

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
CITY OF KARNES CITY  
JANUARY 27, 2026**

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

On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of **January 2026**, 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 Loya, Sr  
Councilmembers:, Helen Hernandez, Lesley Lewallen, Donald Dziuk and  
Raymond Robinson arrived at 6:09pm.

Councilmembers absent:

Others present: Director of Public Works (DPW) Fernando Rios, Chief of Police Roel Salas, Code Compliance Officer Sonya Soto, Haylee Jurgajtis, Daniel Nevfeld, Steel Rosales, Melissa Gonzalez, David Wiatrek, Michael Banda, Gilberto Lozano, and Ben Reed.

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

**D. Public Comments** – Melissa Gonzalez with the City of Kenedy stated the City of Kenedy would like to emphasize that they have entertained the offer from Karnes City for the easement for easement between the cities, but they do not want a subsurface easement as they already have an easement for over and upon. They would like to acquire that portion of the property to have continuous ownership. Daniel Nevfeld engineer for the Kenedy water line project informed the Council of what the project would look like if they would have to run it over and upon.

**(1) Minutes**

- a. Discuss and consider approving the minutes from;  
November 25, 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 “Welcome to Karnes City” sign** – Haylee informed the Council that there was a delay in pouring the concrete. No action was taken.

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

**(4) Discuss and take possible action to authorize a one-year Facility Use Agreement with Karnes City Little League for use of the tee ball fields, softball fields, and baseball fields at Karnes City Park** – Mayor Skloss informed the council the agreement is the same as previous years, we have not charged in the past. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Hernandez to approve the city to enter into a contract with Karnes City Little League. The vote was 5-0 in favor, and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

**(5) Discuss and take possible action on the City’s Annual Financial Audit for fiscal year 2024-2025 submitted by Armstrong, Vaughan & Associates, P.C.** – Phil Vaughan with Armstrong, Vaughan & Associates, P.C. informed the council there is no findings this year and no recommendations as the City has done all recommended projects from the past, he also went over funds and assets. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Dziuk and seconded by Councilmember Loya to accept the City’s Annual Financial Audit for fiscal year 2024-2025. The vote was 5-0 in favor, and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

**(6) Discuss and take possible action on the contract with Karnes County for Elections Administrator to conduct the May 2, 2026, General Election** – Mayor Skloss presented the contract. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Dziuk and seconded by Councilmember Hernandez to approve the contract with Karnes County for Election Administrator to conduct the May 2, 2026, General Election. The vote was 5-0 in favor, and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

**(7) Discuss and take possible action on Resolution 2026-001 Ordering the General Election to be held on May 2, 2026, for the purpose of electing a Mayor and Two Councilmembers for positions of Districts Two (2), and Four (4)** – Mayor Skloss presented the resolution. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Dziuk and seconded by Councilmember Hernandez to approve Resolution 2026-001 as presented. The vote was 5-0 in favor, and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

**(8) Discuss and take possible action on Ordinance 2026-002 Adopting the Texas Food Establishment Rules and the 2017 FDA Food Code** – Code Enforcement officer Soto informed the council that the ordinance has been reviewed by legal and is ready to go, if passed tonight we will report to the state then hand deliver to all business and schools. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Hernandez and seconded by Councilmember Robinson to approve Ordinance 2026-002 as presented. The vote was 5-0 in favor, and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

**(9) Discuss and consider the staff update on Founders Day 2025** – Haylee informed the council that we have an amazing founders day, she presented some of the messages

the City received, we estimated 5,000 to 6,000 people during the entire event. No action taken.

**(10) Discuss and take possible action regarding Founders Day 2026 –** Haylee informed the Council that we would like to go ahead and set this years event, which always falls on the second Saturday in December. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Lewallen to approve the annual Founders Day to be on December 12, 2026. The vote was 5-0 in favor, and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

**(11) 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; 551.087 (Deliberation Regarding Economic Development).**

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

**(B) Discussion regarding prospective business development.**

Mayor Skloss and Council convened into executive session at 6:20 pm.

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

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

**(B) Discussion regarding prospective business development.**

After discussion in executive session, Mayor Skloss and Council reconvened into open session at 7:26 pm. Item B, Mayor Skloss stated we will just allow CM Butler to continue the negotiation with the prospective businesses, no action taken. Item A, Councilmember Robinson informed the City of Kenedy that the City will continue to offer the original offer of easement for easement if that is still not an option for Kenedy then council will also consider conveying ownership to Kenedy in exchange for no franchise fees to be charge to either city, a surface easement for the road between the two parks and since the City of Karnes will not charge Kenedy for the property, we would like for the City of Kenedy to pave that road. After further discussion in open session, a motion was made by Councilmember Robinson and seconded by Councilmember Loya to allow City staff to proceed with discussion in development of appropriate documents for consideration by City of Karnes City and City of Kenedy. The vote was 5-0 in favor, and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

**(13) Discuss and take possible action on the resignation of Councilmember District 1, Raymond Robinson effective January 28, 2026 –** Mayor Skloss presented the

registration letter. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Dziuk to accept the resignation of Councilmember District 1, Raymond Robinson. The vote was 5-0 in favor, and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

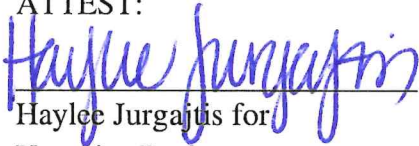
**(14) Discuss and take possible action on future agenda items - No items.**

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



Leroy T. Skloss  
Mayor

ATTEST:



Haylee Jurgajtis for  
Veronica Butler  
City Manager/Secretary

