

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
CITY OF KARNES CITY
MAY 28, 2024**

**STATE OF TEXAS)
COUNTY OF KARNES)
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On this 28th day of MAY 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:

Others present: Director of Public Works Fernando Rios, Chief of Police Roel Salas, Haylee Jurgajtis, Kevin Moehrig, Bob Thonhoff, Carissa Parker, Jason Moseley, Brady Kosub, David Young, CK Newberry, KC Chamber members, members from the community.

**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;
March 26, 2024

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

After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Lyssy and seconded by Councilmember Hernandez 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 – Mrs. Carter was not available to attend meeting, Mayor Skloss informed the council that he did speak with Mario from the SA food bank, he was looking for an update. Mayor informed him the City is waiting to hear back from Mrs. Carter on the status. No action taken.

(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 updated the Council of the walk through, it is basically all done the windows on the west side of the building need to still be replaced. No action taken.

G. NEW BUSINESS (CONSIDER AND ACT UPON):

(5) Discuss and take possible action on the Mayoral Proclamation declaring the month of May as “Community Action Month.” – Tomie Baldera with WIC and CCSCT presented the proclamation. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Dziuk and seconded by Councilmember Rosales to approve the proclamation as presented. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(6) Discuss and take possible action on the presentation from the Karnes City Chamber of Commerce to present the City Council and Staff with an appreciation plaque for their continuous support with the Downtown Trick or Treat Events from 2017-2023 – Cheryl Moy thanked all city departments for the continuous support with the downtown trick or treat. No action taken.

(7) Discuss and take possible action on the request from Consuelo Leal Neel to vacate and replat the property identified as Lot 1 and 2, Block 108 of the Karnes Subdivision – Connie Leal Neel informed Council she is needing permission to replot her lots, she is wanting to turn lots to face North to South they currently facing East to West. Kevin Moehrig informed the Council that the home she is planning to build will be on its own lot. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Lyssy to approve the request to vacate and replat the property identified as Lot 1 and 2, Block 108 of the Karnes Subdivision. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(8) Discuss and take possible action on the presentation from Keepin’ It Real Community Church to establish a Powerhouse God’s Transitional Home at 209 Country Club Drive, Karnes City, Texas – Pastor Trent Enriquez presented the Powerhouse God’s Transitional Home presentation to the Council and public. The Mayor and Council asked questions to get more information. Sheri Kotara informed the council and public that she does not want this in her neighbor. No action taken.

(9) Discuss and take possible action on the recommendation from WTC Engineers on the selection and awarding of a contract to CK Newberry in the amount of \$836,600.00 for the 2024 Street Improvement Project – Bob Thonhoff presented to Council of the recommendation of CK Newberry based on best value method. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Rosales to approve the recommendation from WTC Engineers on the selection and awarding of a contract to CK Newberry in the amount of \$836,600.00 for the 2024 Street Improvement Project. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(10) Discuss and take possible action on previously denied 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 -Mayor Skloss stated he has spoken to the engineers and they are in agreement to have a sit down

meeting with the Mayor and City Secretary along with the contractors and the grant admin to discuss this matter and get it resolved. No action taken.

(11) Discuss and take possible action on the Cadet Assistance Program for the City of Karnes City - Chief Salas informed the Council that he has one young man that will be attending the AACOG Police academy, he worked as an intern in the Police Department and has approached the City about a sponsorship. Mayor Skloss stated the only thing he sees is that amount is blank, that would be a recommendation from the Chief. Chief Salas stated every police academy charges differently and it also depends on what the City wants to pay, if we choose to pay all or some of the program. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Rosales to approve the Cadet Assistance Program for the City of Karnes City not to exceed \$3,500. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(12) Discuss and take possible action on the proposal from Trojan Technologies in the amount of \$84,131.62 for parts to make necessary repairs to the Wastewater Treatment Plant – DPW Rios informed the Council that the equipment was put in in 2007 and came online in 2009, he said it is doing its job but is overloaded. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Lyssy to approve the proposal from Trojan Technologies in the amount of \$84,131.62 for the parts and repairs to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(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 hiring of new City Manager.

The Mayor and Council convened into closed session at 7:59pm.

(14) Return to Open Session – Discuss and take possible action on items discussed in Executive Session – The Mayor and Council reconvened into open session at 9:03 pm. After discussion in executive session a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Dziuk to direct the Interim City Manager, Veronica Butler to schedule interviews with the top candidates selected in closed session. 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 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

Leroy T. Skloss

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Mayor

ATTEST:

Haylee Jurgajtis

Haylee Jurgajtis for
Veronica Butler
Interim City Manager/ City Secretary

