

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING

KERRVILLE, TEXAS  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

On September 10, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Mayor Bill Blackburn in the City Hall Council Chambers at 701 Main Street. The invocation was offered by Mayor Blackburn, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Blackburn.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

Bill Blackburn	Mayor
Judy Eychner	Mayor Pro Tem
Gary Cochrane	Councilmember
Kim Clarkson	Councilmember
Delayne Sigerman	Councilmember

COUNCILMEMBER ABSENT: None

CITY EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Mark McDaniel	City Manager
E.A. Hoppe	Deputy City Manager
Mike Hayes	City Attorney
Shelley McElhannon	City Secretary
Stuart Cunyus	Public Information Officer
Amy Dozier	Director of Finance
Guillermo Garcia	Executive Director of Innovation
David Knight	Chief of Police
Kim Meismer	Executive Director of General Operations
Sherry Mosier	Manager of Strategic Initiatives
Drew Paxton	Executive Director of Development Services
Dannie Smith	Fire Chief

VISITORS PRESENT: On file in City Secretary's Office for required retention period.

**1. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST:**

Items of Interest to the Community were presented by Stuart Cunyus and Councilmember Judy Eychner.

**2. VISITORS FORUM:**

No citizens signed up to speak at the visitors/citizens forum.

**3. PRESENTATIONS:**

3A. Mayor Blackburn presented the City of Kerrville's 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary proclamation to the Community of Kerrville. Citizens Fred Gamble, Hugo Madrid, and Lyndia Rector accepted the proclamation for the Community.

3B. Mayor Blackburn presented a Proclamation observing September 2019 as Library Card Sign-up Month. The Proclamation was received by the Library Director Laura Bechtel and Assistant Library Director Danielle Brigatti.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA:**

Councilmember Eychner moved to approve the items on the consent agenda as presented. Councilmember Gary Cochrane seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

4A. Ratification of Payment for Legislative Consulting Services.

4B. Minutes for the City Council workshop held August 27, 2019.

4C. Minutes for the City Council meeting held August 27, 2019.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

**5. ORDINANCE(S), FIRST READING:**

5A. Ordinance No. 2019-23. An Ordinance approving and adopting the City of Kerrville, Texas, Sign Code, a comprehensive rewrite of the City's sign regulations in accordance and aligned with the Kerrville Comprehensive Plan (Kerrville 2050); said rewrite to be known as the "City of Kerrville, Texas Sign Code" and found within a new Chapter 92 of the City's Code of Ordinances, which will repeal and replace Article II of Chapter 6 of the City's Code of Ordinances; adopting revised regulations concerning the installation and maintenance of signs within the City of Kerrville, Texas, and within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City; containing a cumulative clause; containing a savings and severability clause; providing for penalties not to exceed \$2,000.00; ordering publication; providing an effective date; and providing other matters related to the subject.

Drew Paxton presented the item, highlighted changes, and responded to questions. Discussion ensued among Council.

The following persons spoke:

- Julie Leonard
- Bruce Barton
- Stacy Page
- Cory Traub
- Jack Pratt
- Pablo Brinkman
- Martin Stringer
- William Rector
- Chris Avery
- George Baroody
- Michael Sigerman
- Bruce Stracke
- Joe Pruneda
- Mike Walker

Mayor Blackburn made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-23 as presented with one exception, to change the electronic sign single display minimum from 4 seconds to 8 seconds before transitioning. After discussion from Council, Mayor Blackburn revised his motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-23 as presented, and at the second reading Council will address the concerns and issues. The revised motion was seconded by Councilmember Eychner. The motion failed 2-3, with Mayor Blackburn and Councilmember Eychner

voting in favor, and Councilmember Cochrane, Councilmember Kim Clarkson, and Councilmember Delayne Sigerman voting against.

Councilmember Sigerman moved to amend Ordinance No. 2019-23 to read “*shall operate in a way that the message remains static for a minimum of 8 seconds*” opposed to 4 seconds. Councilmember Eychner seconded and the motion passed 4-1, with Mayor Blackburn, Councilmember Cochrane, Councilmember Eychner, and Councilmember Sigerman voting in favor, and Councilmember Clarkson voting against.

Councilmember Sigerman moved to amend Ordinance No. 2019-23 to change the language in Section 92-9, (5) Electronic displays, item j. to read “*simultaneously change*” as opposed to “*up to 1 second*”. Councilmember Eychner seconded, and the motion failed 2-3 with Councilmember Eychner and Councilmember Sigerman voting in favor, and Mayor Blackburn, Councilmember Cochrane, and Councilmember Clarkson voting against.

