

City Council Minutes
June 27, 2022

The meeting was called to order in the Council meeting room at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Hegwood. Present were Mitch Brenner, Lance DeLissa, Roberto Holguin, Brian Kroth, and George Lucas. Also present were City Administrator Dean Cordes, City Clerk Janet Gleason and Attorney Clay Kuhns. Visitors were Jamie Boese and Tom Kuhns.

Tom Kuhns expressed appreciation for the city crews working late to finish the street work in front of his business.

Boese reported that the KHRC homes are on schedule.

Three utility extensions have been granted for May. Three accounts are waiting on KERA payments and there are 37 accounts that need to be paid by 10:00 a.m. tomorrow to avoid disconnect.

Minutes of the June 13, 2022, meeting were approved as written.

Motion by Brenner, second by Holguin to approve Building Permit #22013, Motion carried with all in favor.

DeLissa had some concerns with reports of inappropriate material for children at the City Library. He talked to the Library Board and was told since they accept government money, they have to shelve books they might not approve of, and it is a parental responsibility to monitor the check-out of materials. Motion by Brenner, seconded by Lucas to approve the library budget. Motion carried with all in favor.

Cordes informed the council that Joseph Ramsey has resigned from the position of Animal Control Officer, effective June 30. Council directed Cordes to advertise the position. Attorney Kuhns noted there is new guidance regarding rabies vaccination.

Council approved the Recreation Commission request to offer free swimming on July 4 and will reimburse the city the admissions fees.

Cordes had a request to give an adjacent lot to the owner of a home in the Bainter addition for the purpose of constructing a shop. Due to the location and size of the lot, Council felt if the construction plan and materials were similar to the house, approved in advance and the owner paid the specials, consensus was for Cordes to discuss it further with the owner.

Council discussed the preliminary 2023 budget and project costs. Valuations have increased so currently one mill generates \$7,511.00 but next year one mill will generate \$8,098.00. The proposed budget was 77.19 so Cordes felt the city would be able to stay just under the Revenue Neutral Rate of 77.976, but Consensus of council was to send notices of going over the Revenue Neutral Rate to reserve some flexibility just in case it might be needed. Cordes would like to budget more for the park for the maintenance of the splash pad, begin a fund for replacement of the swimming pool and budget for the possible demolition of properties sold at the tax sale. Kroth requested Cordes map out priorities for city water projects and create a long-range plan.

Attorney Kuhns felt most likely the notices would be mailed from the County Clerk and the city would be billed the mailing costs.

Council agreed to give two lots in the Bainter Addition to WK Construction for the construction of two homes.

Council discussed short term rentals and consensus was to table the issue for now.

Council reviewed the May Treasurer report.

Gleason presented a proposal for an even pay option for utilities. Council was in favor of moving forward on developing a policy.

Motion by Kroth, second by Holguin to adjourn. Motion carried with all in favor.

J.D. Hegwood, Mayor

ATTEST:

Janet Gleason, Clerk