A Public Hearing was held concerning an Order of Condemnation on Kerens OT, Block 31, Lot 4 located at 208 N Senter Ave. No one was present to comment.

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

Council members present: Rick Neumayer, Brett Latta, Greg Allen, and Ann Fessenden

Absent: Tyrone Martin

Neumayer 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, Latta, Allen, and Fessenden
Against – None
Passed – 4-0

Public Comment:

- Marie Graham stated that the Police Dept. are making traffic stops and blocking her driveway as well as Frances Lee's driveway. She is not against the Police Dept. but thinks this matter needs to be addressed.

The following Ordinance was read for final consideration:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 11-0712A

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KERENS, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 5 SECTION 5 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF KERENS, TEXAS ADDRESSING THE NUMBER OF ANIMALS DEEMED TO BE A NUISANCE

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Kerens, Texas that Chapter 5 Section 5 Part 7 of the City Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to add sub section F to read as follows:

Section 5 – Animal Control

Part 7: Animal Nuisance

F. The keeping of more than 5 animals in any residence, except for newborn litters under the age of weaning from their mother.

Neumayer made a motion to pass and approve the Ordinance as read. Latta seconded the motion. Votes:

For – Neumayer, Latta, Allen, and Fessenden
Against – None
Passed – 4-0

The following Ordinance was read for final consideration:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 11-0712B

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KERENS, TEXAS, AMENDING SECTION 110-CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE AS ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF KERENS, TEXAS

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Kerens, Texas that Section 110.1 of the International Building Code as adopted by the City of Kerens is hereby amended to read as follows:

110.1 Use and occupancy. No building or structure shall be used or occupied, and no change in the existing occupancy classification of a building or structure or portion thereof shall be made until the building official has issued a certificate of occupancy therefore as provided herein. Issuance of a certificate of occupancy shall not be construed as an approval of a violation of the provisions of this code or of other ordinances of the jurisdiction. Prior to any connection of utilities or transfer of utilities from one name to another or from one location to another, the primary occupant must have been issued a certificate of occupancy or a temporary certificate of occupancy.

AND that Section 110.3(3) of the International Building Code as adopted by the City of Kerens is hereby amended to read as follows:

3. The name and address of the owner and occupant.

Latta made a motion to pass and approve the Ordinance as read. Fessenden seconded the motion. Votes:

For – Neumayer, Latta, Allen, and Fessenden
Against – None
Passed – 4-0

The following Order was read for consideration:

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSON
ORDER OF CONDEMNATION

On the 12th day of July, 2011 the City Council, acting as the Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Kerens, held a public hearing and after considering the evidence provided, IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the structures be vacated, the buildings secured from unauthorized entry, and the buildings demolished within thirty (30) days from the hearing concerning the structures located at:
208 N. Senter Avenue
Kerens, Navarro County, Texas

If the buildings are not vacated, secured or demolished within the allotted time, the municipality may secure and demolish the buildings and file a lien on the property for the expenses.

Neumayer made a motion to approve the Order as read. Latta seconded the motion. Votes:

For – Neumayer, Latta, Allen, and Fessenden
Against – None
Passed – 4-0

After opening the only bid on Audit Services, Neumayer made a motion to award a one-year contract to Anderson, Marx & Bohl, P.C. of Corsicana for their base bid of $5,500 and to authorized Cindy Scott to sign that contract. Allen seconded the motion. Votes:

For – Neumayer, Latta, Allen, and Fessenden
Against – None
Passed – 4-0

Operations

- **Property Inspections –** Don Covey's report was provided, showing updates on ongoing violations as well as new violations for this month.
- **Water Dept. –** No problems to report
- **Sewer Dept. –** New pump and repaired pump were completed at the East Lift Station this month.
- **Street Dept. –** Mayor Saunders stated that he had purchased a roller and ditch bucket.
- **Police Dept**. **–** Chief Miers was not present, but Scott stated that June was a busy month for the Police Dept.
- **Animal Control –** no new problems to report
- **Court –** Court was held on Friday. A new computer was purchase from Technology Funds.
- **Tax Dept. –** Russell Hudson's report shows 91.53% of current taxes collected at the end of June, 2011.
- **Office –** Council set a Budget Workshop for July 19th at 7:00 p.m.
- **Grants –** Mayor Saunders stated that the Parks and Recreation Grant that the City was hoping for will not be funded this year.
- **Economic Development –** David Foreman applied for a building permit to build an ice house in Kerens.
- **Long Range Planning –** The City's first project of striping parking on Colket Ave. has been completed.

Neumayer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Martin 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 7:50 p.m.

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Jeffrey Saunders, Mayor

Attest:

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Cindy Scott, City Secretary