

**REGULAR MEETING**

**July 12, 2016**

**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, 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, Allen, Blue, and Jennings

**Against** – None

**Passed** – 4-0

Public Comment:

- None

The following Resolution was presented for consideration:

**RESOLUTION NO. 0712-2016**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTINUED PARTICIPATION WITH THE ATMOS CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE; AND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TWO AND ONE-HALF CENTS PER CAPITA TO THE ATMOS CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE TO FUND REGULATORY AND RELATED ACTIVITIES RELATED TO ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION**

WHEREAS, the City of Kerens is a regulatory authority under the Gas Utility Regulatory Act (GURA) and has exclusive original jurisdiction over the rates and services of Atmos Energy Corporation, Mid-Tex Division (Atmos) within the municipal boundaries of the city; and

WHEREAS, the Atmos Cities Steering Committee (ACSC) has historically intervened in Atmos rate proceedings and gas utility related rulemakings to protect the interests of municipalities and gas customers residing within municipal boundaries; and

WHEREAS, ACSC is participating in Railroad Commission dockets and projects, as well as court proceedings and legislative activities, affecting gas utility rates; and

WHEREAS, the City is a member of ACSC; and

WHEREAS, in order for ACSC to continue its participation in these activities which affects the provision of gas utility service and the rates to be charged, it must assess its members for such costs,

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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 Atmos Cities Steering Committee to protect the interests of the City of Kerens and protect the interests of the customers of Atmos Energy Corporation, Mid-Tex Division residing and conducting business within the City limits.
- II. The City is further authorized to pay its 2016 assessment to the ACSC in the amount of two and one-half cents (\$0.025) per capita.
- III. A copy of this Resolution and approved assessment fee payable to "Atmos Cities Steering Committee" shall be sent to:

David Barber  
Atmos Cities Steering Committee  
c/o Arlington City Attorney's Office, Mail Stop 63-0300  
101 S. Mesquite St., Suite 300  
Arlington, Texas 76010

Neumayer made a motion to pass and approve the Resolution as presented. Allen seconded the motion. Votes:

**For** – Neumayer, Allen, Blue, and Jennings

**Against** – None

**Passed** – 4-0

After some discussion, it was agreed to hold a Budget Workshop on August 2, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

### Operations

- **Code Enforcement** – Officer Covey reported 13 properties mowed, 4 cleaned, 9 vehicles abated, 1 horse removed from city limits, and 2 occupancy inspections.
- **Water Dept.** – No problems to report.
- **Sewer Dept.** – No problems to report.
- **Street Dept.** – Overlook project completed.
- **Police Dept.** – Chief Miers stated things have been busy. He just returned from Austin where he attended the legislative conference.
- **Animal Control** – No new problems.
- **Court** – No problems.
- **Tax Dept.** – 93.48% of current taxes collected as of June 30, 2016.
- **Office** – No problems.
- **Grants** – Scott reported that the application for the 2016 grant was approved for funding.
- **Economic Development** – No new information.
- **Long Range Planning** – No new information.

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

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

With no further business to transact, Mayor Saunders adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

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**Jeffrey Saunders, Mayor**

**Attest:**

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**Cindy Scott, City Secretary**