

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
CITY OF KARNES CITY  
JULY 26, 2022**

**STATE OF TEXAS)  
COUNTY OF KARNES)  
CITY OF KARNES CITY)**

On this **26<sup>th</sup> day of July 2022**, 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, Chief of Police Roel E. Salas, Director of Public Works (DPW) Fernando Rios, Haylee Jurgajtis, Jessie Lopez, Helen Hernandez, Richard Rosales, Shelby Dupnik, Debbie Liska, Isaac Pacheco, Kyle Perna, Debbie Witte, Trey Martin, Jim Wood, Hector Madrigal and Tripp Ruckman, Mary Garcia, and David Kunschik.

**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 28, 2022

**(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) Discuss and consider the update on the city’s renovation/repairs and move-in activities for the city-owned 6.62-acre property located at 1007 N. Highway 123, Karnes City, Texas** – CS Butler updated the Council on the new city sign, the council previously approved the purchase of a new sign, but prices have increased. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Lyssy to approve a not to exceed additional amount of \$5,000. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

**G. NEW BUSINESS (CONSIDER AND ACT UPON):**

**(4) Public Hearing (Public Participation) – 2021 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report** – Mayor Skloss opened the public hearing at 6:06 pm, no public participated in the hearing. Mayor Skloss closed the public hearing at 6:31pm.

**(5) Discuss and take possible action to authorize the engagement of Armstrong, Vaughan & Associates, P.C. for the 2022 City of Karnes City Audit** – Mayor Skloss presented the engagement letter to the Council. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Franke and seconded by Councilmember Rosales to authorize the engagement of Armstrong, Vaughan & Associates, P.C. for the 2022 City of Karnes City Audit. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

**(6) Discuss and take possible action on the request from Richard Rosales for municipal sewer and water services for 210 E. St. Joseph St, Karnes City, Texas** – Richard Rosales informed the Council he would like sewer and water services to his property, he stated he was aware that sewer was not available to the property at the time of purchase. CCE Moehrig informed the council that that area was just opened up in the past 3 years, the home across the street from this property has a septic due to not having sewer services in the area. DPW Rios stated we would have to hire a construction crew and take out trees over 100 years old, he will need about 400 ft of clearing then bring an 8-inch line to that area, sewer has never been extended that in that area. Mayor Skloss recommended to have the City Manager look into cost to clear and provide services and bring it back to the council. No action taken.

**(7) Discuss and take possible action on the request from Virginia Garcia to vacate and replat 0.33 acre tract of land located at 726 E. Calvert Avenue, Karnes City, Texas** – Tripp Ruckman informed the Council that Virginia Garcia has asked him to help her with this item, she would like permission to divide the property to move in a mobile home in for a family member. CCE Moehrig informed the council there is no issues with the replat. DPW Rios mentioned they will have to bring sewer from the alley, but it is possible. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Rosales to approve the vacate and replat 0.33-acre tract of land located at 726 E. Calvert Avenue, Karnes City, Texas. The vote was 3-2 in favor and the motion was declared passed with Councilmembers Ebrom and Franke voting against the motion.

**(8) Discuss and take possible action the request from Texas Krush Softball League (Isaac Pacheco and Kyle Perna) to discuss a contract and prices for use of the softball field and lighting for practice** – Isaac Pacheco informed the Council that they would like to set up a select team in Karnes City and would like to use the City fields for practice two times a week, insurance is something they will provide. He also stated that they hoping to have the team together and practicing before school starts. Mayor Skloss informed him of the price that the city pays for lights each time they are used. Councilmember Franke stated he is all for the girls being able to use the fields but if the prices for electricity is that high he doesn't see it feasible for the taxpayers to pay such a



high electric bill. After further discussion, Mayor Skloss stated we will need to look into a contract and pricing and bring it back to the council. No action taken.

