

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
CITY OF KARNES CITY
APRIL 25, 2017**

**STATE OF TEXAS)
COUNTY OF KARNES)
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On this 25th day of **April 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 left @ 8:03,
Raymond Robinson and Sherry Sommer

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, Marvin Witte, Lana Keller, Steve Pena, Molly Solis, Diana Nunez, Ricardo Silva,

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

D. Consent Agenda:

(1) Minutes

- a. March 28, 2017
- b. April 11, 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 Lyssy and seconded by Councilmember Sommer 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) – None

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONSIDER AND ACT UPON):

(3) Park Improvements – Mayor Skloss informed the Council on the All Star tournament that will be held in Karnes City starting on June 21, 2017, he also stated we need to look into installing a sidewalk from the concession stand to the restrooms, he noticed a few people trying to push their walkers on the crushed rock and it makes it very hard. Interim CM Roberts stated CCE Moehrig went to Kraftsman to look into updating the fixtures on the splash pad, CCE Moehrig presented to the Council a variety of fixtures and prices. Accounting Administrator Haylee Sowell recommended just making it operational for the summer and putting it in next year's budget so we do not have to shut it down during the summer. CCE Moehrig also informed the Council that Kraftsman can install the shade canopies for \$9,500 as long as all parts are complete.

G. NEW BUSINESS (CONSIDER AND ACT UPON):

(4) Discussion/Possible Action on Center Point Energy 2017 Annual GRIP Adjustment - Ricardo Silvas with Center Point Energy informed the Council on the procedure on the GRIP adjustment. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Sommer and seconded by Councilmember Lyssy to suspend the date of May 29, 2017 for a period of no longer than 45 days. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(5) Discussion/Possible Action on a request to vacate and replat of 501 W 3rd St. by Commissioner James Rosales – James Rosales stated he has a property on 501 W 3rd St., Blk 16 lot 1 and would like to replat it into 2 lots and add an additional rental living structure on the 2nd lot. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Lyssy and seconded by Councilmember Hernandez to approve the request of vacate and replat of 501 W. 3rd St. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(6) Discussion/Possible Action on an alternate solution to the sanitary sewer issue at Nunez Residence at 317 N Butler – Interim CM Roberts stated at the April 11, 2017 Council meeting we discussed a solution to the Nunez issue with the sanitary sewer. The cost and related property issues made that approach coast prohibitive. DPW Rios has developed an alternate plan that is both cost effective and eliminates impacts on property owners to relocate temporary buildings by abandoning and sealing the existing sewer line and manhole, constructing 361 ft. of line, constructing one new manhole and connecting to the sewer line on Mayfield, the project is projected to not exceed \$16,401.00. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Sommer to approve the proposed solution to the Nunez residential sewer situation in the amount not to exceed 16,401.00 with no cost to the Nunez family. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(7) Discussion/Possible Action to install a water junction box with steel grate and 10" pipe to drain water from Ms. Looney's property on 225 E. Crews Street – Mayor Skloss informed the Council about the issue Mrs. Lonney is having every time we get a huge amount of rain. Interim CM Roberts stated the plan is the install a "C" culvert covered on the top by a steel grate and turning the water, we would propose running a 10" line to the general area of the stock pond at the rear of her property. DPW Rios stated she has water coming in 3 different directions and it floods her garage. After

further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Lyssy and seconded by Councilmember Hernandez to install a water junction box with a steel grate and 10” pipe to drain water from Ms. Looney’s property at 225 E. Crews St. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(8) Discussion/Possible Action on the award of a contract to repair Cooling Tower #2 Fan Motor, Gear Box, and Coupling Replacement – Interim CM Roberts updated the Council on the issues with the cooling towers. DPW Rios stated we have 1 running on used parts now; the amount of \$15,430 will bring both towers up and running correctly. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Sommer and seconded by Councilmember Lyssy award the contract to Tower Tech Services to repair Cooling tower #2 fan motor, gear box and coupling replacement in the amount not to exceed \$16,000. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(9) Discussion/Possible Action on the proposed purchase Tractor and rotary shredder for the City Park – Interim CM Roberts stated with the addition of the ball fields at the City Park requirements for the additional mowing of that area have increased appreciably for members of Public Works, Council was presented with 2 bids 1 from Kubota in the amount of \$29,554.68 and the 2nd from John Deere in the amount of \$23,229.44. Interim CM Roberts made a recommendation to defer this purchase until the 2017-2018 budget year. DPW Rios stated the reason for the request is to keep the big tractor off that area, all that’s being done is bringing in more weeds and more sunflower seeds anything that big tractor cuts we bring it right back to the park. No action taken.

