tax Dept.** – No report yet this month. 85.57% of current taxes collected as of February 28, 2015.
- **Office** – No problems.
- **Grants** – Preliminary rankings show that we should be funded for 2016.
- **Economic Development** – Board is still working on a Strategic Plan.
- **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

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With no further business to transact, Mayor Saunders adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

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**Jeffrey Saunders, Mayor**

**Attest:**

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**Cindy Scott, City Secretary**