Mayor Blackburn moved to adopt the entire Ordinance 2019-23 as presented with the exception of the earlier motion that passed regarding the minimum 8 seconds. Councilmember Sigerman seconded and the motion passed 4-0 with Mayor Blackburn, Councilmember Cochrane, Councilmember Eychner, and Councilmember Sigerman voting in favor, and Councilmember Clarkson voting against.

## **6. PUBLIC HEARING AND ORDINANCE(S), FIRST READING:**

6A. Ordinance No. 2019-22. An Ordinance creating a "Planned Development District" for agricultural, commercial, mixed-use, office, open space, residential, and wireless telecommunication facilities on tracts of land making up an approximate 264.22 acres, as defined herein, and within the City of Kerrville, Kerr County, Texas; and more generally located southeast of the intersection of Farm-to-Market Road 783 (Harper Highway) and Interstate 10 and adjacent to and north of Holdsworth Drive; adopting a concept plan and conditions related to the development of said district; repealing Ordinance Nos. 2004-15 and 2017-19, which established the previous zoning of the property, containing a cumulative clause; containing a savings and severability clause; establishing a penalty or fine not to exceed \$2,000 for each day of violation of any provision hereof; ordering publication; and providing other matters relating to the subject.

Mayor Blackburn opened the public hearing at 7:38 p.m.

Drew Paxton presented the item and responded to questions, and real estate consultant Bruce Stracke responded to questions.

The following persons spoke:

- George Baroody
- Bill Morgan

Councilmember Cochrane moved to approve Ordinance No. 2019-22 as presented. Councilmember Eychner seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Blackburn closed the public hearing at 7:51 p.m.

**7. PUBLIC HEARING(S):**

7A. Property tax rate (ad valorem tax) for the 2019 tax year (Fiscal Year 2020).

Amy Dozier presented the tax rate item for the second public hearing. Ms. Dozier noted that the first public hearing was held August 27, 2019.

Mayor Blackburn opened the public hearing at 7:54 p.m.

The following person spoke:

- George Baroody

Mayor Blackburn closed the public hearing at 7:56 p.m.

**8. ORDINANCES, FIRST READING:**

8A. Ordinance No. 2019-21. An Ordinance adopting the annual budget for the City of Kerrville, Texas, Fiscal Year 2020; providing appropriations for each City department and fund; containing a cumulative clause; and containing a savings and severability clause.

Amy Dozier presented the item.

The following person spoke:

- George Baroody

Councilmember Cochrane moved as follows: "I move to approve Ordinance 2019-21 to adopt the City's budget for Fiscal Year 2020 on first reading." Ms. Eychner seconded.

The voting results were as follows:

Mayor Blackburn YES

Mayor Pro Tem Eychner YES

Councilmember Cochrane YES

Councilmember Clarkson YES

Councilmember Sigerman YES

Councilmember Clarkson moved as follows: "I make a motion that we vote to ratify a budget that will require raising more revenue from property taxes than the previous fiscal year". Councilmember Cochrane seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

8B. Ordinance No. 2019-20. An Ordinance levying an ad valorem tax for the use and the support of the Municipal Government for the City of Kerrville, Texas, for Fiscal Year 2020; providing for apportioning each levy for specific purposes; and providing when taxes shall become due and when same shall become delinquent if not paid.

Amy Dozier presented item.

Mayor Blackburn moved as follows: "I make a motion that Ordinance 2019-20 be adopted and that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of

\$0.5400, which is effectively a 3.4% percent increase in the tax rate." Councilmember Sigerman seconded. The voting results were as follows:

Mayor Blackburn YES

Mayor Pro Tem Eychner YES

Councilmember Cochrane YES

Councilmember Clarkson YES

Councilmember Sigerman YES

**9. INFORMATION & DISCUSSION:**

9A. Authorization for the City of Kerrville, Texas, to make application to the City of Kerrville Economic Improvement Corporation for improvements to the Kerrville/Kerr County Airport at Louis Schreiner Field.

E.A. Hoppe presented information and responded to questions.

The following person spoke:

- Michael Sigerman

Councilmember Cochrane moved to authorize the City of Kerrville, Texas, to make application to the City of Kerrville Economic Improvement Corporation for improvements to the Kerrville/Kerr County Airport at Louis Schreiner Field. Councilmember Eychner seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

**10. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:**

- Tot Tribe concerns and suggestions by Councilmember Clarkson

**11. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

None

**12. ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION, IF ANY:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

  
Bill Blackburn, Mayor

ATTEST:   
Shelley McElhannon, City Secretary

APPROVED: 9/24/2019