

REGULAR MEETING

November 8, 2016

7:00 p.m.

There being a quorum present, Mayor Saunders called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council members present: Brandon Blue, Greg Allen, Ann Fessenden, and Bryant Jennings

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 Jennings

Against – None

Passed – 4-0

Public Comment:

- None

The following Resolution was read for consideration:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KERENS, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE SELECTION OF A PROJECT ENGINEER AND PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE CITY'S TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM CONTRACT #7216269 WITH THE OFFICE OF RURAL COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Kerens desires to develop a viable urban community, including decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low/moderate income; and

WHEREAS, certain conditions exist which represent a threat to the public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and in the best interests of the City of Kerens to apply for funding under the 2015/2016 Texas Community Development Program;

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

1. That, the City selects The Brannon Corporation to be its project engineer should their 2015/2016 application for Texas Community Development Program funds with the Office of Rural Community Affairs be funded.
2. That, The City selects Public Management, Inc. to be its project administrator should their 2015/2016 application for Texas Community Development Program funds with the Office of Rural Community Affairs be funded.

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

For – Blue, Allen, Fessenden, and Jennings
Against – None
Passed – 4-0

After some discussion, Blue made a motion to accept Republic Services' proposal to provide trash carts beginning in February. Fessenden seconded the motion. Votes:

For – Blue, Allen, Fessenden, and Jennings
Against – None
Passed – 4-0

The following Resolution was read for consideration:

RESOLUTION # 001116

Be it remembered that at a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Kerens, Navarro County, Texas, held at its regular meeting place on the 8th day of November 2016, when among other business had and transacted was the following:

WHEREAS, the City of Kerens is presently in need of additional funds for use in the purchase of a vehicle for the Public Works Department, is desirable that a loan be effected to obtain said sum:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KERENS THAT the Mayor, Jeffrey Saunders, be and is hereby authorized a draw note for, in the name of and on behalf of the said City of Kerens in an amount not to exceed Forty Thousand (\$40,000.00) Dollars, and which said funds are to be advanced by the Powell State Bank, Powell, Texas and under the name and authority of the City of Kerens, and with full power and authority to secure said loan, and make, execute and deliver all notes and evidence of indebtedness and anything else in connection therewith, and the proceeds of such loan shall be deposited into the Revenue Fund, and the city will pledge repayment at \$860.42 per month for 48 months. All of said instruments shall be countersigned by the City Secretary and affixed the seal of said City thereon, and take each and other necessary steps and execute all other papers required in connection with said loan.

Fessenden made a motion to pass and approve the Resolution as presented. Allen seconded the motion. Votes:

For – Blue, Allen, Fessenden, and Jennings
Against – None
Passed – 4-0

Allen made a motion to sell the old service truck to the Kerens Housing Authority for \$1500. Fessenden seconded the motion. Votes:

For – Blue, Allen, Fessenden, and Jennings

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Against – None

Passed – 4-0

Operations

- **Code Enforcement** – Council requested that addresses be included in the Code Enforcement report each month.
- **Water Dept.** – Water loss is getting worse, with no leaks being found.
- **Sewer Dept.** – Line replacement on SE Third has been completed.
- **Street Dept.** – No new problems.
- **Police Dept.** – Mayor Saunders shared a letter written by Brad Atkeisson thanking the Kerens PD for the security they provided at the polls and school in general on Election Day.
- **Animal Control** – No new problems.
- **Court** – Court set for November 28.
- **Tax Dept.** – Ended the year with 94.70% of current taxes collected. Gail Smith's report shows 25.40% of current collected as of October 31, 2016.
- **Office** – No problems to report.
- **Grants** – No new information.
- **Economic Development** – No new information.
- **Long Range Planning** – No new information.

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

For – Blue, Allen, Fessenden, and Jennings

Against – None

Passed – 4-0

With no further business to transact, Mayor Saunders adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Jeffrey Saunders, Mayor

Attest:

Cindy Scott, City Secretary