

REGULAR MEETING

January 6, 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. Franklin seconded the motion.

Votes:

For – Neumayer, Blue, Allen, Fessenden and Franklin

Against – None

Passed – 5-0

Public Comment:

- None

The following Resolution was read for consideration:

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF KERENS, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACT AS THE CITY'S EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the City Council of Kerens desires to develop a viable community, including decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low-to- moderate income; and

WHEREAS, certain conditions exist which represent a threat to the public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and in the best interests of the City of Kerens to apply for funding under the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program;

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

1. That a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program application for the Community Development Fund is hereby authorized to be filed on behalf of the City with the Texas Department of Agriculture.
2. That the City's application be placed in competition for funding under the

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Community Development Fund.

3. That the application be for \$200,000 of grant funds to provide sewer improvements.
4. That the City Council directs and designates Mayor as the City's Chief Executive Officer and Authorized Representative to act in all matters in connection with this application and the City's participation in the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program.
5. That all funds will be used in accordance with all applicable federal, state, local and programmatic requirements including but not limited to procurement, environmental review, labor standards, real property acquisition, and civil rights requirements.
6. That it further be stated that the City of Kerens is committing \$20,000 from its utilities fund as a cash contribution toward the construction of this sewer improvements project.

Neumayer made a motion to pass and approve the Resolution as read. 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

WHEREAS, BBQ on the Bricks annual BBQ Cook-off in Kerens, Texas is a festive event filled with great food and entertainment for all; and

WHEREAS, Sponsored by the Kerens Area Chamber of Commerce, the BBQ on the Bricks Annual BBQ Cook-off is sanctioned by the International Barbecue Cookers Association and is a championship event; and

WHEREAS, Texans are noted for their love of barbeque and this event's competition provides superior cuisine, satisfying the most discriminating of palates; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the BBQ on the Bricks Annual BBQ Cook-off at Kerens, Texas be recognized as a barbeque championship competition and that sincere best wishes be extended to all those involved with this event.

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

For – Neumayer, Blue, Allen, Fessenden and Franklin

Against – None

Passed – 5-0

Blue made a motion to deny Michael J. Crawford's request for compensation on behalf of Ms. Sherry Paul in reference to her injuries suffered by a dot bite at the

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Kerens Cotton Harvest Festival in the amount of \$4,847.41. Franklin seconded the motion. Votes:

For – Neumayer, Blue, Allen, Fessenden and Franklin

Against – None

Passed – 5-0

Operations

- **Code Enforcement** – Officer Covey's report 10 vehicles abated, 3 citations issued, 9 letters sent, and 19 personal contacts made with citizens for code violations with 17 of those issues corrected this month.
- **Water Dept.** – No problems to report
- **Sewer Dept.** – No new problems to report.
- **Street Dept.** – No major problems.
- **Police Dept.** – Chief Miers is in Austin, meeting with Representative Byron Cook and Senator Birdwell on specific issues regarding law enforcement and working alongside TML on some general issues involving small cities.
- **Animal Control** – several skunk calls reported this month.
- **Court** – No problems to report. Judge Hickman will be having back surgery this month.
- **Tax Dept.** – 58.83% of current taxes collected as of December 31, 2014.
- **Office** – No problems.
- **Grants** – No new information.
- **Economic Development** – No new information
- **Long Range Planning** – Mayor Saunders stated that the work on downtown building requirements must be completed soon because of the imminent demolition of the old Chamber, flower shop, and Dr. Hoffer and Sanders buildings.

Neumayer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Franklin 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 7:25 p.m.

Jeffrey Saunders, Mayor

Attest:

Cindy Scott, City Secretary