

REGULAR MEETING

January 10, 2012

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, Brett Latta, Greg Allen, Ann Fessenden and Tyrone Martin

Absent: None

Latta made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda to include the Minutes to the last meeting and budget review and payment of bills. Martin seconded the motion.

Votes:

For – Neumayer, Latta, Allen, Fessenden and Martin

Against – None

Passed – 5-0

Public Comment:

- None

The council discussed updates to Kerens City Code of Ordinances Chapter 8 Traffic Code.

Neumayer made a motion to have more information brought to the February meeting concerning:

- lowering the speed limit to 20 MPH on S. Bonner, S. Goodman and S. Colket
- designating pedestrian crossings on S. Colket in the downtown area

Fessenden seconded the motion. Votes:

For – Neumayer, Latta, Allen, Fessenden, and Martin

Against – None

Passed – 5-0

Neumayer made a motion to hear the first reading of an ordinance placing a stop sign on SE Second at the intersection of Ferguson at the next meeting. Allen seconded the motion. Votes:

For – Neumayer, Latta, Allen, Fessenden, and Martin

Against – None

Passed – 5-0

Operations

- **Property Inspections** – Chief Miers stated that Officer Covey's report shows 4 occupancy inspections (1 failed), 3 yards cleaned, 10 vehicles abated, one condemned property torn down and another abated by owner.
- **Water Dept.** – several leaks repaired this month
- **Sewer Dept.** – still experiencing stoppage problems. This is partially due to the heavy rains.
- **Street Dept.** – Mayor Saunders reported that a new mower was needed. Pedro's mower will not make it through another season.
- **Police Dept.** – Chief Miers reported that his department has received five new laptops and vehicle mounting hardware from the Tarlton Grant.

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- **Animal Control** – a rabid skunk was handled this month. Mayor Saunders stated that he is working with Texas Parks and Wildlife for buzzard control.
- **Court** – no problems
- **Tax Dept.** – 39.15% of current property taxes collected as of December 31, 2011.
- **Office** – Scott stated that she had received further communication from UP Railroad requesting further crossing closings.
- **Grants** – The change order on the drainage grant was approved. Contract should be ready for approval by next meeting
- **Economic Development** – Lance Andrews should be at the next meeting to discuss his plans at the industrial park.
- **Long Range Planning** – No new information.

Martin made a motion to recess the Regular Meeting and convene in Executive Session. Neumayer seconded the motion. Votes:

For – Neumayer, Latta, Allen, Fessenden, and Martin

Against – None

Passed – 5-0

Neumayer made a motion to adjourn the executive session and reconvene in Regular Session. Latta seconded the motion. Votes:

For – Neumayer, Latta, Allen, Fessenden, and Martin

Against – None

Passed – 5-0

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

For – Neumayer, Latta, Allen, Fessenden, and Martin

Against – None

Passed – 5-0

With no further business to transact, Mayor Saunders adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Jeffrey Saunders, Mayor

Attest:

Cindy Scott, City Secretary