

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
CITY OF KARNES CITY
APRIL 25, 2023**

**STATE OF TEXAS)
COUNTY OF KARNES)
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On this **25th** day of **April 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, Larry Franke
and Robert Ebrom Jr.

Councilmembers absent: Councilmember Loya left at @ 6:20PM.
Others present: Director of Public Works Fernando Rios, III, Chief of Police Roel E. Salas, Code Enforcement Officer Kevin Moehrig, Municipal Court Judge Roselee Bailey, Haylee Jurgajtis, Helen Hernandez, Cheryl Moy, Dr. Wendy Knox, 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;
March 28, 2023

(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):

G. NEW BUSINESS (CONSIDER AND ACT UPON):

(3) Discuss and take possible action on the Mayoral Proclamation declaring the month of April as “Child Abuse Prevention Month” – Dr. Wendy Knox presented the proclamation. After further discussion a motion was made by Councilmember Lyssy and seconded by Councilmember Rosales to approve the Mayoral Proclamation declaring the month of April as “Child Abuse Prevention Month.” The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(4) Discuss and take possible action on the Mayoral Proclamation declaring May 15th as Peace Officer Memorial Day and May 14th – 20th as National Police Week in the City of

Karnes City – Mayor Skloss presented the proclamation. After further discussion a motion was made by Councilmember Franke and seconded by Councilmember Lyssy to approve the Mayoral Proclamation declaring May 15th as Peace Officer Memorial Day and May 14th – 20th as National Police Week in the City of Karnes City. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(5) Discuss and take possible action on Resolution 2023-006 authorizing the submission of an application, to include the Civil Rights Policies, for the 2023-2024

TxCDBG Community Development Fund competition - Mayor Skloss presented the resolution along with the policies. After further discussion a motion was made by Councilmember Ebrom and seconded by Councilmember Rosales to approve resolution 2023-006 authorizing the submission of an application, to include the Civil Rights Policies, for the 2023-2024 TxCDBG Community Development Fund competition. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(6) Discuss and possible action on Resolution 2023-007 authorizing signatories for the 2023-24 application and future grants administered through Texas Department of

Agriculture TDA Go grants online - Mayor Skloss presented the resolution. After further discussion a motion was made by Councilmember Lyssy and seconded by Councilmember Ebrom to approve resolution 2023-007 authorizing signatories for the 2023-24 application and future grants administered through Texas Department of Agriculture TDA Go grants online. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(7) Discuss and take possible action on the request from Karnes City Chamber to allow the City Maintenance Department to hand “Shop Local” Banners on 4-5 utility poles in

Karnes City – Mely Martinez informed the Council the chamber would like to have shop local banners put up on utility poles at the entrance of the city and near some of the local businesses. Councilmember Ebrom stated his concerns with having banners near certain businesses and not all. After further discussion a motion was made by Councilmember Ebrom and seconded by Councilmember Franke to approve the shop local banners and get with the CM Butler on the location of the banners. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(8) Discuss and take possible action on the donation from the Karnes City Chamber in the amount of \$5,000 for a “Welcome to Karnes City Sign”

– Cheryl Moy with the Karnes City Chamber informed the Council that the chamber is donating \$5,000 check to the Welcome to Karnes City sign. Mayor Skloss informed the Chamber the City is still waiting on the property owner’s permission for a sign easement or to purchase the property. After further discussion a motion was made by Councilmember Franke and seconded by Councilmember Rosales to accept the donation from the Karnes City Chamber in the amount of \$5,000 for a “Welcome to Karnes City Sign.” The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(9) Discuss and take possible action on the bid estimates received for the installation of “Welcome to Karnes City” signage at the intersection of W. Calvert and HWY 181

Mayor Skloss presented the estimates, he informed the Council that the city is still waiting on landowner permission. No action taken.

(10) Discuss and take possible action Resolution 2023-008 designating a nominee for the Karnes County Appraisal District Board of Directors for 2023-2024 – Mayor Skloss presented the resolution. After further discussion a motion was made by Councilmember Ebrom and seconded by Councilmember Rosales to approve resolution 2023-008 designating Benny Lyssy as a nominee for the Karnes County Appraisal District Board of Directors for 2023-2024. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(11) 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).

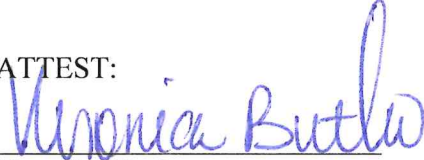
(A) Discuss and consider the interim City Manager Contract.

Councilmember Loya requested that agenda item #11 be moved up. The Mayor and Council convened into executive session at 6:03pm.

(12) 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 6:19 pm, in which a motion was made by Councilmember Franke and seconded by Councilmember Ebrom to authorize the Mayor to execute the first amendment to the Interim City Manager agreement of employment and to further authorize the Mayor to extend an offer for permanent employment with Mrs. Veronica Butler as City Manager for the terms discussed in closed session. If Mrs. Butler accepts the position offered, cancel the City Manager's job posting. The vote was 5-0 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 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

