

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
CITY OF KARNES CITY
NOVEMBER 23, 2021**

**STATE OF TEXAS)
COUNTY OF KARNES)
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On this **23rd** day of **November 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.
and Aaron Rosales

Councilmember absent: Larry Franke

Others present: City Manager (CM) Ken Roberts, City Secretary (CS) Veronica Butler
Director of Public Works (DPW) Fernando Rios, Chief of Police Roel Salas, Haylee Jurgajtis, Jessie Lopez, Sean O'Brein, Diana Solis, Amelia Martinez, Luke Sisti, Tyler Liska, Melanie Johnson, Monica Quintanilla and Charles Malik.

**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;
October 26, 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 4-0 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 that the project is moving along very well, the amphitheater is almost done. No action taken.

(4) Founder's Day – Discuss and consider report on status of Founder's Day 2021 – Haylee informed the Council that parade and vendor forms are still coming in, we will have lots of fun activities this year. No action taken.

G. NEW BUSINESS (CONSIDER AND ACT UPON):

5) Discuss and take possible action on the request by Sean O'Brien to cut curb for a second driveway at 503 E. Houston St., Karnes City, Texas – Sean O'Brien informed the Council that he would like a circle driveway in front of his home, he is asking for a variance to have an additional curb cut to make the circle driveway. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Ebrom and seconded by Councilmember Lyssy to approve the variance for the second curb cut at 503 E. Houston. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(6) Discuss and take possible action on the presentation from Stir Soda Shoppe on the sale of wine based drinks at Founder's Day – Melissa Shultz with Stir Soda Shoppe presented the Council information on their business, she stated they would like to present to sell wine based items or if the Council would like to designate the event as a "special event" all types of alcohol can be sold. She informed the Council that they hold insurance and everything would be under their license and permit. Mayor Skloss informed the Council, there are two choices on the table, the sale of wine base or all types of alcohol. Councilmember Ebrom asked the City Attorney for his opinion, City Attorney Jessie Lopez stated the sale of alcohol falls under the sellers insurance and responsibility, the City will not be liable for any issues. CM Roberts stated his recommendation is to designate as a special event. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Lyssy to designate Founders Day a special event and allow the sale of alcohol beverages. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(7) Discuss and take possible action on a change order #2 in the amount of \$18,500 to the city's contract with Liska Construction Company, Inc. for the City Park B Walking Trails Project to include additional landscaping work around park amphitheater – Mayor Skloss presented the Council with the change order, extending the sidewalk from the existing bathroom by the girls softball field and tie it into the walking trail and the raised platform at the amphitheater. Tyler Liska with Liska construction informed the Council that he would also extend the hand rail like the existing one. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Ebrom and seconded by Councilmember Lyssy to approve the change order #2 in the amount of \$18,500 to the City's contract with Liska Construction Company. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(8) Discuss and take possible action on Resolution 2021-014; A Resolution of the City of Karnes City adopting the Allocation Method for Opioid Settlement Proceeds – CM Roberts presented the Council the resolution and the background information on the settlement. City Attorney Lopez informed the Council that the Attorney General distributed this information and they indicated they would provide further guidance. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Ebrom and seconded by Councilmember Lyssy to approve Resolution 2021-014 as presented. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(9) Discuss and take possible action on the proposal from Fire Chief Malik on a purchase of a new fire truck in the amount of \$530,267.00 – Fire Chief Malik informed the Council of the issues he is currently having with 1997 truck. He stated originally he was going to request it at a later time but production of the truck is looking at 14 months. Chief also informed the Council that the ESD will donate \$150,000 towards the purchase to the truck, they would like to have a 30% ownership of the truck with will only go into effect if the City sells the truck down the line, they would receive 30% of the funds. Mayor Skloss informed the Council that our City attorney currently has the contracts; he will review them and bring them back to us at a later date. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Rosales to approve the purchase of the new fire truck in the amount of \$530,267.00. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(10) Discuss and take possible action to adjust or cancel December's regular monthly meeting – Mayor Skloss informed the Council that in the past we have canceled December's meeting. CS Butler informed the Council that if there is anything time pressing we can have a special meeting in December. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Rosales to cancel the December's regular meeting and call a special meeting if needed. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

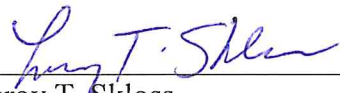
(11) Executive Session – The Council may enter into closed or executive session to discuss the following: Personnel under Tex. Government Code Section 551.074

(a) City Manager's Annual Evaluation.

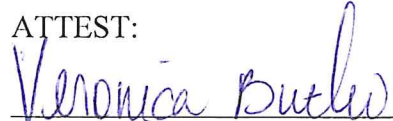
Mayor Skloss and the Council convened into executive session at 6:51pm.

4. (12) Return to Open Session – Discuss and take possible action resulting from Executive Session - After discussion in executive session, Mayor Skloss and Council reconvened into open session at 7:56 pm, in which a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Lyssy to accept the City Manager's evaluation and authorize the Mayor to amend the City Manager's contract to adjust his compensation from his current rate of \$70,000 to \$72,560 and also the change of his work schedule to 3 days a week and to be reevaluation at a later date. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

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