

REGULAR MEETING

August 6, 2013

7:00 p.m.

Chief Miers presented a letter of commendation and a Meritorious Conduct Award to Officer Robert Cook for actions above and beyond his regular service.

There being a quorum present, Mayor Saunders called the meeting to order at 7:10 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:

- Steve Dieterichs asked the council for help in removal of a tree from the alley and to clean up the broken limb from his back yard.

Mayor Saunders explained that he would have to remove the fallen limb from his back yard and the city will haul it off and cut the tree down in the alley.

Discussion on Union Pacific Railroad’s request for additional crossing closures was tabled until the next meeting.

Fessenden made a motion to approve Chief Miers’ recommendation to change employment status of officer Bobby Lee to permanent full-time with all benefits. Franklin seconded the motion. Votes:

For – Blue, Allen, Fessenden and Franklin

Against – None

Passed – 4-0

The following Resolution was read for consideration:

Resolution #2013-0806

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING A FINANCING AGREEMENT FOR
THE PURPOSE OF PROCURING “POLICE VEHICLES”**

WHEREAS, The City of Kerens desires to enter into a certain Financing Agreement, by and between Government Capital Corporation and the City of Kerens, for the purpose of procuring “police vehicles and related equipment”. The City desires to designate this Agreement as a “qualified tax exempt obligation” of the City for the purposes of Section 265 (b) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The City desires to designate the City Administrator as an authorized signer of the Agreement.

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

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Section 1. That the City enters into a Financing Agreement with Government Capital Corporation for the purpose of procuring “police vehicles and related equipment”.

Section 2. That the Financing Agreement, by and between the City of Kerens and Government Capital Corporation is designated by the City as a “qualified tax exempt obligation” for the purposes of section 265 (b) (3) of the internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Section 3. That the City designates the City Manager as an authorized signer of the Financing Agreement, by and between the City of Kerens and Government Capital Corporation.

Blue made a motion to pass and approve the Resolution as read. Fessenden seconded the motion. Votes:

For – Blue, Allen, Fessenden and Franklin

Against – None

Passed – 4-0

Allen made a motion to award the contract for management services for administration of the 2013/2014 TxCDBG Grant to Tim F. Glendening . Fessenden seconded the motion. Votes:

For – Blue, Allen, Fessenden and Franklin

Against – None

Passed – 4-0

Fessenden made a motion to set the 2013 ad valorem tax rate at the effective rate of 0.681700. The Order Adopting the Tax Rate will be voted on at the September 10, 2013 meeting. Allen seconded the motion. Votes:

For – Blue, Allen, Fessenden and Franklin

Against – None

Passed – 4-0

Fessenden made a motion to set a Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year Ending 9/30/2014 for 7:00 p.m. on September 10, 2013. Allen seconded the motion. Votes:

For – Blue, Allen, Fessenden and Franklin

Against – None

Passed – 4-0

Operations

- **Code Enforcement** – Council discussed the Serna’s request to allow them to keep the horse at their house for therapeutic benefits to their son.
- **Water Dept.** – a gas main was cut during emergency water repair on Friday.
- **Sewer Dept.** – No problems to report.
- **Street Dept.** – No new problems.
- **Police Dept.** – Chief Miers reported that the department has been busy again this month.
- **Animal Control** – No new problems.

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- **Court** – No major problems to report. Katherine will return from maternity leave on Monday.
- **Tax Dept.** – Russell Hudson’s report shows 92.38% of current taxes collected as of July 31, 2013.
- **Office** – No problems.
- **Grants** – No new information.
- **Economic Development** – The EDC had their Regular Meeting last week and a sign advertising downtown businesses located on the highway was the main topic of discussion.
- **Long Range Planning** – No new information.

Blue made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Fessenden 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 8:30 p.m.

Jeffrey Saunders, Mayor

Attest:

Cindy Scott, City Secretary