

**REGULAR MEETING**

**June 9, 2015**

**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, Greg Allen, Ann Fessenden and Bruce Franklin.

Absent: Brandon Blue

Franklin 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 – Neumayer, Allen, Fessenden and Franklin  
Against – None  
**Passed – 4-0**

Public Comment:

- None

After some discussion concerning limiting the downtown requirements to brick facades on any new building in the downtown area, Council agreed to table any further discussion or consideration until the next regular meeting.

Fessenden made a motion to reappoint the Kerens Tribune as the official newspaper for the City of Kerens. Franklin seconded the motion. Votes:

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

Fessenden made a motion to reappoint Prosperity Bank as the official depository for the City of Kerens. Franklin seconded the motion. Votes:

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

Franklin nominated Brandon Blue as Mayor Pro-tem. With no other nominations, Franklin made a motion to appoint Brandon Blue as Mayor Pro-tem. Fessenden seconded the motion. Votes:

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

Neumayer made a motion to reappoint Cindy Scott as City Secretary. Franklin seconded the motion. Votes:

**For** – Neumayer, Allen, Fessenden and Franklin  
**Against** – None  
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Franklin made a motion to reappoint Bryan Miers as Chief of Police. Fessenden seconded the motion. Votes:

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

Neumayer made a motion to renew the contract for property tax assessment and Collection with Russell Hudson’s office. Allen seconded the motion. Votes:

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

Neumayer made a motion to issue a letter of recommendation for funding for House of Bread stating that the ministry is an asset to the City of Kerens. Fessenden seconded the motion. Votes:

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

Neumayer made a motion to continue with the suit against the City of Corsicana concerning water rates. Fessenden seconded the motion. Votes:

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

After some discussion, Council agreed to table any further discussion of budget preparation until the July meeting.

The following Resolution was read for consideration:

**RESOLUTION NO. 20150609**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
KERENS, TEXAS ADOPTING THE NAVARRO  
COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN (HAZMAP)**

**WHEREAS** the City Council of Kerens, Texas recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within Kerens; and

**WHEREAS** the City of Kerens has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as Navarro County Hazard Mitigation Plan dated in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

**WHEREAS** the Navarro County Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long- term risk to people and property in Kerens from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

**WHEREAS** adoption by the City Council of Kerens, Texas demonstrates their commitment to the hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the Navarro County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

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**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF KERENS, TEXAS THAT:**

The City Council of Kerens, Texas adopts the Navarro County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Franklin made a motion to adopt the Resolution as read. Fessenden seconded the motion. Votes:

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

**Against** – None

**Passed** – 4-0

**Operations**

- **Code Enforcement** – Not a lot to report. Rain has caused a lot of yard to be overgrown. The downtown buildings have been demolished and cleanup continues.
- **Water Dept.** – No major problems.
- **Sewer Dept.** – No major problems.
- **Street Dept.** – working as weather allows.
- **Police Dept.** – Chief Miers reported that the police department was staying busy. He also asked for guidance on ATV's being ridden around town.
- **Animal Control** – Water has put "critters" on the move. We have dealt with snakes, skunks and a possum recently.
- **Court** – No problems. Court set for June 16.
- **Tax Dept.** – Russell Hudson's report shows 91.34% of current taxes collected as of May 31, 2015.
- **Office** – Post Office has failed to deliver the water bills this month.
- **Grants** – No new information
- **Economic Development** – No new information.
- **Long Range Planning** – No new information.

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

For – Neumayer, Allen, Fessenden and Franklin

Against – None

**Passed** – 4-0

With no further business to transact, Mayor Saunders adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

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**Jeffrey Saunders, Mayor**

**Attest:**

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**Cindy Scott, City Secretary**