

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
CITY OF KARNES CITY
MARCH 28, 2017**

**STATE OF TEXAS)
COUNTY OF KARNES)
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On this 28th day of **March 2017**, the City Council of the City of Karnes City, Texas convened in a **Regular Monthly Meeting** at 6:00 P.M. in the City Hall with the following members answering to "Roll Call":

Mayor - Leroy T. Skloss
Mayor Pro-Tem – Jimmy D. Loya, Sr.
Councilmembers: Lillian Lyssy, Helen Hernandez,
Sherry Sommer and Raymond Robinson

Councilmember absent:

Others present: Interim City Manager (CM) Ken Roberts, City Secretary (CS) Veronica Butler, Accounting Administrator Haylee Sowell, Chief of Police Roel Salas, Code Compliance Enforcement Officer (CCE) Kevin Moehrig, Director of Public Works (DPW) Fernando Rios, Fire Chief Charlie Malik, Eloy Rodriguez, Gus Hernandez, Penny Bowen, Molly Solis, Lynette Jonas, Mac McClane, Robert Busselman, and Nolan Jonas.

**C. U.S. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge of Allegiance
Moment of Silence/Prayer**

D. Consent Agenda:

(1) Minutes

- a. February 22, 2017
- b. February 28, 2017
- c. March 9, 2017

(2) Reports

- a. Administration
- b. Finance/Accounting
- c. Police
- d. Public Works
- e. Parks & Recreation
- f. Code Enforcement
- g. Municipal Court
- h. Fire

After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Sommer and seconded by Councilmember Lyssy to approve the Consent Agenda with the said changes. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS ("A" Session) – Lynette Jonas with the Ladies Auxiliary Military Order of the Purple Heart Association gave the Council a brief update. She

looked into whether a list could be generate of all Purple Heart recipients in this area, and the answer is no, there is no federal list of any kind that can be accessed. Penny Bowen with Karnes City Little League wanted to express her gratitude to the City for allowing Little League to use the City fields; everything came out great on opening day.

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONSIDER AND ACT UPON):

(3) Park Improvements – Mayor Skloss stated he received a quote from KMB to put a seal coat on the concrete at the ball fields in order to prevent stains. He also stated now that the City crew is mowing the rest of the park are we need to look into weed control. Councilmember Sommer stated she would like to move forward with the weed control process to be able to get control of the weeds now before they spread. Councilmember Loya stated he would like to see if canopies can be up before summer time, that project has been delayed for a while now. Mayor Skloss stated there are some repairs to the splash pad that are needed. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Lyssy to authorize the splash pad repairs that are needed and to move forward with weed control on both Park “A” & “B”. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

G. NEW BUSINESS (CONSIDER AND ACT UPON):

(4) Discussion/Possible Action on a request from James “Mac” McClane to widen his driveway at 517 E Bowie St – Interim CM Roberts stated James McClane is remodeling his home and he has asked for a curb cut to make his driveway wider. James McClane informed the Council he would like to widen his driveway approx. 14ft and add a sidewalk 5ft on each side. He also stated he would like to just cut the curve on the west side and leave the curve on the east side and just add the sidewalk. Councilmember Robinson wanted to know if that was just a permit that he needed or did he have to come before the Council to get approval. Interim CM Roberts stated that would be an administrative decision rather than the Council having to make that decision on every individual case. DPW Rios stated we just need to be sure there is not a water line and they end up building a driveway over the line. He also stated we need to be sure there is a standard guideline in place to insure all contractors follow. Mayor Skloss stated there is no action that needs to take place, James McClane is allowed to do the curb cut and widen driveway as long as all permits required are taken care of. No action taken.

(5) Discussion/Possible Action on a proposed variance to allow sale of beer and wine within 300 feet of a church and or 1000 feet of a school – Interim CM Roberts stated the new owner of Looneys supermarket at 115 N Esplanade is making major investments to improve the building and would like to reopen the store. He recommended to the Council to consider a motion to approve a variance of the current ordinance with conditions that we get in writing form the church and the school that they do not have an objection to it, which is not the City place to do that it would have to be the operator to do that. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Sommer to approve a conditional approval variance upon receipt of the approval letters from the church and school. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(6) Discussion/Possible Action on the house to be burned for training by the Fire Department – Fire Chief Malik stated he put a 2 month window in the contract to give enough time for none burning training as well. Mayor Skloss asked about the leftovers or residue is the home owner’s responsibility. Fire Chief Malik stated yes, the owner will rent a dumpster and has already spoken with James Rosales to do the clean-up. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Sommer and seconded by Councilmember Robinson to grant permission for the fire department to burn the home at 306 N Park for training purposes. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(7) Discussion/Possible Action on Strategic Planning Workshop(s) for the City - Mayor Skloss informed the Council that he had asked Interim CM Roberts about Strategic Planning workshops and if he had experience in his years in Municipal Government. He also stated this is something we have talked about in the past, when we get to the point of bringing in a new City Manager we will have to give that individual direction in what we want for the City and where we want to go. Interim CM Roberts stated it’s very valuable to have this in place so if someone asks when their street will get repaired we will have a plan and an answer. Councilmember Robinson asked in bringing in a facilitator is this person only going to facilitate the meeting or facilitate and write the plan. Interim CM Roberts stated they will do both, we are only asking for approval just to move forward to get price. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Sommer and seconded by Councilmember Lyssy to allow Interim CM Roberts to move forward and make some contacts to get a price together. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(8) Pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, the City Council reserves the right to convene into Executive Session pursuant to Chapter 551.074 (Personnel) to discuss new City Manager Job description and various budget amendments – The Mayor and Council convened into executive session at 6:51 PM and reconvened into open session at 7:57 PM.

(9) Discussion/Possible Action on various budget amendments – After discussion in executive session, a motion was made by Councilmember Sommer and seconded by Councilmember Lyssy to allow City staff to correct the budget system and bring a corrected budget print out for consideration and possible future action by Council. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed. After discussion in executive session, a motion was made by Councilmember Robinson and seconded by Councilmember Sommer to amend the budget to transfer \$2000 into training, \$2000 into travel and \$5000 into professional services in the finance expenditures from the administrative expenditures professional services amount. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

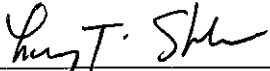
H. Public Comments (“B” Session) – None.

I. Officer Comments

a. City Manager Comments – None.

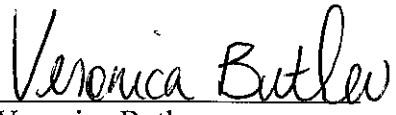
c. Mayor and Council Comments – Councilmember Loya stated we would like to add the Nunez sewer problem to the agenda for the next meeting, he would also look into the drainage area that we have previously cleaned.

J. Adjournment: There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Sommer and seconded by Councilmember Lyssy to adjourn the meeting. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.



Leroy T. Skloss
Mayor

ATTEST:



Veronica Butler
City Secretary

