



## KERRVILLE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP AGENDA

AUGUST 13, 2024

CITY HALL, 701 MAIN STREET, KERRVILLE, TEXAS



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**CALL TO ORDER:** By Mayor Joe Herring, Jr.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** A member of the public may address City Council regarding an item on this agenda. Comments must be relevant to the agenda item. This is not intended to be a question and answer session. Prior to speaking, each speaker must fill out the speaker request form and submit it to the City Secretary. The speaker request form must be submitted before the meeting is called to order. Each speaker is limited to four minutes.
  
2. **INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION:**  
2.A City's new Teen Court Program in conjunction with its Municipal Court. (Y Luna, Municipal Court Administrator)  
Attachment: [20240813\\_Presentation Teen Court WLT.pdf](#)
  
3. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** City Council may, as permitted by law, adjourn into executive session at any time to discuss any matter listed above if meeting qualifications in Sections 551.071 (consultation with an attorney), 551.072 (deliberation regarding real property), 551.074 (personnel/officers), 551.087 (deliberation regarding economic development negotiations) of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. City Council reserves the right to meet in executive session on the following issue(s):  
3.A City's use of groundwater, operations of its conjunctive use water utility, and related permits. (551.071) (M Hayes, City Attorney)
  
4. **ACTION, IF ANY, ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

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**TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL  
WORKSHOP  
CITY OF KERRVILLE, TEXAS**

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**SUBJECT:** City's new Teen Court Program in conjunction with its Municipal Court. (Y Luna  
*Municipal Court Administrator*)

**AGENDA DATE OF:** August 13, 2024      **DATE SUBMITTED:** August 2, 2024

**SUBMITTED BY:** Yesenia Luna, Municipal Court Director

**EXHIBITS:**

<b>Expenditure Required:</b>	<b>Remaining Budget Balance in Account:</b>	<b>Amount Budgeted:</b>	<b>Account Number:</b>
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**PAYMENT TO BE MADE TO:** N/A

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**Kerrville 2050 Item?** No

**Key Priority Area**      N/A  
**Guiding Principle**      N/A  
**Action Item**      N/A

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**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

This will be a presentation on the new Teen Court Program.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Presentation only; no action.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

[\*20240813\\_Presentation Teen Court WLT.pdf\*](#)



## Kerrville Municipal Court



### Why Teen Court?

- Legislature mandated diversion policy starting on January 1, 2025
- Applies to juveniles between 10-16
- Teen Court is an approved diversion option
- Ensure that juveniles have an opportunity to enter adulthood without a criminal record that could impede their educational, employment, and military opportunities.

# What is Teen Court?

## Teen Court is Court

1. Guilt and innocence will not be determined by the jury; punishment is the only thing to be addressed in teen court.
2. The court session will occur on select Tuesday evenings each month during the school year.
3. The attorneys handling the prosecution and defense will be teenagers.
4. The six-person jury will be comprised of a mix of teen volunteers with the Kerrville Teen court and prior defendants who have been sentenced to participate in a certain number of jury panels as part of their punishment.
5. Judge Pearson will be the Teen Court Judge.
6. The bailiff will be the City Marshal.

## Timeline

- Court personnel presented teen court to Tivy students on April 29, 2024.
- Received a total of 35 applications.
- Interviewed 27 applicants the last 2 weeks in May.
- Held first training session for teen attorneys and jurors on July 26, 2024.
  - We had 17 students appear
  - An additional three (3) agreed to attend a training session in September.
- Began offering Teen Court as an option to juvenile defendants on August 5, 2024.
  - Two juvenile defendants have already opted for teen court



