

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
CITY OF KARNES CITY
OCTOBER 24, 2023**

**STATE OF TEXAS)
COUNTY OF KARNES)
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On this 24th day of **October 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, Donnie Dziuk,
and Helen Hernandez

Councilmembers absent: Aaron Rosales

Others present: Interim City Manager/City Secretary Veronica Butler, Director of Public Works Fernando Rios, III, Chief of Police Roel E. Salas, Code Enforcement Officer Kevin Moehrig, and Mely Martinez.

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

D. Public Comments – Mely Martinez with Chamber informed the Council of the downtown trick or treat on Halloween day.

E. Consent Agenda:

(1) Minutes

- a. Discuss and consider approving the minutes from;
August 22, 2023
September 12, 2023

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

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Lyssy and seconded by Councilmember Dziuk 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) Discuss and take possible action on preparations for Founders Day event on December 9, 2023 – CS Butler informed the Council that everything is still moving along. No action taken.

G. NEW BUSINESS (CONSIDER AND ACT UPON):

(4) Discuss and consider staff report on the October 23, 2023, City Hall Citizens Advisory Committee meeting – Mayor Skloss informed the Council that the members did not show up. No action taken.

(5) Discuss and take possible action on the recommendation from the Karnes City Public Library Board to appoint David Chapman and Lisa Cummings to fill the board vacancies – Mayor Skloss informed the Council that the recommendation comes from the library board. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Dziuk to approve the appointment of David Chapman and Lisa Cummings to fill the board vacancies. The vote was 3-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed, Councilmember Lyssy abstained from voting.

(6) Discuss and take possible action on Ordinance 2023-014, adjusting the city's residential and commercial trash collection rates to reflect the annual and automatic price adjustment made by Waste Connections, Inc. and as provided under the terms of company's contract with the City – CS Butler presented the ordinance. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Lyssy and seconded by Councilmember Hernandez to approve Ordinance 2023-014, adjusting the city's residential and commercial trash collection rates to reflect the annual and automatic price adjustment made by Waste Connections, Inc. and as provided under the terms of company's contract with the City. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(7) Discuss and take possible action on Resolution 2023-015 authorizing the city's participation and membership in the Texas SmartBuy Membership program – CS Butler presented the ordinance. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Lyssy and seconded by Councilmember Hernandez to approve Resolution 2023-015 authorizing the city's participation and membership in the Texas SmartBuy Membership program. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(8) Discuss and take possible action on Ordinance 2023-016, designating a School Zone along N. Panna Maria St from W. Buchel Ave. to W. Houston Street, Karnes City, Texas – Mayor Skloss presented the ordinance. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Dziuk to approve Ordinance 2023-016, designating a School Zone along N. Panna Maria St from W. Buchel Ave. to W. Houston Street, Karnes City, Texas. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(9) Discuss and take possible action Resolution 2023-017 designating a nominee for the Karnes County Appraisal District Board of Directors for 2024-2025 – Mayor Skloss presented the resolution. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Hernandez to approve Resolution 2023-017 designating a nominee for the Karnes County Appraisal District Board of Directors for 2024-2025. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(10) Discuss and take possible action on whether to adjust the date or to cancel the November and December City Council Meeting – CS Butler informed the Council that November meeting is the week after thanksgiving, that would move up the deadlines for adding an item to agenda and the posting of the agenda. The December meeting falls on the week of Christmas. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Dziuk and seconded by Councilmember Hernandez to leave the November meeting as is and cancel the December regular meeting. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(11) Discuss and take possible action on the utility map prepared and submitted by Schneider Engineering – CS Butler presented the maps, some changes are needed, no action taken.

(12) Discuss and take possible action on adopting the city's 2024 Holiday Calendar – CS Butler presented the 2024 Holiday Calendar. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Dziuk and seconded by Councilmember Loya to approve the City's Holiday Calendar. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

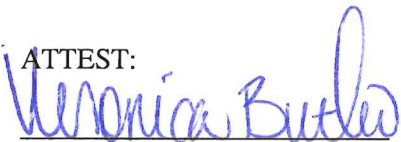
(13) Executive Session – The City Council of the City of Karnes City may convene in Executive Session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 (Consultations with Attorney) on matters in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly requires discussion in closed session) and Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters).

(A) Discuss and consider of hiring process for new City Manager
Mayor Skloss and Council convened in executive session at 6:36pm.

(14) Return to Open Session – Discuss and take possible action on items discussed in Executive Session – Mayor Skloss and Council reconvened into open session at 7:01pm, in which no action was taken.


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

