

**SPECIAL MEETING
CITY OF KARNES CITY
JANUARY 14, 2016**

**STATE OF TEXAS)
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On this 14th day of **January 2016**, 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: Raymond Robinson,
Sherry Sommer, and Kimberly Wright

Councilmember absent: Lillian Lyssy

Others present were City Manager (CM) Don Tymrak, Finance Director\Economic Development (FD) Ray Kroll, City Secretary (CS) Veronica Butler, Director of Public Works (DPW) Fernando Rios, and Chief of Police Roel E. Salas, Code Compliance Enforcement (CCE) Kevin Moehrig, Russell Jaskinia, Penny Bowen, John Broadway, Sean O’Brien, Mark Bordovsky, Regina Chapa, Kyle Shaw, and Barbara Shaw.

CONSIDER AND ACT UPON

(4) Citizen Complaint regarding private real estate – Barbara Shaw stated she wanted some clarification on some ordinances. Mrs. Shaw wanted to know if all of Jauer St. is in the City limits or just one (1) side. Mrs. Shaw also wanted to know if there is a noise ordinance in affect. CM Tymrak presented the Council with the conversation with Mr. Tollette (potential renter for Mr. & Mrs. Shaw). John Broadway stated his concerns on having semi-trucks on the property next to residential neighborhood. No Action Taken.

(5) School Zone Signage for Head Start Facility- Regina Chapa stated her concerns on the amount of traffic and the speed limit around the Head Start facility. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Robinson and seconded by Councilmember Sommer to approve the purchase of the school zone and speed limit signage not to exceed \$550.00 and to set the speed limit the same limit as the Elementary School. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(6) Park Improvements – Russell Jaskinia presented to the Council the completed floodplain study. Russell Jaskinia stated everything looks good and ready to move forward with anything the Council plans to do with Park “B”. No Action Taken.

(7) Little League Field(s) – Councilmember Wright stated she brought this item back to the agenda to revisit and find out what the Council’s thoughts and goals are to move forward, discuss and/or make decisions on what might need be on planning or thoughts on Little League fields. Mayor Skloss stated the Council has had discussions on this item for the past 3 months or so, Felix Padron with the Park Advisory Board has drawings on fields and prices on lights. Councilmember Robinson stated his concerns on the time limit on getting fields completed by opening of little league on April 2nd 2016. Councilmember Wright has stated the Council should still continue with the goal date of having fields done by April 2nd even if they are not completed by that date. FD Kroll stated to Council that the 4B has donated funds for the construction of fields only.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Wright to go ahead and proceed on hiring an engineer to develop plans for a Little League regulation softball and baseball field. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

After further discussion, Councilmember Loya rescinded his previous motion and seconded by Councilmember Wright. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

A new motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Wright to go ahead and proceed on hiring an engineer to develop plans for two (2) Little League regulation ball fields and authorize the City Manager to make the selection on the engineer. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(8) Downtown Revitalization – Councilmember Wright stated she wanted to revisit the item on revitalization and see what our next steps will be. FD Kroll updated the Council that the final presentation from UTSA will be presented on Feb 11th at the special City Council meeting. No Action Taken.

(9) City Limits Entry/Welcome signs – Councilmember Wright stated there has been much discussion on this item for a long period of time. FD Kroll stated in the revitalization presentation from UTSA will show areas for the welcome signs. No Action Taken.

(10) City Clock retrofit – CM Tymrak updated the Council on the problems with the clock and stated he has to wind the clock every other day. CM Tymrak presented the pros on redoing the clock. Councilmember Robinson wanted to inform the Council that the clock looks really nice. No action taken.

(11) Delinquent Sewer Service Procedure – CM Tymrak presented the issue the City has been having with a sewer service only customer. Councilmember Sommer stated her concerns on how much the Attorney will charge the City on drawing up paper work for this issue. Councilmember Loya suggested the CM to speak with the customer and inform them of what can happen if account continues being late. No action Taken.

(12) Rate Study for water system (update) – CM Tymrak presented the update on the progress. No Action Taken.

(13) Internal Control Policy – FD Kroll presented the Internal Control Policy. After further discussion, a motion made by Councilmember Sommer and seconded by Councilmember Loya to accept the Internal Control Policy. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(14) Hands-free driving regulation – CM Tymrak presented the current ordinance from Floresville to see if the Council would like to proceed with an ordinance of this kind. No Action Taken.

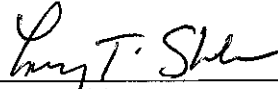
(15) Employee Handbook regarding weapons (Open & Concealed Carry) – CM Tymrak presented the drafted employee handbook policy on “Weapons”. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Sommer to adopt the policy. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(16) Battle of Flowers parade participation – FD Kroll stated Nicki Witte has applied for the Battle of Flowers and the Flambeau parades. CM Tymrak discussed the rules and changes the City will have to comply with in order to be in the Battle of Flowers parade. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember

Robinson to not participate in the Battle of Flowers parade. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

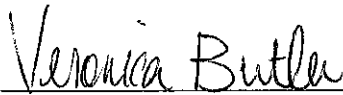
(17) Series 2008 Certificate of Obligation full repayment (update) – FD Kroll informed the Council that he had received notice that the Series 2008 Certificate of Obligation was paid in full. No Action Taken.

(18) Adjournment: There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Wright 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
Mayor

ATTEST:



Veronica Butler
City Secretary

