

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
CITY OF KARNES CITY
JUNE 25, 2024**

**STATE OF TEXAS)
COUNTY OF KARNES)
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On this 25th day of JUNE 2024, 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
Councilmembers: Lillian Lyssy, Helen Hernandez, Aaron Rosales
and Donald Dziuk

Councilmembers absent: Lillian Lyssy left at 7:28 pm
Others present: City Secretary (CS) Veronica Butler, Chief of Police Roel Salas, Haylee Jurgajtis, Kevin Moehrig, Oakland Brosig, Cindy Brosig, Sandra Carter, Brady Kosub, Carissa Parker and Jason Moeley.

**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;
 - May 28, 2024
 - June 12, 2024
 - June 13, 2024

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

After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Dziuk 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 take possible action on the request from the Karnes City Methodist Church for an agreement for use of the former City Hall building at 314 E. Calvert Avenue, Karnes City, Texas – Sandra Carter informed the Council that the required paperwork has been done, they are waiting on getting some training done in San Antonio. Mayor Skloss informed her that the council will still need to take formal action on getting an agreement. Councilmember Hernandez stated that the council has never voted on what action the city wants to take allowing them to use the building. She stated she is still against the food bank; we are enabling the community by providing another food

bank in our county. Councilmember Rosales stated he is not against the food bank but not in favor of them using the old City Hall. Councilmember Dziuk stated he agrees with Councilmember Rosales, he would also like to know who is paying for the utilities while the building is in use. Councilmember Loya stated he is not opposed to it; this is the best idea we have as of right now. He would like the city staff and mayor to negotiate a contract for the use of the building. Mayor Skloss stated he's not against it, he agrees we need to start the negotiations to work on a contract to bring it back to the council. A motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Dziuk to proceed with allowing the staff and Mayor to negotiate a contract to bring back to the council in July. The vote was 3-2 in favor and the motion was declared passed, Councilmember Hernandez and Rosales voted against the motion.

(4) Discuss and take possible action on the staff update on the renovations at the old City Hall at 314 E. Calvert Avenue, Karnes City, Texas – Mayor Skloss presented the proposal from Unlimited Roofing and Construction for the replacement of four (4) windows and painting of one (1) door. After further discussion a motion was made by CM Loya and seconded by CM Rosales to approve the proposal from Unlimited Roofing and Construction in the amount of \$6,950. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

G. NEW BUSINESS (CONSIDER AND ACT UPON):

(5) Discuss and take possible action on appointing Tammy Braudaway, Karnes County Tax Assessor-Collector, to calculate the No-New-Revenue Tax Rate and the Voter-approval Tax Rate for the 2024 tax year – Mayor Skloss informed the Council this is a yearly item. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Lyssy and seconded by Councilmember Hernandez to approve Tammy Braudaway, Karnes County Tax Assessor-Collector, to calculate the No-New-Revenue Tax Rate and the Voter-approval Tax Rate for the 2024 tax year. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(6) Discuss and take possible action on the previously denied Change Order No. 2 to the engineering contract with M&S Engineering in the amount of \$15,000 for the Construction administration related to the CDBG waterline project – Mayor Skloss presented the Council the itemized invoice. Carissa Paker with M&S engineering informed the Council that we had a lot of delays due to the contractor, it took more work on their end. Jason Moseley stated the contract went from May 2023 to May 2024, over nine months past the original completion date. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Lyssy and seconded by Councilmember Rosales to approve change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$15,000. The vote was 4-1 in favor and the motion was declared passed. Councilmember Loya voted against the motion.

(7) Discuss and take possible action on whether the city wishes to proceed with proposed dedication of Brosig Drive to City – CM Butler informed the Council that Oakland Brosig approached the city a few years back asking the city to take over the

road, he has now surveyed it all and is here to ask if the city would consider it. Oakland Brosig informed the Council that they would like to donate the current private road to the city, he has already developed multiple homes in that area, he has also installed all water and sewer lines to city specs. City Attorney Lopez informed the Council that the city must first verify the conditions of the street and make sure they are up to city standards or if modifications will need to be made. After further discussion the council directed staff to get more information on driveway permits, street alignments and conditions of road and bring it back to the council. No action taken.

(8) Discuss and take possible action on whether to amend and update Chapter 4.12 – Nuisance of the City Code to better address public nuisance problems on various properties located within the city – CM Dziuk informed the Council he has received some complaints about some properties in our city that have a lot of junk. He stated he would like to look into our ordinances and see if there is anything we need to change or update. CC Moehrig stated our ordinance is up to code, he stated the only other thing we can do is put a lien on the property or talk to city prosecutor about the extensions that are being given. Councilmember Rosales stated he received the same complaint, he also stated he would like each councilmember to look within their own district and make a list of properties that need improvements. No action taken.

(9) Discuss and consider the project update from the Karnes City Park Advisory Board – CM Loya gave an update on the status of the installation of the park benches and entrance. No action taken.

(10) Discuss and take possible action on the revisions to the Karnes City Police Department, Cadet Assistance Program Policy – Haylee informed Council this is a revision from last month's meeting, we have changed the not to exceed amount of \$3,500 to \$4,500 to make sure we have a little wiggle room to cover all possible schools. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Dziuk to approve the change in the Cadett Assistance program policy. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(11) Discuss and take possible action on setting date and other preparations for Founder's Day event in 2024 – Haylee stated this is the approval to continue founders' day on second Saturday in December. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Rosales and seconded by Councilmember Hernandez to approve Founders Day for December 14, 2024, and to continue with other preparations for the event. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(12) Workshop: Review and Discussion of staff presentation on city's Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget and proposed allocation of funds, capital projects, employee wages, and other related budgetary matters – Haylee presented the Council with the FY 2024-2025 budget calendar. She also asked if there was any items they would like to see in the budget this year. Councilmember Rosales stated an animal control facility is

needed, Councilmember Loya stated he would like to see us install a canopy/carport for patrol units and wants to see all maintenance trucks under sheds also. No action taken.


(13) Executive Session – The City Council 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 matter in which the duty of the attorney to the government body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professions Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly requires discussion in closed session and Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters.)


(A) Discussion on status of application review and hiring process for new City Manager.

Mayor and Council convened into executive session at 7:37 PM.

(14) Return to Open Session – Discuss and take possible action on items discussed in Executive Session – After discussion in closed session, Mayor and Council reconvened into open session at 8:11 PM, in which a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Rosales to call a special meeting on Monday, July 1, 2024, at 5:00 PM to form a hiring committee and consider a proposal from Texas First Group. 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 Hernandez and seconded by Councilmember Dziuk 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
Interim City Manager/ City Secretary

