

**SPECIAL MEETING
CITY OF KARNES CITY
AUGUST 10, 2021**

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On this 10th day of **August 2021**, 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: Lillian Lyssy, Aaron Rosales
Larry Franke and Robert Ebrom

Councilmembers absent:

Others present were: City Manager (CM) Ken Roberts, City Secretary (CS) Veronica Butler, Director of Public Works (DPW) Fernando Rios, Chief of Police Roel E. Salas, Haylee Jurgajtis, Gus Hernandez, Trey Sims, and Jerry Feagans.

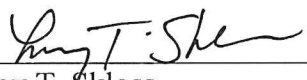
4. **Public Comments** – Trey Sims with M&S Engineering gave the Council status update of all current projects.

NEW BUSINESS – “CONSIDER AND ACT UPON”:


5. **Discuss and take possible action on the request from M&S Engineering on Amendment No. 1 adding an additional amount not to exceed \$50,000 to the scope of work to its Utility Systems Improvements contract dated March 3, 2021** – Trey Sims informed the Council that in March after the freeze the City approved the proposal to allow M&S to investigate and assess any issues that happened during the freeze, to work with electricians and Mercer Controls to get all scopes identified. The total amount approved was over \$700,000, the engineering fees were included into the amount. The \$50,000 will not be any additional fees this amount would still be within the approved amount. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Ebrom and seconded by Councilmember Lyssy to approve the amendment #1 as presented. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.
6. **Discuss and consider the presentation from M&S Engineering on the Downtown Revitalization Project** – Jerry Feagans with M&S engineering presented the 60% review, he informed the Council he is here just to answer any question the Council has. No action taken.
7. **Discuss and consider the proposal from the Park’s Board to install rocks around the amphitheater** – Mayor Skloss informed the Council the Park’s board

would like to add the seating rocks around the amphitheater. They are getting quote together and will bring back to the Council for approval. No action taken.

8. **Discuss and take possible action on proposed calculated No New Revenue Rate (NNR) and Voter Approval Rate VAR for the 2021 tax year** – Haylee presented the Council with the proposed rates and her recommendation of VAR 0.665208 Rate. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Ebrom and seconded by Councilmember Franke to approve the NNR rate of 0.662521 which is an I&S rate of 0.321055 and an M&O rate of 0.293204 for the proposed tax rate for 2021. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.
9. **Workshop: Presentation and discussion of the proposed Fiscal Year 2021-2022 City Budget including, estimated revenues and fees; maintenance & operating expenses; employee wages and benefits; debt service; capital projects, and other budget related matter** – Haylee presented the Council a drafted budget for FY 2021/2022. She discussed the different departments' budget and their needs. Mayor Skloss suggested going into executive session to discuss some budget items. Mayor and Council convened into executive session at 6:51 p.m. After further discussion in executive session, the Mayor and Council reconvened into open session at 8:15 p.m. in which no action was taken.
10. **Adjournment** - There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Lyssy and seconded by Councilmember Franke 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

