

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING

KERRVILLE, TEXAS
MAY 8, 2012

On May 8, 2012, the Kerrville City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Wampler at 6:00 p.m. in the city hall council chambers, 800 Junction Highway. The invocation was offered by Tom Murray, Associate Rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Fire Chief Robert Ojeda.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

David Wampler	Mayor
Gene Allen	Mayor Pro Tem
Carson Conklin	Councilmember
T. Scott Gross	Councilmember
Stacie Keeble	Councilmember

COUNCILMEMBER ABSENT: None

CITY EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Todd Parton	City Manager
Mike Hayes	City Attorney
Brenda G. Craig	City Secretary
Kristine Ondrias	Assistant City Manager
Travis Cochran	Director of Information Technology
Mike Erwin	Director of Finance
Robert Ojeda	Fire Chief
Mindy Wendele	Director of Business Programs
Kim Meismer	Director of General Operations
Jason Lutz	City Planner

VISITORS PRESENT: List on file in city secretary's office for the required retention period.

1. VISITORS/CITIZENS FORUM: The following person spoke:

1A. Harvey Brinkman recognized T. Scott Gross for his six years of service on the city council, and Melanie Gross for her dedicated service and attendance at the city council meetings.

2. PRESENTATION:

2A. Proclamation designating the week of May 7-11, 2012, as Nurses Week.

2B. Proclamation for Hunt, Texas 100 Year Birthday.

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

Mr. Gross moved for approval of items 3A – 3F; Mr. Conklin seconded the motion and it passed 5-0:

3A. Minutes of the regular city council meetings held March 27, April 10, April 24, and April 30, 2012.

3B. Resolution No. 11-2012 waiving park fees for Juneteenth Celebration within Louise Hays Park scheduled for June 15 – 17, 2012.

3C. Contract with Vulcan Materials, L.P. for TxDOT Item 340, Type D hot mix asphalt concrete material, \$65.00/ton delivered.

3D. Agreement with Schreiner University for use of hotel occupancy tax funds for the restoration and preservation project at the Schreiner Mansion.

3E. Reject all submitted bids for the Birkdale lift station, force main and emergency flow diversion structure project.

3F. Reject all submitted bids for the wastewater treatment plant service facility break room addition project.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. ORDINANCE SECOND AND FINAL READING:

4A. Ordinance No. 2012- 03 amending City of Kerrville, Texas, Ordinance No. 2012-01 by extending the moratorium on the acceptance of specified applications and the issuance of permits for the installation of electronic and traveling lighted message signs, through June 30, 2012, or until the adoption of an ordinance amending the city's Sign Code, Chapter 6, Article II of the city's Code of Ordinances, whichever event occurs first. Mayor Wampler read the ordinance by title only.

Mr. Hayes noted no changes since first reading. The ordinance would extend the moratorium on certain electronic signs in excess of 32 square feet, and prohibit signs from being located within 100 feet of a residential area, to June 30 or until a new sign code was adopted.

Ms. Keeble moved for passage of Ordinance No. 2012-03 on second and final reading; Mr. Conklin seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

The following persons spoke:

1. Ronnie Miller noted that the sign board on Hill Country State Bank's existing 42 sq. ft. sign was malfunctioning and they could not get parts to fix it. Under the existing sign ordinance and moratorium, HCSB could not repair it or replace it to the existing size.

2. Cory Traub, Pro Tech Signs, noted that under the new ordinance HCSB would be limited to 32 sq. ft.; he asked if there was anything HCSB could do to keep 42 sq. ft. and stated a new 32 sq. ft. sign would not fit and would be out of proportion with other signs.

Mayor Wampler noted the city was attempting to correct deficiencies in the existing sign ordinance to address current sign technology and waiting for input from the business community to include in the new ordinance. At the previous meeting, Mr. Traub stated that the extension would not create undue hardship as any sign designs would not be completed until late June.

5. ORDINANCE FIRST READING:

5A. An ordinance amending the budget for fiscal year 2012 to account for changes in the status of various capital improvement projects; and to amend other city funds to account for balances for approved purposes. Mayor Wampler read the ordinance by title only.

