

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
CITY OF KARNES CITY
JANUARY 26, 2021**

**STATE OF TEXAS)
COUNTY OF KARNES)
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On this 26th day of January 2021, 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.
Aaron Rosales and Larry Franke

Councilmember absent:

Others present: City Manager (CM) Ken Roberts, City Secretary (CS) Veronica Butler, Director of Public Works (DPW) Fernando Rios, Assistant Director of Public Works Eloy Rodriguez, Lieutenant Will Johnson, Code Compliance Enforcement Officer (CCE) Kevin Moehrig, Haylee Jurgajtis, Gus Hernandez, Jessie Lopez, Penny Bowen, and Andrew Friedman.

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

D. Public Comments – No comments.

E. Consent Agenda:

(1) Minutes

- a. Discuss and consider approving the minutes from;
November 24, 2020

(2) Discuss and consider monthly reports from City Departments.

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

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONSIDER AND ACT UPON):

(3) Park Improvements- Discuss and consider report on status of municipal park projects – Mayor Skloss informed the Council there is no update at this time.

G. NEW BUSINESS (CONSIDER AND ACT UPON):

4) Discuss and take possible action concerning the Annual 2019/2020 Financial Audit submitted by Armstrong, Vaughan & Associates, P.C. – Phil Vaughan presented the 2019/2020 financial audit. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Lyssy to accept the 2019/2020

financial audit. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(5) Discuss and take possible action on the presentation from SAMCO Capital – Andrew Friedman with SAMCO presented the options to the Council on bond refunding opportunity. Councilmember Ebrom stated he would like to see some of the City building projects to get started. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Ebrom and seconded by Councilmember Franke to have the staff proceed with getting all the accurate numbers for projects and the refunding. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(6) Discuss and take possible action on the engagement letter from S&P Global Ratings - No discussion, no action taken.

(7) Discuss and take possible action to on the annual contract with Karnes City Little League – Mayor Skloss presented the contract, he informed the Council that everything was the same. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Ebrom and seconded by Councilmember Rosales to approve the contract with Karnes City Little League and waive all fees associated with the contract. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(8) Discuss and take possible action on Resolution 2021-001 Order of Election for Re-Authorization of Municipal Sales Tax for Street Maintenance – Mayor Skloss informed the Council of the sales tax and presented the resolution. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Lyssy and seconded by Councilmember Rosales to approve resolution 2021-001 as presented. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(9) Discuss and take possible action renewal of Consulting Services Agreement with Haylee Jurgajtis – Mayor Skloss presented the contract to the Council, he informed them all is the same just extending it another year. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Ebrom and seconded by Councilmember Loya to renew the Consulting Services Agreement with Haylee Jurgajtis. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(10) Discuss and take possible action on Ordinance 2021-001 amending Ordinance 2020-002 Revising Building Code Fee Schedule – CS Butler informed the Council that the inspection company we are using Bureau Veritas charges the City \$76.92 for plumbing and gas inspections and our current permit rates are \$50.00. Councilmember Ebrom stated he would not like to see our rates go up for the residents but the city would be losing money, he also stated instead of making money we can just break even and set rates at the \$76.92. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Ebrom and seconded by Councilmember Rosales to set rates at the amount Bureau Veritas charges the city. The vote was 4-1 in favor and the motion was declared passed, Councilmember Loya voted against the motion.

(11) Discuss and presentation regarding COVID Relief Bill and take possible action on city employee leave policies – CM Roberts informed the Council that the leave policy by the state has ended as of December 31st. He recommended paying our employees instead of them having to use their own sick leave. Councilmember Ebrom stated he would like to see a max amount set, to prevent abuse. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Ebrom and seconded by Councilmember Franke to approve paid leave for up to 28 days max. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(12) Executive Session – The Council may enter into closed or executive session to discuss the following: Personnel under Tex. Government Code Section 551.074


(a) Changes to employee manual regarding employee dress code and leave policies


The Mayor and Council convened into executive session at 7:31pm.

(13) Return to Open Session – Discuss and take possible action resulting from Executive Session - After discussion in executive session, the Mayor and Council reconvened into open session at 7:52 pm, in which no action was taken.

H. Adjournment: There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Franke and seconded by Councilmember Rosales to adjourn the meeting. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

ATTEST:


Veronica Butler
City Secretary


Leroy T. Skloss
Mayor

