

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
CITY OF KARNES CITY
JUNE 24, 2024**

**STATE OF TEXAS)
COUNTY OF KARNES)
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On this 24th day of June 2025, 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: Raymond Robinson, Lesley Lewallen
and Donald Dziuk

Councilmembers absent: Helen Hernandez

Others present: City Manager (CM) Veronica Butler, Director of Public Works (DPW), Fernando Rios, Chief of Police Roel Salas, Haylee Jurgajtis, Kevin Moehrig, Austin Beck, Frances Weiss, Lillian Lyssy, Dwayne Villanueva, Joseph Briones, Phyllis Krause, Aileen Robinson, Amelia Martinez, Melissa Gonzalez, and Gary Schroeder.

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

D. Public Comments – No Comments.

(1) Minutes

a. Discuss and consider approving the minutes from;

March 27, 2025

June 9, 2025

(2) Discuss and consider monthly reports from City Departments

Mayor Skloss presented the reports. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Dziuk and seconded by Councilmember Lewallen 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 the city’s preparations for Founders Day event to be held on December 13, 2025 – Haylee informed the council that there are no updates at this time. No action taken.

G. NEW BUSINESS (CONSIDER AND ACT UPON):

(4) Discuss and take possible action to appoint Tammy Braudaway, Karnes County Tax Assessor Collector, to calculate the No-New-Revenue Tax Rate and the Voter-Approval Tax Rate for the 2025 tax year – Mayor Skloss presented the letter from the

Tax Assessor. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Dziuk and seconded by Councilmember Robinson to appoint Tammy Braudaway, Karnes County Tax Assessor Collector, to calculate the No-New-Revenue Tax Rate and the Voter-Approval Tax Rate for the 2025 tax year. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(5) Discuss and take possible action on the request from Children’s Alliance of South Texas (CAST) for the continued financial support of \$5,000 from the City of Karnes City – Frances Weiss with CAST informed the Council of the services they provide to the county, she stated they appreciate the city for the continuous support and would like to be considered for the FY 2025/2026 donation. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Dziuk to continue the support of \$5,000 for FY 2025/2026 budget year. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(6) Discuss and take possible action on the request from the City of Kenedy requesting the conveyance of the Northern 100’ of city owned property located in the railroad right-of-way for use of utility easement – Kenedy City Manager, Melissa Gonzalez informed the Council of the upcoming waterline project that will come through Karnes City on rail road right-a-way and have come across an area that City of Karnes City owns and would like to discuss the conveyance of that portion of the property. A motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Lewallen to go into executive session. The Mayor and Council conveyed into the executive session at 6:10pm, after discussion in executive session Mayor and Council reconvened in open session at 6:33pm. Mayor Skloss stated, he wanted to state for the record, the city is not against Kenedy coming through Karnes City. He also stated the city is not interested in selling the property but will be willing to give an easement but in return would like to be sure if the road between the city parks are torn up they would be repaired to the original condition, there was also a rumor that he City of Kenedy would like to charge franchise fees, we want to make sure we are exempt, if the construction effects KCLL season, would KCLL be able to use Kenedy’s fields at no cost, we would like to also have an easement to continue to use the road between the county jail and the city’s sports fields, and would also like an interconnection if needed, trading water for water at no cost to either city. Kenedy City Manager Melissa stated they will approach their City Council and get can get something back to us, she stated they would prefer to own that section, so it is continuous ownership with the entire 285 acres. No action taken.

(7) Discuss and take possible action on the request from Phyllis Krause with the Karnes City Hermann Sons Lodge to address sidewalk issues in front of 120 S. Market Street, Karnes City, Texas – Phyllis Krause president of Karnes City Hermann Sons Lodge gave an update on the lodge, they are working on bringing back dancing and opening the facility for different activities, they have been working hard to get it ADA compliance. She also stated they are now seeking assistance on replacing the sidewalk, we are not sure who installed them and whose property it is on, we are waiting for a

survey to be done. Mayor Skloss stated once the survey is completed, bring that to the City manager and we can start the discussion on who is responsible for the sidewalk. No action taken.

(8) Discuss, consider and take possible action on the Karnes City Transportation route services offered by Alamo Regional Transit/Alamo Area Council of Governments

– Joseph presented the ridership participation for Karnes City. Councilmember Robinson stated he hopes the numbers keep increasing, Mayor Skloss expressed his concerns about the cost amount, Councilmember Loya expressed his concerns, he stated he knows it's expensive but thinks it is a great thing for our community. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Robinson and seconded by Councilmember Loya to approve the pro-rated amount of \$13,464 to cover through the end of September 2025. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(9) Discuss, consider and take possible action on update from the Karnes City Park's Advisory Board on upcoming park projects

– Mely Martinez with the Park's Advisory board gave an update on the approved new basketball goals, they also want to move forward with the entrance and the walking trail lights. No action taken.

(10) Discuss and take possible action on bids received for property located at 1608 N. Browne, Karnes City, Texas

– CM Butler presented the Council with the bid received. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Dziuk to accept the bid received by Ernest and Cythina Pacheco in the amount of \$2,800. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(11) Discuss and take possible action on bids received for property located at 205 S. Davidson, Karnes City, Texas

– CM Butler presented the Council with the bid received. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Lewallen to accept the bid received by Tatiana Tinoco in the amount of \$3,200. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(12) Discuss and take possible action on the design for the "Welcome to Karnes City" sign

– CM Butler presented the update design color; councilmember express their dislike of the color and have directed the City Manager to design the sign with the darker color and get prices on lighting options. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Dziuk and seconded by Councilmember Lewallen to approve option B but with the darker color and remove the city of and Texas and add in EST. 1890 and add solar lighting, Councilmember Dziuk and Lewallen withdrew their motion and just directed staff to bring back with final numbers. No action taken.

(13) Discuss and take possible action the estimate from C and C Construction in the amount of \$3,575 to paint the exterior of the old police department building located at 211 E. Calvert Ave, Karnes City, Texas

– CM Butler presented the estimates

received and recommended approving C and C construction. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Dziuk and seconded by Councilmember Lewallen to approve the estimate from C and C Construction in the amount of \$3,575 to paint the exterior of the old police department building located at 211 E. Calvert Ave, Karnes City, Texas. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(14) Discuss and take possible action on the proposal from Advance Water Well Technologies in the amount of \$23,452 for repairs to the City's water plant high service pump #1 – DPW Rios informed the Council that this is to replace the pump that was put in back in 1996. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Robinson and seconded by Councilmember Dziuk to approve the proposal from Advance Water Well Technologies in the amount of \$23,452 for repairs to the City's water plant high service pump #1. The vote was 4-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(15) Discuss and take possible action on the recommendation for use of Hotel/Motel Funds – Haylee gave recommendations on using the funds and giving back to the hotels. The council directed the staff to research what we can use the funds for. No action taken.

(16) Discuss, review and take possible action on City's Strategic Plan – Council gave recommendations. No action taken.

(17) Workshop: Review and Discussion of staff presentation on city's Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget and proposed allocation of funds, capital projects, employee wages, and other related budgetary matters – Council gave some recommendations, no action taken.

(18) Discuss and take possible action on future agenda items – No recommendations.

H. Adjournment: There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Robinson and seconded by Councilmember Lewallen to adjourn the meeting. The vote was 5-0 in favor and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

ATTEST:



Veronica Butler
City Manager/Secretary



Jimmy D. Loya, Sr
Mayor Pro-Tem

