

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2019- 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN THE RUHMAN C. FRANKLIN MUNICIPAL BUILDING
303 W. MAIN ST., KENEDY, TX. 78119**

MEMBERS PRESENT: JAMES D SUTTON (MAYOR), ALBERTO BALDARRAMOS (DISTRICT 1), BRENDA CANO (DISTRICT 2), BRANDON BRIONES (DISTRICT 3), JUSTIN MEYER (DISTRICT 4), LESLIE WYNN (DISTRICT 5)
CITY PRESENT: BARBARA SHAW (CITY MANAGER), AMANDA HINES (CITY SECRETARY)

1. Call meeting to order and announce a quorum is present. Mayor Sutton

Mayor James D Sutton called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M and announced a quorum present.

2. Roll Call.

3. Prayer.

4. Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Consideration and possible action on the following for the May 4, 2019 General Election:

- A. Calling for the General Election for Districts 1, 3, &5.**
- B. Ordering the General Election for Districts 1, 3, & 5.**
- C. City Hall to remain open Monday, April 29 & Tuesday, April 30, 2019 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for Early Voting.**
- D. Election Agreement with Karnes County to run the General Election for Early Voting and Election day on May 4, 2019.**

Councilor Leslie Wynn made a motion to call the General Election for Districts 1, 3, & 5, Order the General Election for Districts 1, 3, & 5, City Hall to remain open Monday, April 29 & Tuesday, April 30, 2019 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for Early Voting and to approve the election agreement with Karnes County to run the General Election for Early Voting and Election Day on May 4, 2019. Councilor Brandon Briones seconded the motion. Councilor Brenda Cano and Alberto Baldarramos voted in favor. Councilor Justin Meyer voted in opposition. Motion passed.

6. Consideration and possible action in regard to a Special Event License Application from the Kenedy Chamber of Commerce Bluebonnet Days Parade requesting a street closure from the Intersection of Escondido and School Street, down Second Street, left on Main Street, and ending at Main Street and School Street from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on May 4, 2019.

Mayor James Sutton stated the City of Kenedy will not engage in voter suppression and will not ignore Election Laws. Maps from the Chamber of Commerce indicate routing traffic through Tilden Street and Live Oak Street, both being heavily populated. Months ago, this was deemed “unsafe” and “logistically” impossible by the Chamber Board of Directors. The question is conflicting with a previously adopted motion and the law. As

legislature, we are to protect and expand all voter's freedom to vote. For this body to create any obstacle for any voter would be a disservice to the community we serve and prohibited by law.

Councilor Justin Meyer stated it is unfortunate. The festival has been a tradition for 41 years. Councilor Brenda Cano stated the Chamber can have the parade any other day besides Election Day.

Councilor Brandon Briones made a motion to deny a Special Event License Application from the Kenedy Chamber of Commerce Bluebonnet Days Parade requesting a street closure from the intersection of Escondido and School Street, down Second Street, left on Main Street, and ending at Main Street and School Street from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on May 4, 2019. Councilor Leslie Wynn seconded the motion. Councilor Brenda Cano and Alberto Baldarramos voted in favor of the denial. Council Justin Meyer voted in opposition of the denial. Motion passed.

7. Consideration and possible action to enter into a Customer Service Agreement with UniFirst for uniforms and materials (BuyBoard Proposal Contract #507-16).

Councilor Leslie Wynn made a motion to enter into a Customer Service Agreement with UniFirst for uniforms and materials (BuyBoard Proposal Contract #507-16). Councilor Justin Meyer seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

8. CLOSED SESSION:

In accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney, and Section 551.072, Consultation Regarding Real Property, the Council shall convene in Executive Session to discuss the acquisition, lease, or exchange of real property for a potential Right of Way (ROW).

Councilor Leslie Wynn made a motion to convene into Closed Session. Councilor Brenda Cano seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Council convened into Closed Session at 6:26 P.M.

9. OPEN SESSION:

The Council will reconvene in Open Session at which time action on the matter discussed in closed session may be considered.

Council reconvened into Open Session at 6:43 P.M.

Councilor Leslie Wynn made a motion to give City Manager Barbara Shaw authorization to pursue a professional services agreement with Texas Land and Right of Way. Councilor Brandon Briones seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.


10. Adjourn

Councilor Alberto Baldarramos made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Brandon Briones seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 P.M.



James D Sutton, Mayor



Amanda Hines, City Secretary