Mr. Parton noted the net impact of the budget amendments would be zero and highlighted some of the changes: staff restructuring that eliminated some positions and reassigned duties to existing staff; closed several capital projects; allocated \$6,500 to Texas Workforce Commission to help create a welding school; allocated \$40,000 for purchase and installation of lighting for the downtown pavilion, lighting to be consistent with Peterson Plaza; allocated \$80,000 from the hotel occupancy tax fund to fund \$20,000 to Schreiner Mansion renovation, \$20,000 for the wayfinding signage plan, and \$40,000 to Kerrville's 4th on the river celebration; increased revenues and corresponding expenditures to acknowledge several grants received for the police, street, and library departments, including \$180,000 for street construction equipment, and \$50,000 to purchase electronic books and check out stations at the library; closed several EIC projects and returned remaining funds to the EIC fund; and increased the general fund contingency by \$27,000.

Mayor Wampler questioned the status of the city's matching funds from a TxDOT project at the airport. Mr. Erwin noted the county auditor informed him she would research it, and the city would have to wait until it was approved by the airport board before the funds could be returned to the city.

The following persons spoke:

1. Ruth Spradling questioned the city's elimination of one code compliance officer in the budget. Mr. Parton noted funding was available for a consulting service if additional help was needed.

Mayor Wampler noted several positions had been eliminated from the original budget, several more were being eliminated with this amendment, and in some cases replacements were not being hired; the service function was not going away but duties were being assumed by existing staff who were taking on more responsibilities.

Ms. Keeble moved for approval of the ordinance on first reading; Mr. Conklin seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

6. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

6A. License agreement with Kerrville's 4th on the River for June 30, 2012 event. Ms. Wendele noted the celebration would be held on June 30 instead of July 4. Events were scheduled in Louise Hays Park during the afternoon and evening, and fireworks display after dark. Activities were also scheduled in the downtown area during the day.

Mr. Conklin moved for approval of the agreement as presented; Mr. Gross seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

6B. Resolution No. 12-2012 granting a petition requesting the annexation of an approximately 9.83 acre tract out of the F. Rodriguez Survey No. 72, Abstract No. 280, within Kerr County, Texas, and consisting of the property addressed as 5263 Highway 27; and ordering the preparation of an annexation ordinance.

Mr. Lutz presented an annexation petition from Nathan Fox to annex 9.83 acres at 5263 Highway 27 adjacent to the city limits. He noted that water and sewer lines were already available to the property.

Mr. Conklin moved for approval of Resolution No. 12-2012; Ms. Keeble seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

6C. Joint meeting with the City of Kerrville, Texas Economic Improvement Corporation, set date and topics of discussion.

The consensus of council was to schedule the joint meeting on May 29 or May 30 in the morning; topics for discussion should be sent to Ms. Wendele.

7. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION:

7A. Report from TxDOT on future road work on State Highway 173 (TxDOT).

Mike Coward, TxDOT area engineer, presented TxDOT's plan to resurface and restripe SH173 from SH16 to Camp Meeting Creek in July. The plan for SH 173 included taking the existing four traffic lanes to two lanes with a center turn lane and a five foot shoulder on each side. He noted that TxDOT would be requesting that any new developments in this area provide turn lanes into their property. He noted their preferred option would be five traffic lanes, but there were no plans to widen this roadway in the near future, and TxDOT felt this would create a safer roadway. Mr. Coward stated there were no new projects, other than maintenance of existing roadways, beyond 2014 as there would be no federal funding available.

The following persons spoke:

1. Jimmie Spradling supported the center turn lane for safety.
2. Justin MacDonald noted a blind curve when coming onto SH173 from Rolling Green.

No action was taken by council.

7B. Water resources report.

Mr. Hastings reported rainfall for March was 3.59"; April, 0"; May 1.6" with 1.4" for the current storm event and rainfall continuing. The city needed 9-12" to get out of the drought. The average river flow was 140 cfs; the current flow was 90 cfs having risen from 17 cfs on the weekend. The ASR was at 740 mg and staff was continuing to put water in as available.

7C. Second quarter performance report.

Mr. Erwin provided the performance measures for the second quarter.

7D. Budget and economic update.

Mr. Erwin noted sales tax was up 17.8% in April reflecting February sales; revenues exceeded expenditures in the general fund and water/sewer fund. The jobs chart showed that recession continued and recovery was slow nationally.

8. BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

8A. Appointment to the main street advisory board.

Mr. Conklin moved to appoint David A. Martin with term to expire January 31, 2014; Mr. Gross seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

9. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS: None.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST:

- Mayor Wampler expressed appreciation to Mr. Gross for his service on the council and noted several projects that he was involved in during the past six years. He also stated his appreciation to Melanie Gross for her dedication to the city.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

12. ADJOURNMENT. The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

APPROVED: _____

David Wampler, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda G. Craig, City Secretary