

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 5, 2018- 6:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN THE RUHMAN C. FRANKLIN MUNICIPAL BUILDING
303 W. MAIN ST., KENEDY, TX. 78119

MEMBERS PRESENT: RANDY GARZA (MAYOR), ALBERTO BALDARRAMOS (DISTRICT 1), BRANDON BRIONES (DISTRICT 3), MAGGIE GONZALES (DISTRICT 4), GARY RICHARDS (DISTRICT 5)
MEMBERS ABSENT: FELIPE LEAL (DISTRICT 2)
CITY PRESENT: BARBARA SHAW (CITY MANAGER), AMANDA HINES (CITY SECRETARY), JOHNNY RODRIGUEZ (PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR), DUANE DUBOSE (POLICE CHIEF)
GUESTS: STEVE SYNOVITZ (HANSON ENGINEERING)

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

Mayor Randy Garza called the meeting to order and announced a quorum present at 6:01 P.M.

2. Prayer.

3. Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Update in regard to all aspects of Kenedy water issues. David Underbrink/Barbara/Johnny

Steve Synovitz with Hanson Engineering stated the compliance issues for the City of Kenedy are separated into two categories. The first category is administrative issues, and the second category is production issues. Mr. Synovitz stated one of the projects being worked on under administrative issues is a manual for the booster station. Under production issues, Hanson is working with city employees to determine the number of actual connections versus amount of water being used. Mr. Synovitz stated TCEQ will be asked about an alternative way to measure connections that won't be affected by hotels or other temporary housing. The reverse osmosis plant pushes out fresh water, but brine water goes into a creek. The reverse osmosis plant has four trains. One of the trains is over 23 years old. A report stating these issues will be sent to TCEQ on March 15, 2018.

Mayor Garza stated his main concern is for Kenedy to have water. City Manager Barbara Shaw stated citizens of Falls City have offered land for water wells. The test well project on 743 did not work, and it costs around one million dollars a year to run the reverse osmosis plant. Mayor Garza stated everyone expects us to find water and we owe it to them.

Gary Richards asked how many gallons of water the City of Kenedy needs per day. Steve with Hanson stated several million.

Brandon Briones asked how many cooling stations will be needed if the City of Kenedy drills the wells in the Carrizo aquifer. Steve with Hanson stated he isn't sure. Plans have not been made yet. The main costs associated with drilling wells in the Carrizo aquifer will generate a long-term savings for the city dealing with fresh water and not having to use the reverse osmosis plant.

5. Update in regard to all aspects of Kenedy waste water issues. David Underbrink/Barbara/Johnny

City Manager Barbara Shaw stated the initial bid to fix the sewer plant had an estimated cost of \$600,000. The package being sent to TCEQ will include a new plan for the sewer plant. It will cost the city an estimate of \$1,473,000 to be in compliance with TCEQ. City Manager Barbara Shaw stated very few vendors carry the outdated parts needed for the sewer plant.

Brandon Briones asked if it was feasible to have parts in stock on standby to avoid the sewer plant going down. City Manager Barbara Shaw stated these parts are very hard to find and very few vendors have stock.

Gary Richards suggested to include items in package to TCEQ that were not included in the initial cost. City Manager Barbara Shaw stated she would speak to Rendell to include some of the suggested items.

6. CLOSED SESSION: In accordance with the Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 Consultation With Attorney, and Section 551.072 Consultation Regarding Real Property the Council shall convene into Closed Session to discuss land acquisition for the Kenedy Convention Center. Mayor Garza/Megan Santee

Mayor Randy Garza announced Council will convene into Closed Session at 7:05 p.m. to discuss land acquisition for the Kenedy Convention Center.

7. OPEN SESSION: The City Council will reconvene in Open Session at which time action on the matter discussed in closed session may be considered. Mayor Garza/Megan Santee

Brandon Briones made a motion to reconvene into Open Session at 7:45 p.m. Maggie Gonzales seconded the motion. All in favor.

Gary Richards made a motion to approve the purchase of property for the Kenedy Convention Center and allow City Manager Barbara Shaw to negotiate the purchase with land owners. Brandon Briones seconded the motion. Maggie Gonzales voted in favor. Alberto Balderramos voted in opposition.


8. Adjourn.

Brandon Briones made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gary Richards seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.



Randy Garza, Mayor



Amanda Hines, City Secretary