

REGULAR MEETING

February 10, 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. Neumayer seconded the motion. Votes:

For – Neumayer, Blue, Allen, Fessenden and Franklin

Against – None

Passed – 5-0

Public Comment:

- LaDonna wanted to complain about the residents of the business next door to her apartment building disturbing her tenants and she did not know what to do. Mayor Saunders told her that this was an issue she needed to take up with the police department, not the council.

The following Resolution was read for consideration:

RESOLUTION

**Fair Housing Month Proclamation
Proclamation of February as Fair Housing Month**

WHEREAS Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, prohibits discrimination in housing and declares it a national policy to provide, within constitutional limits, for fair housing in the United States; and

WHEREAS The principle of Fair Housing is not only national law and national policy, but a fundamental human concept and entitlement for all Americans; and

WHEREAS The National Fair Housing Law, during the month of February, provides an opportunity for all Americans to recognize that complete success in the goal of equal housing opportunity can only be accomplished with the help and cooperation of all Americans.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the City Council of Kerens, do proclaim February as Fair Housing Month in the City of Kerens and do hereby urge all the citizens of this locality to become aware of and support the Fair Housing law.

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

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The following Resolution was read for consideration:

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KERENS, TEXAS AUTHORIZING DESIGNATED SIGNATORS FOR CONTRACTUAL DOCUMENTS AND ON STATE OF TEXAS DOCUMENTS FOR REQUESTING FUNDS.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to appoint persons to execute contractual documents and documents requesting funds from the Texas Department of Agriculture, and;

WHEREAS, an original signed copy of the TxCDBG *Depository/Authorized Signatories Designation Form (Form A202)* is to be submitted with a copy of this resolution, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Kerens acknowledges that in the event that an authorized signatory of the City changes (elections, illness, resignations, etc.) the City must provide TxCDBG with the following:

- A resolution stating who the new authorized signatory is (*not required if this original resolution names only the title and not the name of the signatory*); and
- A revised TxCDBG *Depository/Authorized Signatories Designation Form (Form A202)*.

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

That Mayor and City Secretary be authorized to execute contractual documents between the Texas Department of Agriculture and the City for the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program.

The Mayor and City Secretary be authorized to execute the State of Texas *Request for Payment Form and Purchase Voucher* documents required for requesting funds from the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program.

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

For – Neumayer, Blue, Allen, Fessenden and Franklin

Against – None

Passed – 5-0

Mayor Saunders read the following Order of Election:

ORDER OF ELECTION FOR MUNICIPALITIES

An election is hereby ordered to be held on May 9, 2015 **for the purpose of:**
(date)

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Election of two (2) aldermen to serve two-year terms and a mayor to serve a two-year term

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at

Navarro County Courthouse Annex – 601 N 13th, Suite 3 Corsicana, Texas
(location)

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 27, 2015 and ending on May 5, 2015 and between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on April 27, 2015 and on May 4, 2015.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Danda Parker

(Name of Early Voting Clerk)

P. O. Box 1018

(Address)

Corsicana, TX 75151

(City) (Zip Code)

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 30, 2015

Issued this the 10th day of February, 2015.

Neumayer made a motion to so order the election. Allen seconded the motion.

Votes:

For – Neumayer, Blue, Allen, Fessenden and Franklin

Against – None

Passed – 5-0

Fessenden made a motion to approve Mayor Saunders reappointment of Martha Fields and Carole Cottrell to the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Kerens.. Allen seconded the motion. Votes:

For – Neumayer, Blue, Allen, Fessenden and Franklin

Against – None

Passed – 5-0

Operations

- **Code Enforcement** – Officer Covey's report 4 occupancy inspections, 1 property cleaned, 5 vehicles abated, and 4 of the mobile homes at Edgewood have been demolished.
- **Water Dept.** – No major problems.
- **Sewer Dept.** – No new problems to report.

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- **Street Dept.** – Patching continues.
- **Police Dept.** – Chief Miers reported that they are currently working 2 crimes against children and that 2 old squad cars plus to seized vehicles have been sold at auction.
- **Animal Control** – several skunk have been eliminated recently.
- **Court** – No problems.
- **Tax Dept.** – No report yet this month.
- **Office** – Auditors have completed their fieldwork.
- **Grants** – No new information.
- **Economic Development** – Board is working on a Strategic Plan.
- **Long Range Planning** – No new information.

At 7:45 p.m., Neumayer made a motion to recess the Regular Session and convene in Executive Session. Fessenden seconded the motion. Votes:

For – Neumayer, Blue, Allen, Fessenden and Franklin

Against – None

Passed – 5-0

Neumayer made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene the Regular Session. Fessenden seconded the motion. Votes:

For – Neumayer, Blue, Allen, Fessenden and Franklin

Against – None

Passed – 5-0

Franklin made a motion to back the Police Dept in any legal action necessary to prevent interference with day-to-day operations. Allen seconded the motion. Votes:

For – Neumayer, Blue, Allen, Fessenden and Franklin

Against – None

Passed – 5-0

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 8:00 p.m.

Jeffrey Saunders, Mayor

Attest:

Cindy Scott, City Secretary