

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
CITY OF KARNES CITY  
MARCH 26, 2024**

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

On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March 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, Sr.  
Councilmembers: Lillian Lyssy, Aaron Rosales, Donnie Dziuk  
and Helen Hernandez

Councilmembers absent:

Others present: Interim City Manager/City Secretary Veronica Butler, Director of Public Works Fernando Rios, Chief of Police Roel Salas, Haylee Jurgajtis, Kevin Moehrig, Sandra Carter, Megean Dennison, Bobbie Jo Roberson, Wendy Knox, Michelle Adams, Nathan Waltman, Erin Fudge, David Wiatrek, and Boyd Weise.

**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;

February 27, 2024

March 12, 2024

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

After further 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 take possible action on the request from Karnes City Methodist Church for an agreement for use of the former City Hall building at 314 E. Calvert Avenue, Karnes City, Texas as a food bank** – Mrs. Carter informed the Council she still waiting on the paperwork for the 501C3 and creating an entity. No action taken.

**(4) Discuss and take possible action on the staff update on the renovations at the old City Hall located at 314 E. Calvert Avenue, Karnes City, Texas** – CM Butler presented the flooring and quote to painting the entire inside of the building. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Lyssy and seconded by Councilmember Rosales to

approve the flooring and the quote to paint the inside of building in the amount of \$9,500. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

**(5) Discuss and take possible action on the staff update on the 2024 Street Paving Project** – CM Butler presented the council with the status update. No action was taken.

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

**(6) Discuss and take possible action on the Mayoral Proclamation declaring the month of April as “National Sexual Assault Awareness Prevention Month.”** – Bobbie Jo Roberson read the proclamation to the Mayor and Council. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Dziuk and seconded by Councilmember Lyssy to approve the Mayoral Proclamation declaring the month of April as “National Sexual Assault Awareness Prevention Month.” The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

**(7) Discuss and take possible action on the Mayoral Proclamation declaring the month of April as “Child Abuse Prevention Month.”** - Dr. Wendy Knox informed the Council on the community involvement BELONG has within our County, she also read the Proclamation. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Rosales and seconded by Councilmember Loya to approve the Mayoral Proclamation declaring the month of April as “Child Abuse Prevention Month.” The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

**(8) Discuss and take possible action on the update from Karnes City ISD Education Foundation on the event to be held on May 11, 2024, and the foundation’s request for a waiver of the City Ordinance requiring the city’s consent for the issuance of a TABC permit** – Erin Fudge and Megean Dennison with the KCISD Education Foundation informed the Council they would like to ask for a waiver of the City Ordinance to be able to obtain a TABC permit and sell alcohol at the event. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Dziuk to approve the request from the KCISD Education Foundation to waive any city ordinance and proving consent for the issuance of a TABC permit. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

**(9) Discuss and take possible action on Resolution No. 2024-001; a resolution finding that AEP Texas Inc.’s existing electric rates and charges within the city should remain in effect** – Boyd Weise with AEP, Texas informed Council that AEP was mandated to submit the rate increase. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Rosales to approve Resolution 2024-001; a resolution finding that AEP Texas Inc.’s existing electric rates and charges within the city should remain in effect. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

**(10) Presentation and discussion on the proposed license agreement with Rise Broadband for installation of broadband facilities in city-owned right of ways** – Nathan with Rise Broadband informed the Council he was present to answer any questions, the others that were supposed to make a presentation were not able to make it. Mayor Skloss

expressed his concern about the underground installation and informed him of the major projects the city is going to be doing over this next years' time frame. Nathan informed the Council they are looking at directional boring, they do not open cut any roads if not needed. DPW Rios stated his concerns with damage to water and sewer lines along with resident's driveways, who will be replacing those if they need to be cut. CM Butler suggested that we organize a meeting to be able to discuss further with the construction crews. No action taken.

**(11) Discuss and take possible action on the proposals from Liska Construction in the amount of \$22,700 for the installation of ten (10) concrete slabs for park benches; two (2) pet stations; and one (1) handicap slab at the City Park Amphitheater –**

Councilmember Loya informed the Council that the park's board had their meeting and have approved to move forward the installation of the concrete slabs and pet stations, during their meeting a handicap slab was mentioned to have a spot for a wheelchair if needed. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Hernandez and seconded by Councilmember Rosales to approve the proposal from Liska Construction in the amount of \$22,700 for the installation of ten (10) concrete slabs for park benches; two (2) pet stations; and one (1) handicap slab at the City Park Amphitheater. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed. Councilmember Loya abstained from voting.

**(12) Discuss and take possible action on a Change Order No.2 to the engineering contract with M&S Engineering in the amount of \$15,000 for Construction administration related to the CDBG waterline project -** CM Butler presented the change order, also informed the Council that the contracts state a not to exceed amount for the entire project. The Mayor and Council expressed their concerns with the change order. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Lyssy to deny the change order No. 2. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

**(13) Discuss and take possible action on the request from Karnes City ISD for city to install lighted school zone signage on North Esplanade and Mayfield Street, Karnes City, Texas –** CM Butler informed the council of the prices received. The Council directed CM to reach out to the school district to discuss further. No action taken.

**(14) Discuss and take possible action on the staff proposal and recommendation to install Karnes City Badger decals to the School Resource Officer patrol units –** Chief Salas presented the recommendation to the Council. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Dziuk and seconded by Councilmember Rosales to proceed with adding School Resource officer in blue on the side of units, take off "Karnes City Badgers" along with "School Resource officer" off of the back of the unit and keep the KC logo on the side of the license plate in the size to match the City logo and go ahead and get a demo of the flag with badger to presented and example at a later meeting. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

**(15) Discuss and take possible action on the recommendation from the Karnes City Public Library Board to appoint Diane Dziuk to fill the board vacancy –** Mayor Skloss presented the recommendation from the library board to fill a vacancy. After further

discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Hernandez to appoint Diane Dziuk to fill the board vacancy. The vote was 3-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed. Councilmember Dziuk and Lyssy abstained from voting.

**(16) Discuss and take possible action on the proposed consulting agreement with Kevin Moehrig for code compliance consulting services** – CM Butler presented the consulting agreement. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Lyssy to approve the consulting agreement with Kevin Moehrig for code compliance consulting services. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

**(17) 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) Discussion regarding Salary Survey
- (B) Discussion on status of hiring of new City Manager
- (C) Discussion on assistance program for Police Trainee Academy training
- (D) Discussion regarding proposed sale of 211 E. Calvert Avenue., Karnes City, Texas (former Karnes PD Building)

Mayor Skloss and Council went into executive session at 7:15pm.


**(18) Return to Open Session – Discuss and take possible action on items discussed in Executive Session** – Mayor Skloss and Council reconvened in open session at 8:31pm in which no action was taken.

**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 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

ATTEST:



Veronica Butler  
Interim City Manager/ City Secretary

  
Leroy T. Skloss  
Mayor