

**SPECIAL MEETING
CITY OF KARNES CITY
MARCH 9, 2017**

**STATE OF TEXAS)
COUNTY OF KARNES)
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On this 9th day of **March 2017**, the City Council of the City of Karnes City, Texas convened in a **Special 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, Raymond Robinson,
Sherry Sommer

Councilmembers absent: Helen Hernandez

Others present were City Secretary (CS) Veronica Butler, Accounting Administrator Haylee Sowell, and Assistant Director of Public Works Eloy Rodriguez, Chief of Police Roel E. Salas, City Attorney Frank Garza, Penny Bowen, Will Johnson, Jodi Mika, Nathan Mutz, Danny Kotzur, Shorty Hernandez, Carolyn Hernandez, Amelia Martinez, Johnathan Ramirez, Jennifer Dillingham, Ken Roberts, James Borroum, and James DeDear.

CONSIDER AND ACT UPON:

(4) KCISD Education Foundation Downtown Street Dance fundraiser – Jennifer Dillingham proposed to the Council to waive the City Ordinance to close Calvert St. on Friday August 11, 2017 from 3pm – 2am for the 2nd annual street dance, and partner with the KCISD Education Foundation to have City employees for clean-up and security. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Lyssy to allow KCISD Education Foundation to host their 2nd annual street dance and to allow the City to partner with them as a sponsor to help with clean up and security. The vote was 3-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed. Councilmember Sommer abstains from voting.

(5) Ratification of Logo for Water Tower – Mayor Skloss informed the Council that after discussion with each Councilmember individually, the final decision is the do the 2 logos, 1 facing 181 North and the other facing 181 South. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Lyssy and seconded by Councilmember Sommer to ratify the decision of having 2 logos 1 facing 181 North and the other facing 181 South in the amount of \$15,400. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(6) Discuss and take action on fee schedule for ball fields – Mayor Skloss informed the Council what it would cost to light the fields, roughly around \$350 monthly for each field. We are already paying for the lights at the other little league field, we can disconnect those lights to offset 1 of the new fields. Mayor Skloss suggested to waive the fee this year until we know exactly the cost to light the fields. Councilmember Loya stated he does not have a problem with waiving the fees but If we go with the Mayors suggestion and waive the fees will that have to apply to any other leagues that come in,

City Attorney Frank Garza stated if the City waives the fee they will have to identify the public purpose as to why they are waiving the fee, if any other league comes in they will also have to meet that purpose, example of a public purpose is every municipality like to have recreational programs for their community. One other thing you also look for in order to way the fee is if the organization is a 501c3 which means they are a nonprofit entity. Councilmember Sommer stated we build the park for the kids and we allow the schools to come in and use the splash pad for the afterschool programs for a period of 5 weeks and we have waived those fees little leagues is not a money making program, I think we should waive the fees for the youth of Karnes City. Councilmember Robinson stated we should charge something, even it's for just 1 field and not both. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Sommer and seconded by Councilmember Loya to accept the baseball fee schedule and rules as presented. The vote was 3-1 in favor and the motion was declared passed with Councilmember Robinson voting against.

(7) Discuss and take action on contract with Karnes City Little League for use of ball field – Mayor Skloss presented the drafted contract to the Council. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Lyssy to enter into a contract with Karnes City Little League for the use of City ballfields and to waive the fee of \$350 monthly for electricity for the 1st year. The vote was 3-1 in favor and the motion was declared passed with Councilmember Robinson voting against.

(8) Discuss and take action on handicap handrail & elevation of bleacher for ballfields – Mayor Skloss informed the Council that the bleachers are low profile, the bottom roll is 10 ½ inches from the bottom. We have a quote from KMB to raise the bleachers 6” in the amount of \$6100 that includes 4x6 aluminum tubing, mounting and paint to match bleachers. Handrails are necessary to have the price for 172’ is \$6200. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Sommer and seconded by Councilmember Lyssy to accept the quote from KMB for 172’ of hand rail in the amount of \$6200 and reject the bid for adding 6” of height to the bleachers we will use them as is or this year. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared passed.

(9) 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 the terms of the Agreement with Texas First Group and the qualifications of Interim City Manager - After discussion in executive session the Mayor and Council reconvened into open session following which, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Lyssy to continue the contract with Texas First Group and hire his recommendation effective 3/10/2017 of Ken Roberts. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared passed.

(9) Adjournment: There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Lyssy and seconded by Councilmember Robinson to adjourn the meeting. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

Leroy T. Skloss
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Mayor

ATTEST:

Veronica Butler
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City Secretary