**(9) Discuss and take possible action on awarding the construction contract for extension of sanitary sewer line to property located at 1968 S. HWY 181 Karnes City, Texas (Texan Travel Center)** – CM Roberts informed the Council that we have received confirmation that the Texan is still coming. He presented the only bid we received along with the recommendation from M&S Engineering. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Lyssy and seconded by Councilmember Rosales to award the construction contract to Stout Excavating Group Texas, LLC in the amount of \$538,764.33 for the extension of sanitary sewer line to property located at 1968 S. HWY 181 Karnes City, Texas (Texan Travel Center). The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

**(10) Discuss and take possible action to authorize locating a stop sign at the NW Corner of N. Market St. and E. Buchel Avenue as part of a new school bus route on East Buchel Avenue** – CM Roberts informed the Council that a stop sign is needed for the new school bus route. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Franke and seconded by Councilmember Rosales to approve the new stop sign at the NW Corner of N. Market St. and E. Buchel Avenue. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

**(11) Discuss and take possible action to adopt an Emergency Preparedness Plan (EPP)** – CM Roberts presented the Emergency Preparedness Plan, stated this is state mandated and was prepared by our engineers. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Franke and seconded by Councilmember Loya to approve the Emergency Preparedness Plan. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

**(12) Discuss and take possible action on agreement between the City of Karnes City and ARC Land Resources, LLC for certain landman services relating to the City's mineral lease agreement with Marathon Oil** – City Attorney Jessie Lopez informed the Council that there are two outstanding agreements that have not been signed, ARC Land Resources will reach out to those two individuals. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Lyssy to approve the agreement between the City of Karnes City and ARC Land Resources, LLC. The vote was 3-1 in favor and the motion was declared passed, Councilmember Franke voted against the motion and Councilmember Rosales abstained from voting.

**(13) Discuss and take possible action to authorize the hiring of School Resource Officers** – Mayor Skloss stated that the council had requested to create a committee to help with this process, he informed them of several meetings that he has had regarding this item. He also stated the County is covering Runge ISD and Falls City ISD and Kenedy Pd is covering Kenedy ISD. Councilmember Ebrom stated that we are all here to support the kids and support what goes on in our schools but there are just multiple

approaches to this problem. He stated he has some feedback from a couple of the school board members who they themselves stated they haven't voted on this issue, and they are also undecided on what they want to do, one of them wants the guardian program and another wants something else, so there is a lot of things out there that are still undecided. He also stated that the liability part is a big issue and that should fall back on the school, I don't think throwing money at it with four officers is just not the way to go, I think the school is in a better position to do it. Councilmember Ebrom stated he would also like to unfreeze the frozen Police Officer position the city currently has in the budget and have that one officer patrol all the school campus all day.


Councilmember Loya stated regardless of having an officer on campus or not our Police Department will be liable for any issues since it is in our city limits. Councilmember Franke stated all we need to do is just get someone in our school to protect our kids, he stated in the next two weeks we cannot get officer in there so the school needs to get a plan together soon. KCISD Superintendent Hector Madrigal informed the Council that on Thursday the school board will decide in which direction they will want to go, he stated we understand this will not happen overnight, the school does have some financial resources set aside, he also informed the Council of the changes the campus has already done and what is already approved. Councilmember Rosales stated he wants what is best for our kids, he thinks a correctly trained officer is who will be best, someone who is trained to be around kids. He also stated when he was in school there was an officer on campus. Councilmember Ebrom stated back in 2007 the school had their own police department and that was a great program, he stated that was his recommendation was for the school to reactive that and hire their own police. Superintendent Hector Madrigal stated he is not here to try to disagree with the city, he would just like to state that if they were to hire their own police force, they would just be stealing from the City and County and leaving the streets open, we are all on the same team here, these are our kids and our community. I would just like to figure out a way to work together and help offset some of the cost, that's what we are here for today just to let you know we are willing to offset the cost by 75% if the Council decides to go that way. Mayor Skloss stated he doesn't have a vote in this, but it concerns him that our neighboring districts are being taken care of, I would like to see us moving forward and assist the school district and get this plan put together. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Ebrom and seconded by Councilmember Franke to deny the schools request for hire four school resource officers and refer it back to the school until they get a plan in place but approve to open the one frozen position and utilize that officer to help patrol the campuses. The vote was 1-2 in favor and the motion failed, Councilmember Lyssy and Rosales abstained from voting. After further discussion, a second motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Franke to partner with the school and if the school board accepts the agreement with the with the 75%/25% for the four officers. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed, Councilmember Ebrom abstained from voting.

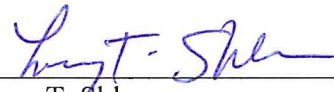


**(14) Workshop: discussion on staff presentation on preparations of Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Budget** – Haylee presented the budget calendar to the council. Informed them that everyone to have their wish list turned in, she will have budgets printed at the next meeting. No action taken.

**H. Adjournment:** There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Franke 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

