

REGULAR MEETING

August 12, 2014

7:00 p.m.

There being a quorum present, Mayor Saunders called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Council members present: Rick Neumayer, Brandon Blue, Greg Allen, Ann Fessenden, and Bruce Franklin.

Absent: None

Fessenden 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, Fessenden, and Franklin

Against – None

Passed – 5-0

Public Comment:

- None

Whorthie Faulk appeared to report on the progress for Jessica Faulk. She stated that they were waiting on Tyrone Martin to complete the exterior painting, a plumber has been contacted for a bid, and when asked said that the water bill is the last expense on the list. Fessenden made a motion to table any further decision until the next Regular Meeting. Neumayer seconded the motion. Votes:

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

Against – None

Passed – 5-0

Council discussed the Downtown Building Design Guidelines. Mayor Saunders stated that he has enlisted the Health & Beautification Committee to help with this discussion. No action was taken.

Neumayer made a motion to approve the Kerens Economic Development Corporation's donation of Lot 14 of Block 59 to the Friends of the Kerens Library to build a storage unit on that will match the library building in color and style. The Library will pay filing fees. Fessenden seconded the motion. Votes:

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

Against – None

Passed – 5-0

Allen made a motion to provide water to the Veteran's Memorial at no charge. Neumayer seconded the motion. Votes:

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

Against – None

Passed – 5-0

Mayor Saunders read the following call for an election:

ORDER OF ELECTION FOR MUNICIPALITIES

An election is hereby ordered to be held on November 4, 2014 for the purpose of:

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To Legalize: "The legal sale of all alcoholic beverages including mixed beverages."

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at

City Hall – 200 S. Colket Ave – Kerens, Texas

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning on October 20, 2014 and ending on October 31, 2014 and between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on October 20, 2014 and on October 27, 2014.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Katherine Combs
(Name of Early Voting Clerk)
P. O. Box 160
(Address)
Kerens, TX 75144
(City) (Zip Code)

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on October 24, 2014.

Fessenden made a motion to approve. Allen seconded the motion. Votes:

For – Blue, Allen, Fessenden, and Franklin

Against – Neumayer

Passed – 4-1

Neumayer made a motion that the ad valorem Property Tax Rate for 2014 remain at .6817 per \$100 valuation and that public hearings be set for September 4th and September 9th and the meeting to vote on the 2014 tax rate be set for September 16th. Franklin seconded the motion. Votes:

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

Against – None

Passed – 5-0

Neumayer made a motion to cast the city's vote for the TML MultiState IEBP Board of Trustee Election for Connie Standridge. Fessenden seconded the motion. Votes:

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

Against – None

Passed – 5-0

Operations

- **Code Enforcement** – Officer Covey's stated that 3 occupancy inspections, 7 vehicles abated, 4 properties cleaned and 5 yards mowed this month.
- **Water Dept.** – All water problems have been repaired.
- **Sewer Dept.** – No problems. Oncor had a problem last week that affected the east lift station, but was repaired.
- **Street Dept.** – No work done because of water leaks.

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- **Police Dept.** – Chief Miers reported that Chad Willingham had resigned from the KISD Police Dept. He also discussed the Record Management software changes that he is facing.
- **Animal Control** – No new problems.
- **Court** – Court is set for August 21st.
- **Tax Dept.** – 94.1% of current taxes collected as of July 31, 2014.
- **Office** – New copy machine was delivered this week.
- **Grants** – No new information.
- **Economic Development** – Redneck Booda has sold to new owners who changed the name to Freedom Shooting Sports.
- **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 8:25 p.m.

Jeffrey Saunders, Mayor

Attest:

Cindy Scott, City Secretary