

REGULAR MEETING

November 6, 2012

7:00 p.m.

There being a quorum present, Mayor Saunders called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

Absent: Carole Cottrell and 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, Allen, and Fessenden

Against – None

Passed – 3-0

Public Comment:

- None

Council heard an appeal to a letter written by Code Enforcement Officer Covey to Dale Tarkington . Mr. Tarkington appealed to the Council stating that he was not out of compliance with the Chapter and Section of the City Code cited in the letter he received. Officer Covey agreed that he should have referenced the International Property Maintenance Code instead of the City Code. Mayor Saunders responded that since the debris had been removed by Mr. Tarkington and the property brought into compliance, this was a moot point, but to satisfy Mr. Tarkington, Officer Covey was to send another letter citing the proper references.

Neumayer made a motion to approve the opening of a Savings Account at Prosperity Bank in the name of the Clean Kerens Committee to accept donations to their upcoming projects. Funds will be transferred from the donation account into the Clean Kerens Checking Account to make disbursements. Neumayer seconded the motion. Votes:

For – Neumayer, Allen, and Fessenden

Against – None

Passed – 3-0

Neumayer made a motion to amend Chapter 1 Section 12 of the Kerens City Code removing the Fire Marshall as a standing Member of the Health and Beautification Committee since code enforcement is no longer on their agenda . Fessenden seconded the motion. Votes:

For – Neumayer, Allen, and Fessenden

Against – None

Passed – 3-0

Operations

- **Property Inspections** – Officer Covey's report shows 4 citations issued, 5 occupancy inspections, and 3 junk vehicles plus 2 boats abated.
- **Water Dept.** – Several large leaks repaired last week.
- **Sewer Dept.** – Major stoppage at the east lift station this week. Pumps again bound with rags and the line full of grease.
- **Street Dept.** – Pothole repair continues on a regular basis.

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- **Police Dept.** – several local warrants served this month.
- **Animal Control** – No new problems.
- **Court** – No problems. Katherine attended Incode training for the new major update to that program.
- **Tax Dept.** – No receipt yet this month.
- **Office** – No major problems. Getting ready for the audit.
- **Grants** – Navarro Foundation awarded \$35,400 to the downtown lighting project.
- **Economic Development** – A new retail business will open this month, and several other s are planned in the next few months.
- **Long Range Planning** – Mayor Saunders is working on a planning effort involving the Council, Chamber of Commerce, Clean Kerens Committee, and the EDC.

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

For – Neumayer, Allen, and Fessenden

Against – None

Passed – 3-0

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

For – Neumayer, Allen, and Fessenden

Against – None

Passed – 3-0

Allen made a motion to change Katherine Combs' status to permanent full-time with full benefits. Neumayer seconded the motion. Votes:

For – Neumayer, Allen, and Fessenden

Against – None

Passed – 3-0

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

For – Neumayer, Allen, and Fessenden

Against – None

Passed – 3-0

With no further business to transact, Mayor Saunders adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Jeffrey Saunders, Mayor

Attest:

Cindy Scott, City Secretary