

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
CITY OF KARNES CITY
JANUARY 23, 2024**

**STATE OF TEXAS)
COUNTY OF KARNES)
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On this 23rd day of January 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: Aaron Rosales, Donnie Dziuk and Helen Hernandez

Councilmembers absent: Lillian Lyssy

Others present: Interim City Manager/City Secretary Veronica Butler, Director of Public Works Fernando Rios, Chief of Police Roel Salas, Code Enforcement Officer Kevin Mochrig Haylee Jurgajits, Jessie Lopez, Phil Vaughan, Ron Carter, Mely Martinez, Michell Adams, Margaret Gotthardt, Mario Obledo, Jr. Penny Bowen, and Melanie Johnson.

**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;
November 28, 2023

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

Haylee went over fund balances. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Rosales 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):

G. NEW BUSINESS (CONSIDER AND ACT UPON):

(4) 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 – Ron Carter informed the Council the church is still interested in utilizing the old City Hall. Mayor Skloss informed the council he attended the walk through with the food bank and the old city hall is just an overall better fit for the food bank. Mario Obledo with the SA Food bank informed the council they support the project, there is a training coming up, he would like to see if anyone would like to go, it will teach you how to become an agency partner. CM Hernandez asked if there would be any assistance with the remodeling of the building, the cost of the food and who would be

responsible for the freezer and refrigerators. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Hernandez to continue the discussion with the Karnes City Methodist Church for an agreement for use of the former City Hall building. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(5) Discuss and take possible action on the cost proposals to repair the floors and HVAC units at the former City Hall building located at 314 E. Calvert Avenue, Karnes City, Texas – CM Butler informed the council we are still waiting on the final estimates to come in. No action was taken.

(6) Discuss and take possible action on the City's Annual Financial Audit for fiscal year 2022-2023 submitted by Armstrong, Vaughan & Associates, P.C. - Phil Vaughan with Armstrong, Vaughan & Associates presented the fiscal year 2022/2023 audit to the Council. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Rosales and seconded by Councilmember Dziuk to approve the fiscal year 2022/2023 audit as presented. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(7) Discuss and take possible action to authorize a one-year Facility Use Agreement with Karnes City Little League for use of the tee ball, softball, and baseball fields at Karnes City Park – Penny Bowen with Karnes City Little League thanked the council for the support, she presented the city with a plaque. She stated he was here to renew the facility use agreement. CM Loya asked if there were any concerns they have. Penny stated there are issues every year with the bathrooms. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Hernandez and seconded by Councilmember Rosales to authorize a one-year facility use agreement with Karnes City Little League for the use of the fields and waive any fee associated with it. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(8) Discuss and take possible action on the request from the Karnes City Chamber of Commerce for the City to take over the operation of the annual Downtown Trick or Treat event – Mely informed the Council they are looking for someone to take over the event, the event has continued to grow, and it has become too much for the chamber to handle. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Rosales to take over the operation of the annual Downtown Trick or Treat event. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(9) Discuss and take possible action on the plan for the 2024 Street Paving Project – Mayor Skloss informed the Council that he would like to see the city get started on a project, to finish off what we started a few years ago. Fernando informed the Council of the streets he would recommend. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Dziuk and seconded by Councilmember Rosales to move forward with the 2024 street paving project as proposed by Fernando. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(10) Discuss and take possible action on the City's Strategic Plan for 2024 and to set possible dates for a Community Workshop to discuss the plan – CM Loya informed

council he wanted this on the agenda to be able to go over and add to it if needed. No action taken.

(11) Discuss and take possible on authorizing the transfer of City funds from Karnes County National Bank to the City's Texpool Investment account – Mayor Skloss stated there is not a recommendation at this time, we are going to look to see if Kanes City bank can offer better rates. No action taken.

(12) Discuss and take possible action on the sixth amendment to Consulting Services Agreement with Haylee Jurgajtis to extend the term for 1 year – Mayor Skloss informed council that there is no change just an extension to the contract. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Rosales to approve the sixth amendment to the Consulting Services Agreement with Haylee Jurgajtis. 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); Section 551.072 (Real Property), and Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters).

(A) Discussion regarding Salary Survey

(B) Discussion on status of hiring of new City Manager

Mayor and Council convened into closed session at 7:06pm.

(14) Return to Open Session – Discuss and take possible action on items discussed in Executive Session - Mayor and Council reconvened into open session at 8:13pm, in which no action was taken.


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

