

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
CITY OF KARNES CITY
FEBRUARY 26, 2019**

**STATE OF TEXAS)
COUNTY OF KARNES)
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On this 26th day of **February 2019**, 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, Robert Ebrom Jr.,
Larry Franke and Aaron Rosales

Councilmember absent:

Others present: City Manager (CM) Robert Evans, City Secretary Veronica Butler, Director of Public Works Fernando Rios, Police Chief Roel E. Salas, Code Compliance Enforcement Officer (CCE) Kevin Moehrig, Tom Turk, Bob Thonhoff, Mely Martinez, Lynn Bullard, and Daniel Rodriguez.

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

D. Consent Agenda:

(1) Minutes

a. January 22, 2019

(2) Monthly Department Reports

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

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS (“A” Session) – Mely Martinez with the Chamber thanked the City for hosting the senior citizen activity day.

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONSIDER AND ACT UPON):

(3) Park Improvements- Discuss and consider report on status of municipal park projects – CM Evans informed the Council that the pond construction is still on hold until the weather clears up. No Action taken.

(4) Karnes City Library – Discuss and consider status of repairs and maintenance to the Karnes City Library building – CM Evans informed the Council that all repairs are completed, the library is set to open on March 1st. No action taken.

G. NEW BUSINESS (CONSIDER AND ACT UPON):

(5) Discuss and consider recognition of retiring Fire Marshal Sam Kotara and appointment of Garrett Denson as the new Fire Marshal – Mayor Skloss informed the Council that the current Fire Marshal Sam Kotara is retiring; Garrett Denson is prepared to take on the task and get all necessary training needed. Mr. Denson informed the Council of his qualifications and his plan to get all required training done. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Rosales and seconded by Councilmember Lyssy to recognize the retirement of Sam Kotara as Fire Marshal and to accept and appoint Garrett Denson as Karnes City Fire Marshal with the stipulation that all training will be completed. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(6) Discuss and consider awarding of contract to M&S Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$111,500.00 for Cooling Tower project – City Attorney Jesse Lopez informed the Council that the State Law requires that the Council makes a finding that the engineer is in fact qualified for the proposed project. Tom Turk presented the Council with statements of qualifications for his firm. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Rosales to approve that M&S Engineering is the most highly qualified provider for the design and contract administration services for the Water Cooling Tower Project based on the demonstrated competence and qualification and that the Mayor shall have authority to execute an engineering contract with M&S Engineering for those services for a not to exceed amount of \$111,500. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(7) Discuss and consider awarding of contract to TSG Architects in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00 for assessment of Public Works building for future renovation project – City Attorney Jesse Lopez informed the Council that the contract is not finalized, they are using a standard form and there are a few details that need to be filled in. He also stated he doesn't see an issue with it. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Ebrom and seconded by Councilmember Lyssy to authorize the City Manager to negotiate the contract not to exceed \$7,500. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(8) Discuss and consider recommendations for appointment of members to Karnes City Library Board – Mayor Skloss informed the Council of the findings; there is a board that had been established years back. CM Evans stated he is working on an agreement between the City, County and Library. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Franke and seconded by Councilmember Rosales to accept and appoint all acting board members; David Chapman, Lillian Lyssy, Mary Kruciak, Lynn Bullard and Mary Ann Martinez to the Karnes City Library Board. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed, Councilmember Lyssy abstained from voting.

(9) Discuss and consider request by the Karnes City Library to upgrade all interior building lighting – CM Evans informed the Council that the lighting at the library needs

to be upgraded; he presented two estimates from Haertner Electric. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Ebrom and seconded by Councilmember Franke to approve option one in the amount of \$16,081 to be paid out of asset replacement. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed, Councilmember Lyssy abstained from voting.

(10) Discuss and consider proposal for hosting the 2nd Friday Breakfast (May 10) – Mely Martinez with the Karnes City Chamber informed the Council that every 3rd month Karnes City has a 2nd Friday breakfast and they ask local businesses to host it, she would like to know if the City would consider hosting it on May 10, 2019. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Ebrom and seconded by Councilmember Rosales to host the 2nd Friday breakfast on May 10, 2019. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(11) Discuss and consider request from Karnes City ISD Badger Band to authorize overnight use of Karnes City Park for a BBQ cook-off – Daniel Rodriguez band director with KCISD informed the Council that his request has changed from and overnight use to just a single day on April 6th. Mr. Rodriguez will give the City Manager more information once it comes available. No action taken.

(12) Discuss and consider recommendations and update from Building Committee – CM Evans informed the Council of the newest update from the last committee meeting; looked over proposal from architects for the building at maintenance yard. No action taken.

(13) Discuss and consider recommendations and update from Housing Committee – CM Evans presented the Council with the map showing all vacant City properties. City Attorney Jesse Lopez informed the Council of the statutory requirements on selling municipal property. No action taken.

(14) Discuss and consider 2019 Street Project Plan – Mayor Skloss informed the Council he would like to look into another street project, he would like to get another packet together to see what streets still need some attention. Bob Thonhoff informed the Council that the estimated cost is about \$7,500 a block for a 2 course layover; he also stated he would do his preliminary engineering for free. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Franke to continue the process and approve Bob Thonhoff to get a packet together with a list of streets. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(15) Executive Session – The City Council of the City of Karnes City may convene in Executive Session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 (Consultations with Attorney) on matters in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly requires discussion in closed session); Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters)

A. City Manager's Semi-Annual Evaluation – The Mayor and Council convened into executive session at 7:15 PM.

(16) Discuss and consider appropriate action resulting from Executive Session – After discussion in executive session the Mayor and Council reconvened into open session at 8:41 PM; no action taken.


H. Public Comment – No public present, no comments.

I. Officer Comments

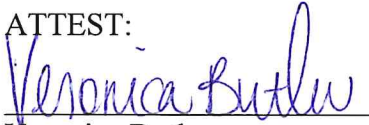
a. City Manager Comments – CM Evans updated the Council on the investment account.

b. Mayor and Council Comments – Councilmember Lyssy reminded Council about the Chamber banquet on Saturday. Councilmember Loya thanked all employees for everyone's hard work.

J. Adjournment: There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Lyssy and seconded by Councilmember Rosales 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