(10) Discussion/Possible Action on the award of a contract to High Touch Technology for security device & service (“Sonic Wall”) – Accounting Administrator Sowell stated its time to upgrade our Sonic Wall; this is done every 3 years. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Sommer and seconded by Councilmember Lyssy to award the Sonic Wall contract to High Touch Technologies in the amount to not exceed \$4,000.00. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(11) RESOLUTION NO. 2017-003 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KARNES CITY, TEXAS FINDING THAT AEP TEXAS INC.’S APPLICATION TO AMDEND ITS DISTRIBUTION COST RECOVERY FACTORS TO INCREASE DISTRIBUTION RATES WITHIN THE CITY SHOULD BE DENIED; FINDING THAT THE CITY’S REASONABLE RATE CASE EXPENSES SHALL BE REIMBURSED BY THE COMPANY; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; REQUIRING NOTICE OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY AND LEGAL COUNSEL – After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Hernandez to adopt **RESOLUTION NO. 2017-003 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KARNES CITY, TEXAS FINDING THAT AEP TEXAS INC.’S APPLICATION TO AMDEND ITS DISTRIBUTION COST RECOVERY FACTORS TO INCREASE DISTRIBUTION RATES WITHIN THE CITY SHOULD BE DENIED; FINDING THAT THE CITY’S REASONABLE RATE CASE EXPENSES SHALL BE REIMBURSED BY THE COMPANY; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION**

IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; REQUIRING NOTICE OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY AND LEGAL COUNSEL as presented. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(12) Discussion/Possible Action on the Franchise Agreement between the City of Karnes City and Waste Connections – Interim CM Roberts stated upon looking into the terms of the contract between the City and Waste Connections, after consultation with Counsel, it is apparent that the contract does not expire until October 2018. On April 13th, the City Secretary and I met with Mr. Jim Hare, Municipal Marketing Manager for the provider and he stated that per his records the contract expires in October 2018. The contract was originally signed between the parties in 2007. Per the contract, termination may be accomplished within sixty days' notice on the part of either party. Attorney Molly Solis stated that the rates can be reviewed on each anniversary. No action taken.

(13) Discussion/Possible Action on the issuance of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Audit Services for the Annual Financial Audit of the City of Karnes City – A motion was made by Councilmember Sommer and seconded by Councilmember Lyssy to authorize the issuance/solicitation of an RFQ to accounting firms that are familiar with municipal audits. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(14) Discussion/Possible Action of planning for Founder's Day 2017 – Councilmember Loya stated he requested this on the agenda; he would like an early start and not wait until the last minute. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Lyssy to approve Founder's Day 2017 to be held on December 9, 2017. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(15) Discussion/Possible Action on the draft recruitment announcement for the City Manager's Position – Mayor Skloss and Council reviewed the draft and revised recruitment announcement. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Lyssy and seconded by Councilmember Hernandez to approve the draft recruitment announcement for the City of Karnes City - City Manager's position as presented. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed. Councilmember Robinson stated he would like to see the 45 min commute changed to 1 hour. Councilmember Lyssy rescinded her previous motion approving the draft recruitment announcement for the City of Karnes City - City Manager's position as presented. A new motion was made by Councilmember Lyssy and seconded by Councilmember Robinson to approve the draft recruitment announcement for the City of Karnes City - City Manager's position with changes; City manager must live within a 1 hour commute of Karnes City instead of a 45 min commute. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(16) Mineral royalties held in suspense by Marathon Oil - The Council will convene in Executive Session as Authorized by the Texas Government Code 551-071, Consultation with Attorney - The Mayor and Council convened into executive session at 7:36 PM and reconvened into open session at 8:40 PM. No action taken.

(17) Discussion/Possible Action on a request to vacate and replat of 403 W. Southline by Marvin Witte – Lana Keller stated she spoke with CCE Moehrig about dividing the property into 2 lots to build another structure for family gatherings or company that comes into town. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Lyssy to approve the request to vacate and replat of 403 W. Southline. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed. Councilmember Robinson abstained from voting.

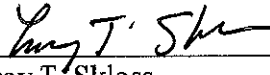
H. Public Comments (“B” Session) – none

I. Officer Comments

a. City Manager Comments – none

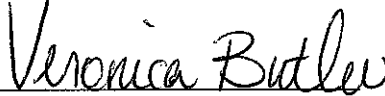
c. Mayor and Council Comments – Mayor Skloss informed the Council that the new employee April Clark has started in the front office as of April 17th.

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



Leroy T. Skloss
Mayor

ATTEST:


Veronica Butler
City Secretary

