

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
CITY OF KARNES CITY
MARCH 28, 2023**

**STATE OF TEXAS)
COUNTY OF KARNES)
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On this 28th day of March 2023, 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, Aaron Rosales, and Robert Ebrom Jr.

Councilmembers absent: Larry Franke

Others present: Interim City Manager (CM) Veronica Butler, Director of Public Works Fernando Rios, III, Chief of Police Roel E. Salas, Code Enforcement Officer Kevin Moechrig, Haylee Jurgajtis, Bobbie Jo Roberson, Lou Mireles, Helen Hernandez, and Mely Martinez,

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

D. Public Comments – None.

E. Consent Agenda:

(1) Minutes

- a. Discuss and consider approving the minutes from;
February 28, 2023

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

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Rosales and seconded by Councilmember Loya to approve the Consent Agenda. The vote was 3-1 in favor and the motion was declared passed, Councilmember Ebrom voted against the motion.

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONSIDER AND ACT UPON):

G. NEW BUSINESS (CONSIDER AND ACT UPON):

(3) Discuss and take possible action on the Mayoral Proclamation declaring the month of April as “National Sexual Assault Awareness Prevention Month.” – Mayor Skloss presented the proclamation. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Ebrom and seconded by Councilmember Lyssy approve the Mayoral Proclamation declaring the month of April as “National Sexual Assault Awareness Prevention Month.” The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(4) Discuss and take possible action to authorize the City Council and/or their designees to join the TASB Energy Cooperative through the Interlocal Agreement – Haylee informed the Council of the agreement. Lou Mireles with Buy Board presented the Council with information on TASB Energy Cooperation. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Ebrom and seconded by Councilmember Rosales to authorize the City Council and/or their designees to join the TASB Energy Cooperative through the Interlocal Agreement. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(5) Discuss and take possible action on repealing Ordinance 2023-004, Declaring Unopposed Candidates for the Offices of City Councilmember District #2 and Councilmember #4 – CM Butler informed the Council that since the Mayor's election is "at large" the unopposed Candidates for districts #2 & #4 will have to remain on the ballots. We will need to repeal the already approved ordinance 2023-004. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Lyssy to repeal Ordinance 2023-004 Declaring Unopposed Candidates for the Offices of City Councilmember District #2 and Councilmember #4. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(6) Discuss and take possible action on whether to ratify city's acceptance and to proceed with city's application to AACOG for grants through the Hurricane Harvey CDBG-Disaster Recovery Local Infrastructure Program – City Attorney Jessie Lopez informed the council of the funding. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Ebrom and seconded by Councilmember Lyssy to accept the funds from AACOG. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(7) Discuss and take possible action awarding an administrative services contract with Langford Community Management for the preparation of the City's 2023 - 2024 Texas Community Development Block Grant Program – CM Butler informed the Council that Langford Community Management was the only one that submitted an RFQ for administrative services. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Rosales to award the administrative services contract to Langford Community Management for the preparation of the City's 2023 - 2024 Texas Community Development Block Grant Program. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(8) Discuss and take possible action on action concerning award of the engineering services contract with Thonhoff Consulting Engineers, Inc. for the preparation of the City's 2023 - 2024 Texas Community Development Block Grant Program – CM Butler informed the Council that the City received three RFQ's for engineering services, after scoring the recommendation would be to award to Thonhoff Consulting Engineers, Inc. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Ebrom and seconded by Councilmember Lyssy to award the Engineering services contract with Thonhoff Consulting Engineers, Inc. for the preparation of the City's 2023 - 2024 Texas Community Development Block Grant Program. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(9) Discuss and take possible action concerning award of the administrative services contract with Langford Community Management for the preparation of the City's application to the Texas General Land Office, (GLO) CDBG-MIT Grant – CM Butler informed the Council that Langford Community Management was the only one that submitted an RFP for administrative services. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Rosales and seconded by Councilmember Lyssy to award the administrative services contract to Langford Community Management for the preparation of the City's application to the Texas General Land Office, (GLO) CDBG-MIT Grant.

(10) 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); Section 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property); and Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters).

(A) Discuss and consider of hiring process for new City Manager

(B) Karnes ISD driveway project on Market Street

The Mayor and Council convened into executive session at 6:23pm.

(11) Return to Open Session – Discuss and take possible action resulting from Executive Session – After discussion in executive session, Mayor and Council reconvened into open session at 6:57pm, in which a motion was made by Councilmember Ebrom and seconded by Councilmember Loya to authorize CM Butler prepare and advertise for the City Manager position. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

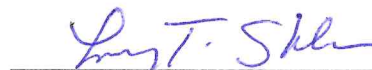
H. Adjournment: There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Ebrom and seconded by Councilmember Rosales to adjourn the meeting. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

ATTEST:



Veronica Butler

Interim City Manager/ City Secretary



Leroy T. Skloss

Mayor

