

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

**STATE OF TEXAS)
COUNTY OF KARNES)
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On this 24th day of March 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, Bob Thonhoff, Bill Morang, Hope Gutierrez, Melanie Johnson, Bobbie Jo Roberson, Dr. Wendy Knox, Ken Knox, Morgan Knox, Cody Hamilton, Amelia Martinez, Jenny Nugent, Samantha Stallworth, David Wiatrek, Steel Rosales, Bobby Jones, Tina Jones Radicke, Charlie Malik and Monica Quintanilla.

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

D. Public Comments – Cody Hamilton a representative for Carlos Delacruz give an announcement on his candidacy.

(1) Minutes

- a. Discuss and consider approving the minutes from;
February 24, 2026

(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 “Welcome to Karnes City” sign – CM Butler presented the Council with the sample. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Dziuk to approve the color sample as provided. The vote was 4-0 in favor, and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

G. NEW BUSINESS (CONSIDER AND ACT UPON):

(4) Discuss and take possible action on the Mayoral Proclamation declaring the month of April as “Child Abuse Prevention Month.” – Bill Morang with CASA read the National Child Abuse Proclamation and Jenny Nugent read the Child Abuse Prevention proclamation. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember

Lewallen to approve the Mayoral Proclamation declaring the month of April as “Child Abuse Prevention Month.” The vote was 4-0 in favor, and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(5) Discuss and take possible action on the Mayoral Proclamation declaring the month of April as “National Sexual Assault Awareness Prevention Month.” – Bobbie Jo Roberson read the proclamation. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Dziuk and seconded by Councilmember Hernandez to approve the Mayoral Proclamation declaring the month of April as “National Sexual Assault Awareness Month.” The vote was 4-0 in favor, and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(6) Discuss and take possible action on the recommendation from the Parks Advisory Board to approve estimate from Adventure Playground Systems in the amount of \$8,175.00 to level basketball courts – Melanie Johnson with the parks advisory board presented the estimate to relevel the basketball courts. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Dziuk and seconded by Councilmember Hernandez to approve the estimate from Adventure Playground Systems in the amount of \$8,175.00 to level the basketball courts. The vote was 4-0 in favor, and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(7) Discuss and take possible action on the recommendation from Parks Advisory Board to approve the estimate from Adventure Playground Systems in the amount of \$35,376.00 to resurface and paint the basketball courts - Melanie Johnson with the parks advisory board presented the estimate to resurface and paint the basketball courts. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Dziuk and seconded by Councilmember Lewallen to approve the estimate from Adventure Playground Systems in the amount of \$35,376.00 to resurface and paint the basketball courts. The vote was 4-0 in favor, and the motion was declared unanimously passed

(8) Discuss and take possible action on the recommendation from Parks Advisory Board to approve the estimate from Liska Construction in the amount of \$45,789.35 for a Park Entrance Sign – Melanie Johnson with the parks advisory board presented the estimate from Liska Construction in the amount of \$45,789.35 for the park entrance sign off of HWY 123. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Dziuk and seconded by Councilmember Hernandez to approve the estimate from Liska Construction in the amount of \$45,789.35 for the park entrance sign. The vote was 4-0 in favor, and the motion was declared unanimously passed

(9) Discuss and take possible action on the recommendation from 4B Economic Development Corporation to approve the estimate from Adventure Playground Systems in the amount of \$89,587.00 to install two (2) Pickleball Courts – Haylee presented the estimate to install pickleball courts; she informed the Council that the 4B president could not attend today. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Dziuk to approve the estimate from Adventure Playground Systems in the amount of \$89,587.00 to install two (2) Pickleball Courts. The vote was 4-0 in favor, and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(10) Discuss and take possible action on the recommendation from 4B Economic Development Corporation to appoint Leroy Skloss to the 4B EDC Board – CM Butler informed the Council at the last 4B meeting they voted to appoint Leroy Skloss to the board. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by

Councilmember Lewallen to approve the recommendation from the 4B Economic Development Corporation to appoint Leroy Skloss to the 4B EDC Board. The vote was 4-0 in favor, and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(11) Discuss and take possible action to adjust or cancel the May 26, 2026, Regular City Council meeting – Councilmember Loya stated that he would not be available for this meeting date and like to be here for the Mayor changeover. CM Butler informed him that we would canvass and swear in the new Mayor during a special meeting, so no change is needed. No action.

(12) Discuss, consider and take possible action on the appointment of Councilmember for District #1 - CM Butler informed the Council of the three interested candidates. Councilmember Loya stated we could select tonight or at our next regular meeting do an interview process. Mayor Skloss recommended staff to add to this item to the April meeting and formally invite all three candidates. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya seconded by Councilmember Hernandez to allow all candidates an equal amount of time to prepare for regular council meeting and direct staff to create questions. The vote was 4-0 in favor, and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(13) Public hearing regarding ordinances providing local amendments to international property maintenance codes and solicitation peddlers – Mayor Skloss opened the public hearing at 6:48 p.m., no comments Mayor Skloss closed the public meeting at 6:49 p.m.

(14) 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 Soto presented the ordinance. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Dziuk and seconded by Councilmember Loya to approve Ordinance 2026-004 as presented. The vote was 4-0 in favor, and the motion was declared unanimously passed

(15) 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 Soto presented the ordinance. After further discussion a motion was made by Councilmember Dziuk and seconded by Councilmember Hernandez to approve Ordinance 2026-006 as presented. The vote was 4-0 in favor, and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(16) Discuss and take possible action on Resolution 2026-007, Requesting Financial Assistance from Texas Water Development Board, authorizing the preparation and filing of an application for financial assistance. CM Butler informed the Council she would like to apply for grant to assist with upgrading all of the old water lines. After further discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Loya and seconded by Councilmember Hernandez to approve Resolution 2026-007 as presented. The vote was 4-0 in favor, and the motion was declared unanimously passed.

(17) 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 7:04 p.m.

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

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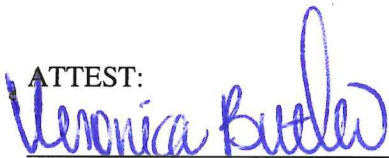
(B) Discussion regarding prospective business development.

After discussion in executive session, Mayor Skloss and Council reconvened into open session at 7:21p.m. No action taken.


(19) Discuss and take possible action on future agenda items. – CM Lewallen would like to add UTV/ATV ordinance for discussion again.

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