

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
CITY OF KARNES CITY
JULY 27, 2021**

**STATE OF TEXAS)
COUNTY OF KARNES)
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On this 27th day of July 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.
Larry Franke and Aaron Rosales

Councilmember absent:

Others present: City Manager (CM) Ken Roberts, City Secretary (CS) Veronica Butler
Director of Public Works (DPW) Fernando Rios, Chief of Police Roel Salas, Eloy Rodriguez, Haylee Jurgajtis, Jessie Lopez, Amelia Martinez, Melanie Johnson,

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

D. Public Comments – No public comments.

E. Consent Agenda:

(1) Minutes

- a. Discuss and consider approving the minutes from;
June 22, 2021

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

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Lyssy and seconded by Councilmember Rosales 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 informed the Council that there is no update. No action taken.

(4) Founder’s Day – Discuss and consider report on status of Founder’s Day 2021 – Haylee informed the Council that everything is still in the works, we are currently looking for another DJ. No action taken.

G. NEW BUSINESS (CONSIDER AND ACT UPON):

(5) Public Hearing (Public Participation) – 2020 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report - Mayor Skloss opened the public hearing at 6:04 p.m., no public comments. Mayor Skloss closed the public hearing at 6:26 p.m.

(6) Discuss and take possible action to authorize the engagement of Armstrong, Vaughan & Associates, P.C. for the 2021 City of Karnes City Audit - Mayor Skloss informed the Council that there is no price increase this year. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Ebrom and seconded by Councilmember Lyssy to authorize the engagement of Armstrong Vaughan & Associates, P.C. for the 2021 City of Karnes City Audit. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(7) Discuss and take possible action on the agreement with Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for the temporary closure of State Highway Business-181D (E. Calvert) for the Lonesome Dove Parade on September 18, 2021 – Mayor Skloss informed the Council that the agreement is a formality; we will have to sign an agreement for each event in the City that will close down a state highway. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Lyssy and seconded by Councilmember Rosales to approve the agreement with TxDOT for the temporary closure of the State Highway Business 181D (E. Calvert) for the Lonesome Dove Parade on September 18, 2021. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(8) Discuss and take possible action on the request from Carlos Gonzalez for the City to install a street curb along property located at 809 Mesquite Drive, Karnes City, Texas - Mr. Gonzalez was not present, no discussion, no action taken.

(9) 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 – City Manager Roberts recommended to table the item. No action taken.

(10) Discuss and consider bids from Stallion Oil Field Services and TanMar Rentals, LLC for rental of office trailer for city maintenance yard and take possible action authorizing mayor to enter into a rental agreement with selected bidder - Mayor Skloss informed the Council of the issues we have had at the maintenance yard office, the building committee met and this was an idea by Councilmember Ebrom. Councilmember Ebrom stated the County used an office from Stallion in the past and it all worked out great. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Lyssy to authorize the Mayor to enter into a rental agreement with Stallion. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(11) Discuss and consider recommendation by Intrepid Surveying & Engineering Corp. to select bid from Liska Construction Company, Inc. for the City Park B

Walking Trails Project and take possible action awarding contract to Liska Construction Company, Inc. and authorizing Mayor to enter into contract with Liska Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$289,890.00 - Mayor Skloss presented the Council with the recommendation from Intrepid. He also informed the Council that Liska Construction would be able to start as soon as awarded, he also informed the Council of his concerns with the cross-country meet scheduled for August 28, 2021. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Franke to authorize the Mayor to enter into contract with Liska Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$289,890.00. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(12) Discuss and take possible action on Ordinance 2021-008 revising the city's fees for municipal water and sanitary sewer services - Mayor Skloss informed the Council of the price increase of all materials. City Manager Roberts stated that TML shows cities have increased their prices all over the world. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Ebrom to approve Ordinance 2021-008 with the price increase as presented. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(13) Discuss and take possible action on the request from Kyle Crews for a variance to the setback requirements to allow construction of a fence on property located at 620 S. Browne, Karnes City, Texas - James Rosales the contractor for Kyle Crews informed the Council that the property line is right in the middle of the current trees. He would like to keep the trees inside the property line, he is asking for a variance of 6-7 feet on S. Browne and 2 feet on E. Hackberry. DPW Rios informed the Council that all water and sewer lines are clear as long as the City has access to the meter. City Attorney Jessie Lopez recommended allowing an encroachment instead of a variance to allow the City to still have access if needed. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Ebrom and seconded by Councilmember Loya to authorize an encroachment of 6-7 feet on S. Browne and 2 feet on E. Hackberry at 620 S. Browne to allow the construction of a fence on the property. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(14) Workshop: Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget -Haylee presented the Council with the budget calendar. No action taken.

(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); Pending or contemplated litigation; *Section 551.072* (Deliberations about Real Property); and *Section 551.087* (Deliberations Regarding Economic Development Negotiations):

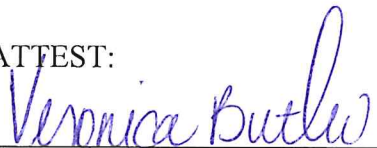
(a) Discussion regarding potential purchase of property for City Maintenance Yard.

Mayor Skloss and the Council convened into executive session at 6:50pm.

(16) 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 6:50 pm, in which no action was taken.

H. 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 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

ATTEST:


Veronica Butler, City Secretary


Leroy T. Skloss
Mayor

