

REGULAR MEETING

December 6, 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: Rick Neumayer, Greg Allen, Ann Fessenden, and Bryant Jennings

Absent: Brandon Blue

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 – Neumayer, Allen, Fessenden, and Jennings

Against – None

Passed – 4-0

Public Comment:

- None

Roberta Coker presented a plan to build a No-Kill animal facility in the Kerens area. Heaven’s Gate No Kill Rescue Center will be funded through donations, grants, and fundraisers. They plan to build a facility that will house 26 dogs, 12 puppies, and 12 cats. They are requesting the community’s approval and support.

After some discussion, the council agreed that the facility is needed in the area and that the group has their approval. They also promised that they would do what they can to spread the word about the facility.

The following Ordinance was read for consideration:

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KERENS, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 5 SECTION 1 PART A REVISING MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES FOR SERVICES FURNISHED BY THE CITY’S SANITATION DEPARTMENT; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HERewith; PRESCRIBING A DATE SUCH RATES AND CHARGES SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Kerens, Texas has determined it necessary to revise the monthly rates and charges of the City’s Sanitation Department to meet increased obligations payable from the revenues of said Department; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KERENS, TEXAS;

SECTION 1: REFUSE REGULATIONS

That the monthly rates and charges of the City’s Sanitation Department shall be and are hereby revised and established to be as follows:

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GARBAGE AND TRASH SERVICE CHARGE

Residential	\$12.50 per month
Business	\$21.25 per month

These rates include use of one-95 gallon cart that will be provided by Republic Services. Addition carts will be billed at \$6.00 per month each for Residential or Business.

The rates and charges herein provided for the Sanitation Department shall be effective as of February 1, 2017.

Allen made a motion to approve the Ordinance as read and to set for final reading and approval at the January meeting. Votes:

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

Fessenden made a motion to approve the EDC’s proposal to accept Dick Martinson’s Letter of Intent to Purchase the Hays Hoskins Lumber Yard property. Jennings seconded the motion. Votes:

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

Allen made a motion to approve a Specific Use Permit to allow Billy McManus to use his motor home temporarily during the construction of his new house at 310 S. Goodman. Fessenden seconded the motion. Votes:

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

Jennings made a motion to deny a Specific Use Permit to allow Rexanne Crofut to use her motor home on a permanent basis at 600 S Bonner. Allen seconded the motion. Votes:

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

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Operations

- **Code Enforcement** – Covey’s report showed 2 citations for debris, 2 occupancy inspections, 6 vehicles abated, 3 lots mowed and 1 pen of chickens removed. This report still did not contain addresses. Chief Miers stated that he would address the problem with Officer Covey.
- **Water Dept.** – Allen suggested a sonic flow meter be installed to check the meter readings on the Corsicana meter. He also said that he would check into where to get this meter.
- **Sewer Dept.** – No new problems.
- **Street Dept.** – No new problems.
- **Police Dept.** – Chief Miers stated that they had been busy with court appearances and CPS this month.
- **Animal Control** – No major problems.
- **Court** – No problems.
- **Tax Dept.** –Gail Smith’s report shows 37.34% of current taxes collected as of November 30, 2016.
- **Office** – No problems to report.
- **Grants** – No new information.
- **Economic Development** – Scott Jones, the new Navarro County Economic Development Director was at the meeting on November 21.
- **Long Range Planning** – No new information.

Jennings made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Fessenden seconded the motion.
Votes:

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

With no further business to transact, Mayor Saunders adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Jeffrey Saunders, Mayor

Attest:

Cindy Scott, City Secretary