

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
CITY OF KARNES CITY
SEPTEMBER 23, 2025**

**STATE OF TEXAS)
COUNTY OF KARNES)
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On this **23rd** day of **September 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, Helen Hernandez and Donald Dziuk

Councilmembers absent: Lesley Lewallen

Others present: City Manager (CM) Veronica Butler, Director of Public Works (DPW), Fernando Rios, Chief of Police Roel Salas, Haylee Jurgajtis, Kevin Moehrig, Sonya Soto, Austin Beck, Bobby Joe Roberson, David Wiatrek and Cheryl Moy.

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

D. Public Comments – Jimmy Loya updated council on the upcoming installation of the walking trail lights.

(1) Minutes

a. Discuss and consider approving the minutes from;

August 26, 2025

September 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 Hernandez 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 we are still moving forward; we will begin advertising in October. No action taken.

(4) Discuss and take possible action on the “Welcome to Karnes City” sign – CM Butler informed the Council all is ready to move forward, we just need to decide on a color. Council directed CM to match the digital sign in front of City Hall. No action taken.

(5) Discuss, review and take possible action on Ordinance 2012-90; an ordinance of the City of Karnes City, regulating the placement and location of recreational vehicles parks - City Attorney Austin Beck informed the council that the ordinance pertains to RV parks only and it is good. Council directed staff to look into the ordinance that pertains to RV on personal properties and to strength that up as much as we can and add in stipulations along with permit fees. No action taken.

G. NEW BUSINESS (CONSIDER AND ACT UPON):

(6) Public Hearing on the Proposed 2025 Tax Rate – Mayor Skloss opened the public hearing at 6:25pm, no pubic, no comments. Mayor Skloss closed the public hearing at 6:27pm.

(7) Discuss and take possible action on Mayoral Proclamation declaring the month of October as “Domestic Violence Awareness Month.” – Bobbie Jo Roberson read the proclamation. A motion was made by Councilmember Dziuk and seconded by Councilmember Loya to approve the Mayoral Proclamation declaring the month of October as “Domestic Violence Awareness Month” as presented. The vote was 4-0 in favor, and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(8) Discuss and take possible action on the request from Enrique Alvarado, Jr. to put an RV at 105 E. Runge, Karnes City, Texas – No one present, no discussion.

(9) Discuss and take possible action on Ordinance 2025-010, adjusting the City’s residential and commercial trash collection rates to reflect the annual and automatic price adjustment made by Waste Connections Inc. and as provided under the terms of the company’s contract with the City – CM Butler presented the Ordinance. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Hernandez to approve Ordinance 2025-010, adjusting the City’s residential and commercial trash collection rates to reflect the annual and automatic price adjustment made by Waste Connections Inc. and as provided under the terms of the company’s contract with the City. The vote was 4-0 in favor, and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(10) 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 551.074 (Personnel Matters)* and *551.087 (Deliberation Regarding Economic Development)*.

(A) Discussion on the City of Kenedy Utility Easement.

(B) Discussion regarding prospective business development.

(C) Discussion on the City Manager Evaluation.

Mayor Skloss and council convened into closed session at 6:31pm.

(11) Return to Open Session – Discuss and take possible action on items discussed in Executive Session.

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After discussion on closed session, Mayor Skloss and Council reconvened into open session at 7:49pm, in which a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Dziuk to accept the City Manager evaluation as presented in closed session. 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 2025-2026 Budget and proposed allocation of funds, capital projects, employee wages, and other related budgetary matters – Haylee went over changes to dues and membership in police department budget along with changes for fencing for sewer plant. No action taken.

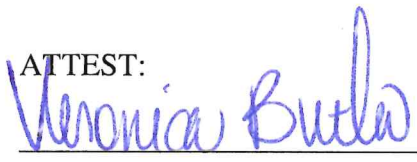
(13) Discuss and take possible action on Ordinance 2025-011, adopting the annual budget for the City of Karnes City for the 2025-2026 fiscal year; making appropriations; repealing ordinances in conflict; and setting an effective date – Mayor Skloss presented the ordinance. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Robinson and seconded by Councilmember Hernandez to approve Ordinance 2025-011, adopting the annual budget for the City of Karnes City for the 2025-2026 fiscal year; making appropriations; repealing ordinances in conflict; and setting an effective date. The vote was 4-0 in favor, and the motion was declared unanimously passed. A second motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Dziuk to ratify the budget as presented. The vote was 4-0 in favor, and the motion was declared unanimously passed.


(14) Discuss and take possible action on Ordinance 2025-012, setting the ad valorem tax rate at \$0.608079 cents per \$100.00 valuation for the maintenance and operations and debt services for the municipal government of the City of Karnes City for the 2025-2026 fiscal year; providing for apportioning each levy for specific purpose; and providing when taxes shall become due and when same shall become delinquent if not paid – Mayor Skloss presented the ordinance. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Dziuk and seconded by Councilmember Hernandez to approve the M&O rate of \$0.331446. The vote was 4-0 in favor, and the motion was declared unanimously passed. A second motion was made by Councilmember Dziuk and seconded by Councilmember Hernandez to approve the I&S rate of \$0.276633. The vote was 4-0 in favor, and the motion was declared unanimously passed. A third motion was made by Councilmember Dziuk and seconded by

Councilmember Hernandez to approve the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of Ordinance 2025-012 providing for a tax rate of \$0.608079 cents per \$100, which is effectively a 3.23% increase in taxes, consisting of a maintenance and operations component of 0.331446 and a debt service component of 0.276633. The vote was 4-0 in favor, and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(15) Discuss and take possible action on future agenda items - No items.

H. Adjournment: There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Dziuk to adjourn the meeting. The vote was 4-0 in favor, and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

ATTEST:

Veronica Butler
City Manager/Secretary


Leroy T. Skloss
Mayor

