

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING**

**KERRVILLE, TEXAS  
APRIL 09, 2024 6:00 PM**

On April 09, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., Mayor Judy Eychner called the Kerrville City Council meeting to order in City Hall Council Chambers, 701 Main Street.

Mayor Eychner recognized and honored Chief Eric Maloney and Chief Chris McCall for leading the planning, coordination, and project fulfillment of the Eclipse Event.

Councilmember Joe Herring, Jr. provided the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:**

Judy Eychner, Mayor  
Roman Garcia, Councilmember Place 1  
Jeff Harris, Councilmember Place 2  
Joe Herring, Jr., Councilmember Place 3  
Brenda Hughes, Councilmember Place 4

**COUNCILMEMBER ABSENT:**

None

**CITY EXECUTIVE STAFF:**

Dalton Rice, City Manager  
Mike Hayes, City Attorney  
Michael Hornes, Asst City Manager  
Kim Meismer, Asst City Manager  
Shelley McElhannon, City Secretary  
Stuart Barron, Executive Director  
Julie Behrens, Director of Finance  
Jacob Bogusch, Finance Compliance  
Stuart Cunyus, Public Information Officer  
Guillermo Garcia, Executive Director

Maya Johnson, Human Resource Manager  
Yesenia Luna, Municipal Court Coordinator  
Eric Maloney, Fire Chief  
Chris McCall, Chief of Police  
Drew Paxton, Planning Director  
Mary Pierce, Human Resource Analyst  
Rebecca Priess, Human Resource Asst  
Trina Rodriguez, Asst Director Finance  
Charvy Tork, Director of IT

**VISITORS PRESENT:** A list of the citizen speakers present during the meeting is on file in the City Secretary's Office for the required retention period.

Katharine Boyette, Community Arts Program Director with KCVB  
Marisa Bruno, Water Program Manager with the Hill Country Alliance  
Natalie Haskett, Gallagher Consulting Services  
Steve Schulte, MacDonalds Corporation representative

**1. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST:**

Community announcements provided by Stuart Cunyus.

**2. PRESENTATION(S):**

2A. Recognition of "Kerrville Runs on Water" – Water Alliance/Art Committee, and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place Painting Contest winners from local elementary schools.

Mayor Eychner introduced Marisa Bruno and Katherine Boyette, who provided information regarding "Kerrville Runs on Water" and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place Painting Contest winner from local schools: Isabel Venegas, Azur Anderson, Matlyn Goodwin, Daron Dang, and Belinda Burchell.

2B. Proclamation recognizing April as Fair Housing month in Kerrville, Texas.

This proclamation will be presented at the April 23, 2024 City Council meeting.

2C. Recognition of City of Kerrville for receiving the designation as 2023 U.S. Best in Class Employer by Gallagher Consulting Services.

Natalie Haskett presented Mayor Eychner, along with Micheal Hornes, Kim Meismier, Dalton Rice, and Human Resource personnel Maya Johnson, Mary Pierce, and Rebecca Priess the Gallagher Consulting Services 2023 U.S. *Best in Class Employer* recognition.

**3. VISITORS FORUM:**

The following person(s) spoke:

- Danny Almond
- George Baroody
- Glenn Andrews

**4. CONSENT AGENDA:**

Mayor Eychner made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Councilmember Brenda Hughes. The motion passed 5-0.

4A. General Contract – Small Project for the purchase and installation of security cameras for City Hall and the Parking Garage from A3 Communications through BuyBoard, a Local Government Purchasing Cooperative, in an amount not to exceed \$78,992.26.

4B. Interlocal Cooperation Contract (for) Failure to Appear Program with the Department of Public Safety, State of Texas (DPS).

4C. City Council workshop minutes March 26, 2024.

4D. City Council meeting minutes March 26, 2024.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA.**

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

5A. Ordinance No. 2024-06, second reading. An Ordinance amending Chapter 60 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Kerrville, Texas, which adopted zoning regulations, use districts, and a zoning map in accordance with the City's Comprehensive Plan, such Chapter more commonly known as the City's Zoning Code; by changing the zoning and classification of the property consisting of an approximate 86.71 acre tract out of the W.T. Crook Survey No. 71, Abstract No. 114, Kerr County, Texas, and more commonly known as 300 Peterson Farm Rd; from being a Planned Development District established by Ordinance No. 2010-03, to an Industrial and Manufacturing Zoning District (IM); providing a cumulative clause; providing for severability; providing an effective date; ordering publication; and providing other matters relating to the subject.

Shelley McElhannon read Ordinance No. 2024-06 caption into record.

Councilmember Herring made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-06 on second reading, seconded by Councilmember Hughes. The motion passed 4-1 with Mayor Eychner, Councilmember Jeff Harris, Councilmember Herring, and Councilmember Hughes voting in favor, and Councilmember Roman Garcia opposed.

5B. Ordinance No. 2024-07, second reading. An Ordinance amending the City of Kerrville fee schedule by adopting a revised fee to be charged for each solicitation permit.

Shelley McElhannon read Ordinance No. 2024-07 caption into record.

Councilmember Harris made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2024-07 second reading, seconded by Councilmember Herring. The motion passed 4-1 with Mayor Eychner, Councilmember Harris, Councilmember Herring, and Councilmember Hughes voting in favor, and Councilmember Garcia opposed.

