

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
CITY OF KARNES CITY
FEBRUARY 24, 2026**

**STATE OF TEXAS)
COUNTY OF KARNES)
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On this 24th day of February 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 and Donald Dziuk.

Councilmembers absent:

Others present: City Manager (CM) Veronica Butler, Director of Public Works (DPW) Fernando Rios, Chief of Police Roel Salas, Code Compliance Officer (CC) Sonya Soto, Haylee Jurgajtis, David Wiatrek, Steel Rosales, Bobby Jones, Tina Jones Radicke, Nicholas Novosad and Kevin Butler.

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

D. Public Comments – CM Loya informed the Council about the data centers that are coming to Wilson County.

(1) Minutes

- a. Discuss and consider approving the minutes from;
January 27, 2026

(2) Discuss and consider monthly reports from City Departments

Mayor Skloss presented the reports including the Karnes City Police Department Racial Profiling Report. 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 “Welcome to Karnes City” sign – CM Butler presented the Council with the sample. No action taken.

G. NEW BUSINESS (CONSIDER AND ACT UPON):

(4) Discuss and take possible action on closing the North Side of Burton Street due to a future TXDOT project – Nick Novosad with TXDOT went over future project for along SH 80 (HWY 123) which includes intersection work at SH 80 at Calvert Ave.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Dziuk and seconded by councilmember Hernandez to close off the North Side of Burton Street with the cul-de-sac option and request TxDOT to do a traffic/signal light study for a signal light at the intersection of SH 80 (HWY 123) and E. Calvert. The vote was 4-0 in favor, and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(5) Discuss and take possible action on a lighting project on SH 80 (ST HWY 123) – CM Butler informed TXDOT that while this project is already going on the city would like for TXDOT to consider doing a light study to install luminaires for the entire corridor it is very dark and unsafe. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Dziuk to request TXDOT to do a light study for the entire corridor. The vote was 4-0 in favor, and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(6) Discuss and take possible action on purchasing a city table at the Karnes City Chamber of Commerce Banquet held on April 16, 2026. CM Butler informed the Council that she would like to see more of our City council and staff get involved and support the Chamber. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Hernandez to purchase two (2) tables at the Karnes City Chamber Banquet. The vote was 4-0 in favor, and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(7) Discuss and take possible action on the eight amendment to Consulting Services Agreement with Haylee Jurgajtis to extend the term for two (2) year – CM Butler informed the Council that Haylee contract is expiring soon, she also stated Haylee has been doing a great job for the City and would like to request an amendment to extend her contract for another two (2) years. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Dziuk and seconded by Councilmember Loya to approve the eight amendment to Consulting Services Agreement with Haylee Jurgajtis to extend the term for two (2) years. The vote was 4-0 in favor, and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(8) Discuss and take possible action on Ordinance 2026-003 Declaring Unopposed Candidates for the office of Councilmember District #2 and Councilmember District #4 – CM Butler informed the Council we do not need to cancel elections since the Mayor election is opposed. No action.

(9) Discuss, consider and take possible action on the appointment of Councilmember for District #1 – CM Butler informed the Council that we would need to make a motion to consider a candidate, she recommended bringing it back with any recommendations. No action taken.

(10) Public hearing regarding ordinances providing local amendments to international building codes – Mayor Skloss opened the public hearing at 6:40pm, no public, no comments. The public hearing was closed at 6:41pm.

(11) Discuss and take possible action on Ordinance 2026-004, An Ordinance of the City of Karnes City, Texas Adopting The 2024 Edition of the International Property Maintenance Code, With Local Amendments – CC Soyna Soto informed the Council she is recommending tabling this item to give council more time to review. No action taken.

(12) Discuss and take possible action on Ordinance 2026-005, An Ordinance of the City of Karnes City, Texas, Adopting The 2024 Editions of the International Building Code, International Residential Code, International Plumbing Code, International Mechanical Code, International Fuel Gas Code, International Energy Conservation Code, International Existing Building Code, International Swimming Pool and Spa Code, The 2024 International Fire Code, and the 2023 National Electrical Code; Providing for Local Amendments – CC Soyna Soto informed the Council she is recommending tabling this item to give council more time to review. No action taken.

(13) Discuss and take possible action on Ordinance 2026-006, An Ordinance of the City of Karnes City, Texas, Adopting Chapter 3.40, “Solicitation, Peddlers, and Transient Merchants,” of the City Code: Providing for Permit Requirements – CC Soyna Soto informed the Council she is recommending tabling this item to give council more time to review. No action taken.

(14) 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 6:44pm. After discussion in executive session, Mayor and Council reconvened into open session at 7:24pm.

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

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

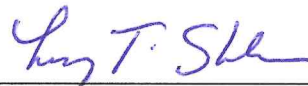
Mayor Skloss informed Kenedy CM that everything is still moving forward and that the attorneys are still working on paperwork. He also stated the material that was brought in this weekend was not compacted very well and would like them to look into that. No action taken.

(B) Discussion regarding prospective business development.

A motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Lewallen to direct staff to prepare a tax abatement for the prospective business. The vote was 4-0 in favor, and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

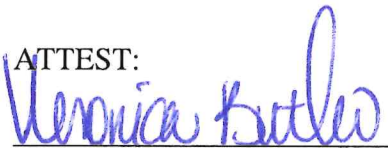
(16) Discuss and take possible action on future agenda items – CM Loya recommended moving the May 26th meeting to May 19th, he will not be available that day and would like to be here for the transition.

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



Leroy T. Skloss
Mayor

ATTEST:



Veronica Butler
City Manager/Secretary

