

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING**

**KERRVILLE, TEXAS  
MAY 11, 2021**

On May 11, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Mayor Bill Blackburn at the Cailloux City Center, 910 Main Street. Councilmember Judy Eychner provided the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:**

Bill Blackburn	Mayor
Kim Clarkson	Mayor Pro Tem, Councilmember Place 2
Gary Cochrane	Councilmember Place 1 (departed seat at the bench 6:05 p.m.)
Roman Garcia	Councilmember Place 1 (commenced seat at the bench 6:10 p.m.)
Judy Eychner	Councilmember Place 3
Brenda Hughes	Councilmember Place 4

**COUNCILMEMBER ABSENT:** None

**CITY EXECUTIVE STAFF:**

Mark McDaniel	City Manager	Stuart Cunyus, Public Information Officer
E.A. Hoppe	Deputy City Manager	Kim Meismer, Exec Director Gen Ops
Mike Hayes	City Attorney	Drew Paxton, Chief Planner
Shelley McElhannon	City Secretary	

**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.

**1. COMMENDATION TO OUTGOING COUNCILMEMBER GARY COCHRANE.**

Mayor Blackburn recognized Councilmember Gary Cochrane for his service as Councilmember Place 1.

Councilmember Cochrane departed seat at the bench at 6:05 p.m.

**2. RESOLUTION(S).**

2A. Resolution No. 21-2021. A Resolution canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the May 1, 2021 City General Election.

Shelley McElhannon read Resolution No. 21-2021 caption into record.

Councilmember Brenda Hughes moved to approve Resolution No. 21-2021 and Councilmember Eychner seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

**3. OATHS OF OFFICE GIVEN BY THE HONORABLE ALBERT PATTILLO, PRESIDING JUDGE 216 DISTRICT COURT.**

Judge Pattillo issued the oaths of office to the newly elected Councilmember Place 1 Roman Garcia, and re-elected Councilmember Place 2 Kim Clarkson.

Councilmember Roman Garcia commenced seat at the bench at 6:10 p.m.

**4. CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION SIGNED AND ISSUED BY MAYOR BILL BLACKBURN.**

Certificates of election were signed and issued by Mayor Blackburn for Councilmember Place 1 Roman Garcia, and Councilmember Place 2 Kim Clarkson

**5. STATEMENTS BY ELECTED COUNCILMEMBERS.**

Statements were made by newly and re-elected councilmembers:

Councilmember Place 1: Roman Garcia

Councilmember Place 2: Kim Clarkson

**6. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST:**

Items of interest to the community were presented by Stuart Cunyus and Councilmember Eychner.

**7. PRESENTATIONS:**

7A. Recognition and commendations for termed Parks Advisory Board members.

Mayor Blackburn presented commendation to termed Parks Advisory Board member Rose Bradshaw. Other members receiving commendations but not attending the meeting were Lisa Nye-Salladin, Jesse Olvera, and Greg Peschel.

**8. VISITORS FORUM:**

The following person signed up to speak but declined when called: Renee Lafaso.

**9. CONSENT AGENDA:**

Councilmember Eychner made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the correction and Councilmember Hughes seconded. It was noted that item 4B in the minutes from April 27, 2021 had a minor correction. The motion passed 5-0.

9A. Minutes for the City Council meeting held April 27, 2021.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA.**

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

10A. Ordinance No. 2021-10, first reading. An Ordinance amending Chapter 60, Code of Ordinances, City of Kerrville, Texas; Chapter 60 more commonly known as the City's Zoning Code; by changing the zoning of a property known as 1555 Highway 173 and consisting of an approximate 7.158 acre tract of land out of the William C. Francis Survey No. 146, Abstract No. 137, and within the City of Kerrville, Kerr County, Texas; from an Agriculture District (AG) to a Multifamily Residential Zoning District (R-3); providing a cumulative clause; providing for severability; providing an effective date; and ordering publication.

Shelley McElhannon read Ordinance No. 2021-10 caption into record.

Drew Paxton and applicant Jeffery Tondre with Vickrey and Associates provided information and responded to questions.

Mayor Blackburn opened the public hearing at 6:33 p.m.

No one spoke.

Mayor Blackburn closed the public hearing at 6:33 p.m.

Councilmember Clarkson moved to approve Ordinance No. 2021-10 on first reading, and Councilmember Eychner seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**11. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:**

- Senior Services Advisory Committee presentation on the AARP Age-Friendly Community designation (Eychner)

**12. BOARD APPOINTMENTS:**

12A. Appoint member to the Joint Airport Board, requested by Airport Board Manager Mary Rohrer.

Airport Board President Mark Mosier and Airport Board nominee John Major spoke. Councilmember Eychner moved to appoint the Airport Board's nominee John Major, and Councilmember Hughes seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

12B. Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilmember Eychner made a motion to reappoint Councilmember Kim Clarkson as Mayor Pro Tem, and Councilmember Hughes seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Councilmember Eychner made a motion the City Council adjourn into closed executive session under 551.074 (personnel/officers), and Councilmember Hughes seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Blackburn recessed the meeting at 6:45 p.m., and reconvened in closed executive session in the Cailloux City Center upstairs conference room.

**13. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

13A. Appointment of City Manager. (551.074)

The closed executive session adjourned, Council returned to open session at 7:45 p.m.

**14. ACTIONS ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION, IF ANY:**

Councilmember Eychner moved to appoint E.A. Hoppe as City Manager, effective as of 5:00 p.m., June 1, 2021; such action subject to Council approving an employment agreement with Mr. Hoppe, which the Council now authorizes the Mayor to negotiate with him to bring back to Council at a future meeting the results of that agreement. This motion was seconded by Councilmember Hughes. The motion passed 4-1 with Mayor Blackburn, Councilmember Clarkson, Councilmember Eychner, and Councilmember Hughes voting in favor, and Councilmember Roman Garcia voting in opposition.

During the discussion Councilmember Garcia moved to amend the motion to include and to add to the end of the motion and to instruct staff to begin putting a plan to be presented to City Council at a future meeting to open up the process of appointing the City Manager. This motion failed for lack of second.


**ADJOURN.** The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL: 5-25-2021

APPROVED:

  
Bill Blackburn, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Shelley McElhannon, City Secretary