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

6A. Ordinance No. 2024-10. An Ordinance vacating abandoning, and closing all right, title, and interest in a segment of a public right-of-way known as Knapp Rd; this segment of Knapp Rd is located south of the Guadalupe river, consists of an approximate .744 acres, and extends across Lots 13, 902, and 903 of The Landing Subdivision, a Subdivision within the City of Kerrville, Kerr County, Texas, and recorded in the Plat in File No. 19-05337, Plat records of Kerr County, Texas; finding that said right-of-way is not required for future use as a public right-of-way; ordering recording; providing an effective date; and providing other matters related to this subject.

Shelley McElhannon read Ordinance No. 2024-10 caption into record.

Drew Paxton provided information and responded to questions.

Mayor Eychner opened the public hearing at 6:52 p.m.

The following person(s) spoke:

- Bonnie Johnson
- George Baroody
- Nuriddin Kalam (declined to speak)
- Steve Schulte

Drew Paxton provided clarification.

- Bonnie Johnson
- Barbara Dewell-Ferguson

Drew Paxton and Steve Schulte provided clarification.

- Susan Corey

Mayor Eychner closed the public hearing at 7:07 p.m.

Councilmember Herring made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-10 on first reading with a caveat that the MacDonalds Company and Knapp Road Homeowners get together and discuss the issues and come to an agreement before the second reading of the Ordinance, seconded by Councilmember Hughes. The motion passed 4-1 with Mayor Eychner, Councilmember Harris, Councilmember Herring, and Councilmember Hughes voting in favor, and Councilmember Garcia opposed.

The following person(s) spoke:

- Mr. Johnson

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

7A. Ordinance No. 2024-08. An Ordinance amending Chapter 18 "Animals" of the Code of Ordinances, City of Kerrville, Texas by revising and replacing said Chapter in its entirety; the new Chapter includes regulations pertaining to the care, custody, and control of domesticated animals, seizure and impoundment under specific situations, required rabies vaccinations, and enforcement and penalties; repealing all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith; ordering publication; providing an effective date; and providing other matters related to the subject.

Shelley McElhannon read Ordinance No. 2024-08 caption into record.  
Mike Hayes provided information and responded to questions.

The following person(s) spoke:

- George Baroody

Mike Hayes provided clarification.

- Jennifer Houghton

Councilmember Hughes made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-08 on first reading, seconded by Councilmember Herring. The motion passed 5-0.

7B. Ordinance No. 2024-09. An Ordinance amending the City's Fiscal Year 2024 Budget to account for increased revenues, a merger of City funds, a multiyear Public Works project, and a mid-year cost of living and adjustment for all City employees.

Shelley McElhannon read Ordinance No. 2024-09 caption into record.

Julie Behrens and Dalton Rice provided information and responded to questions.

Councilmember Herring made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-09 on first reading, seconded by Councilmember Harris. The motion passed 5-0.

**8. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**

8A. Resolution No. 11-2024. A Resolution authorized by Section 418.108(B) of the Texas Government Code extending the Mayor's Declaration of Disaster regarding the Eclipse Event issued on April 4, 2024.

Shelley McElhannon read Resolution No. 11-2024 caption into record.

Dalton Rice provided information.

No action taken by City Council. Resolution No. 11-2024 was not voted on nor approved. The Declaration of Disaster will expire Thursday, April 11, 2024.

8B. Resolution No. 10-2024. A Resolution authorizing the City's continued membership in the Atmos Cities Steering Committee (ACSC); and authorizing the City's payment of five cents per capita to the Atmos Cities Steering Committee to fund regulatory and related activities related to Atmos Energy Corporation.

Shelley McElhannon read Resolution No. 10-2024 caption into record.

Mike Hayes provided information.

Councilmember Hughes made a motion to approve Resolution No. 10-2024, seconded by Councilmember Herring. The motion passed 5-0.

8C. Update regarding City's discussions with Headwater Groundwater Conservation District.

Shelley McElhannon read item 8C caption into record.

Stuart Barron provided information and responded to questions.

8D. Memorandum of Understanding with Guadalupe River Center, Inc.

Shelley McElhannon read item 8D caption into record.

Dalton Rice provided information and responded to questions.

The following person(s) spoke:

- Layng Guerriero
- Barbara Dewell-Ferguson

Dalton Rice provided clarification.

- Peter Lewis
- Peggy McKay
- Celeste Hamman
- John Anderson
- Bill Rector

Councilmember Herring made a motion to authorize the City Manager to finalize and execute the Memorandum of Understanding, seconded by Councilmember Harris. The motion passed 4-1 with Mayor Eychner, Councilmember Harris, Councilmember Herring, and Councilmember Hughes voting in favor, and Councilmember Garcia opposed.

**9. BOARD APPOINTMENTS:**

9A. Appointment(s) to the Main Street Advisory Board.

Councilmember Garcia made a motion to appoint Jimmy Mullins as a member. Mayor Eychner called for a second, with no second forthcoming. Motion died for lack of second.

Mayor Eychner made a motion to appoint Delayne Sigerman as a member, seconded by Councilmember Hughes. The motion passed 4-1 with Mayor Eychner, Councilmember Harris, Councilmember Herring, and Councilmember Hughes voting in favor, and Councilmember Garcia opposed.

10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Executive Session not called nor convened.

11. **ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION, IF ANY.** N/A

12. **ITEM(S) FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:** None.

**ADJOURN.** The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL: 4-23-24

APPROVED:

  
Judy Eychner, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Shelley McElhannon, City Secretary