

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
CITY OF KARNES CITY
OCTOBER 25, 2016**

**STATE OF TEXAS)
COUNTY OF KARNES)
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On this 25th day of **October 2016**, 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
and Raymond Robinson

Councilmember absent: Sherry Sommer
Others present: City Manager (CM) Don Tymrak, City Secretary (CS) Veronica Butler, Chief of Police Roel Salas, Code Compliance Enforcement Officer (CCE) Kevin Moehrig, Felix Padron, Lance Rhodes, Don Liska, Tyler Liska, Cheryl Moy, Russell Jaskinia, Tony Gross, Elizabeth Contreras, Viola Jensen

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

D. Consent Agenda:

(1) Minutes

a. September 29, 2016

(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 Hernandez to approve the items listed under the Consent Agenda. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS (“A” Session) – Viola Jensen with Rusty Treasure announced she will be opening a thrift store in Karnes City at 115 E. Calvert.

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONSIDER AND ACT UPON):

(3) Park Improvements – No discussion, no action taken.

(4) CDBG 2015-2016 for Elevated Ground Storage – No discussion, no action taken.

G. NEW BUSINESS (CONSIDER AND ACT UPON):

(5) Request for License (variance) for Rhodes Funeral Home – Lance Rhodes with Rhodes funeral home stated they are asking for a variance on the Funeral home building, it was surveyed in the early 1900's and just recently resurveyed and the southern part of the building is a few inches in City right a way. CM Tymrak stated he read through the documents and has also sent them over for our City Attorney to review. There is a change to be made on page 3 item 12; we would like to add in "the venue of Karnes County" so if there is an issue we would like to solve it in Karnes County. Councilmember Loya stated on page 1, it shows an incorrect address of 211 E. Calvert instead of 314 E. Calvert. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Robinson to grant the variance to Rhodes Funeral Home with the said changes. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(6) Major Disaster Recovery Process - Tony Gross with DPS informed the Council of resources the Department of Emergency Management has at time of a disaster. Last month there were huge floods in Louisiana, it took FEMA days to get out and help, The Department of Emergency Management will be there the next day. Tony Gross stated "my job is to make sure the City get the resources needed, we also have a Finance person available to help track what the City can get reimbursed for." No action taken.

(7) Nalco Air Quality Permit Application – Councilmember Lyssy stated she received information stating that Nalco was trying to put up tanks to dispose of stuff, she then spoke to CM Tymrak about the issue. CM Tymrak stated the application was first filed in May 2016 but somehow got misplace and refiled in June 2016, looking through the application it does not involve drilling of any wells it is only the storage and loading of chemicals. He stated they are limited to only 1 tank at a time, limited to hours of 6am to 6pm. CM Tymrak stated in looking at the application he cannot find anything that we would have a bases to file a protest and request a hearing, it does not affect our water supply. Cheryl Moy stated she called TCEQ and asked for information about it. She also stated that as a concern citizen it is her job to investigate, as of today she has not heard back from TCEQ. CM Tymrak stated he has nothing to make an argument with TCEQ, if the County wants to proceed with it they can; it is outside the City Limits. No action taken.

(8) City Holidays for 2017/2018 – CS Butler presented the Holiday schedule. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Lyssy and seconded by Councilmember Robinson to approve the City Holidays for 2017/2018 as presented. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(9) Park "B" Landscaping (Bridge area, Interconnect, Amphitheater) – Mayor Skloss stated he and CM Tymrak met with Melanie Johnson with the park advisory board, we have received different proposals from two (2) contractors, the prices are a lot different between the 2 contractors, we all agreed to meet with Don Liska with Liska Construction, Russel Jaskinia with Intrepid Engineering, Melanie Johnson with Park advisory board and the 2 contractors that are proposing to do the work at the location and

have them look at the area and rebid. CM Tymrak stated he asked Russell Jaskinia to be here due to the landscape will be centered around the bridge and we have spent a lot of money on the drain and the drainage is critical it's a drain and needs to stay a drain. No action taken.

(10) Park "B" Ball Field Development - Don Liska stated the ball field are completed all that's left is the sodding, there is no sense in doing it now to the cold weather it will ruin it, I would like to dress it up right before the ball season starts. Councilmember Loya asked what do we from now till then on the softball field and the outfield. Don Liska stated never let the ground dry out only let it dry enough to mow the grass, right now you need to spray weeds, water and grow grass. Mayor Skloss stated he was down there and the City had sprayed the weeds and fertilized it, we are probably going to wait about a week before we get in there and mow just to make sure it has killed all the weeds. CM Tymrak stated after about 3 days we can come back and cut the upper layer and then we will start watering. Councilmember Robinson stated would there be any benefit to getting sod down on the field to get it established sooner than later and maintain the end field throughout the fall and winter season. Councilmember Loya stated he would want to start sod early and not wait until weeks before the season starts to give the kids motivation seeing what they will be playing on. Mayor Skloss stated they met with Masters, they are going to do our electrical work, AEP still needs to run their wire from the transformer down to the exiting boxes then masters will tie us in to the back side of that, 1 panel is for the lights and the other is the disconnect panel. No action taken.

(11) Park "B" Amphitheater Development – Don Liska stated it's pretty much done unless you want to put seating and add a trail. No action taken.

(12) Park "B" Access (RR R-O-W road) – Mayor Skloss stated by doing the road all the way down to Burton street it will give the park additional parking. Don Liska presented the Council with information on options for budgeting purposes. CM Tymrak stated we could use rock along the road way to prevent anyone from running into fields. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Hernandez to authorize CM Tymrak to proceed with the base work on Park "B" access RR R-O-W from Browne to Burton and the over flow event parking off of CR 246 and the improvements needed in and around the amphitheater at the lowest and best cost. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(13) The Council will convene in Executive Session under Texas Government Code 551.074 (Personnel Matters) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public employee - The Mayor and Council convened into executive session at 7:44 PM and reconvened into open session at 8:39PM.

(14) Item(s) discussed in Executive Session – 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 advertise for two separate positions one being a Deputy City Manager and the other a Finance Director and to have our City Attorney Davidson Troilo Ream & Garza for our hiring needs. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

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

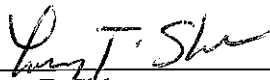
I. Officer Comments

a. Finance Director/City Development Manager Comments – None

b. City Manager Comments – None


c. Mayor and Council Comments – Councilmember Loya wants to thank all employees for all the hard work, he also stated he would like to look into the smart meters; I would like to know the price between labor cost vs smart meters. Councilmember Hernandez stated this is the first time in years we are able to see neighbor from 123, it looks really nice.

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

