

REGULAR MEETING

October 7, 2014

7:00 p.m.

A Public Hearing was held regarding the application for a change in zoning on SF-2 Residential District to allow a mobile home on Block 179E, Lot I located at 702 N Goodman Avenue by Nahum and Martha Lopez.

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

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

Absent: Rick Neumayer,

Allen 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 – Blue, Allen, Fessenden and Franklin

Against – None

Passed – 4-0

Public Comment:

- LaDonna Woldt asked "what is our official stand on the Stock Law on the November ballot?" Mayor Saunders explained that this is a Navarro County issue and that the City of Kerens would not have an "official stand".

The following Ordinance was read for the second and final time for consideration:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 14-1007

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KERENS, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 9 SECTION 3 PART 1 REVISING MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES FOR SERVICES FURNISHED BY THE CITY'S WATER SYSTEM; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PRESCRIBING A DATE SUCH RATES AND CHARGES SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE

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 Water System to meet increased maintenance and operation expenses and pay obligations payable from the revenues of said System; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KERENS, TEXAS;

SECTION 1: That the monthly rates and charges of the City's Water System shall be and are hereby revised and established to be as follows:

WATER RATES

First 2,000 gallons \$26.00 (minimum)

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All over 2,000 gallons \$9.69 per 1,000 gallons

Bulk Water 1,000 gallons \$15.00 Bulk Water
(with \$15.00 minimum per load)

SECTION 2: That the rates and charges herein provided for the Water System shall be effective as of October 2014 billing.

SECTION 3: That all Ordinances, orders or resolutions, or parts thereof, heretofore passed and adopted by the City council in conflict herewith, shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

Franklin made a motion to pass and approve the Ordinance as read. Allen seconded the Motion. . Votes:

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

Franklin made a motion to deny Nahum and Martha Lopez request for a Specific Use Permit to allow a mobile home on Block 179E, Lot I located at 702 N. Goodman Avenue. Allen seconded the motion. Votes:

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

Franklin made a motion to appoint Don Covey as the Code Official under the Department of Property Maintenance Inspection as adopted under the International Property Maintenance Code. Fessenden seconded the motion. Votes:

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

Franklin made a motion to appoint Barbara Latta as Election Judge to serve for the November 4, 2014 election. Fessenden seconded the motion. Votes:

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

Operations

- **Code Enforcement** – Officer Covey's stated that he had done 2 occupancy inspections and issued one citation for trash this month.
- **Water Dept.** – end of year water loss appears higher than it should. Scott promised to look into the numbers before finalizing the end of the fiscal year.
- **Sewer Dept.** – still experiencing stoppages in the line running under Hwy 31 after heavy rainfall.
- **Street Dept.** – repair work still in progress.

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- **Police Dept.** – Chief Miers reported that they have been busy as usual with several major cases in the works.
- **Animal Control** – Scott reported that the City of Corsicana has increased their impoundment fees to \$85 per animal.
- **Court** – No problems to report.
- **Tax Dept.** – 95.2% of current taxes collected as of September 30, 2014.
- **Office** – No problems.
- **Grants** – waiting for 2014 contract to come in from state.
- **Economic Development** – No new information
- **Long Range Planning** – Mayor Saunders stated that he wants to continue to work on downtown building requirements.

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

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

With no further business to transact, Mayor Saunders adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Jeffrey Saunders, Mayor

Attest:

Cindy Scott, City Secretary