

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING

KERRVILLE, TEXAS
JANUARY 10, 2012

On January 10, 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 Reverend Patty Edwards, Unity Church of the Hill Country, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Corporal Clayton Baldwin, Medic, United States Army, having recently served in Afghanistan.

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 Cochrane	Director of Information Technology
Mike Erwin	Director of Finance
Charlie Hastings	Director of Public Works
Kim Meismer	Director of General Operations
Mindy Wendele	Director of Business Programs
Robert Ojeda	Fire Chief
John Young	Police Chief
Jeff Finley	Director of Building Services

VISITORS PRESENT: List is on file in city secretary's office.

1. VISITORS/CITIZENS FORUM: No one spoke.

1A. Mr. Conklin was selected by the Mardi Gras on Main Committee to be a member of the Royal Court for the Mardi Gras event on February 21.

2. PRESENTATIONS:

2A. Presentation of Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Award from the Government Finance Officers Association. Mr. Parton presented the award to the finance department staff and noted the city had received the award for 27 consecutive years: Sandra Yarbrough, Sai Vongchampa, Kathy Schneider, Vanessa Silva, and Trina Rodriguez.

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

Mr. Allen moved for approval of item 3A; Mr. Conklin seconded the motion and it passed 5-0:

3A. Approval of the minutes of the regular city council meeting held December 13, 2011; and two special city council meetings held December 14, 2011.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

4A. Resolution No. 01-2012 authorizing publication of notice of intention to issue certificates of obligation in the amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 for the purpose of financing parks and trail system improvements and water and sewer system improvements.

Mr. Erwin noted the council issued \$3.5 million debt for river trail and park system improvements in December; this resolution would authorize staff to proceed with the second issuance of \$3.5 million. In addition, staff proposed issuing approximately \$6.3 million for water and sewer system capital projects, for a total 2012 issuance of approximately \$10 million. Approval of the resolution would authorize staff to proceed, and the sale of bonds would be considered by the council at the February 14, 2012 meeting.

Mr. Gross moved for approval of Resolution No. 01-2012; Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

4B. Set time, date and place for a workshop to discuss the FY2013 budget.

Mr. Parton proposed a workshop to begin the process of planning the FY13 budget. The consensus of the council was to schedule the workshop on January 31, 2012, at the Salvation Army Kroc Center.

4C. Direction to staff on proposed amendments to the sign ordinance.

Mr. Finley reviewed the problems with the existing ordinance, in particular, difficulty with enforcement and conflicting provisions, and noted a committee had been established to review the existing ordinance and to recommend changes. He presented the results of two surveys prepared by the city and the chamber. He reviewed the committee's and staff's recommended changes and noted the committee felt it had completed its task, but would participate in discussions regarding the rewrite of the ordinance if requested to do so. He recommended council consider placing a moratorium on issuing sign permits until completion of the sign ordinance amendments.

The consensus of the council was to instruct staff to prepare a draft ordinance based on input received from the sign committee, chamber, community, and the council. Staff should invite the chamber to be involved in the rewrite, and Mayor Wampler encouraged the community to be involved in the process. Further, the consensus of the council was to place a moratorium on issuing sign permits until the sign ordinance could be completed.

Mr. Hayes noted a moratorium could be established by ordinance, which would require two readings.

4D. Support of the Kerrville Area Chamber of Commerce's Kerr Fest 2012 scheduled for August 10 and 11, 2012.

Ms. Wendele noted the chamber of commerce requested the city support Kerr Fest 2012 by providing in kind services, i.e. public safety and EMS equipment and personnel for the event, estimated to cost \$3,100.

The following persons spoke:

1. Traci Carlson, Kerrville Area Chamber of Commerce President, encouraged the city's support of the event.
2. Denny Foster, event organizer, noted plans for Kerr Fest 2012 included a carnival, dance, team roping, and arts and crafts booths.

Mr. Conklin moved that the city allocate resources and approve the request for \$3,100 for in kind services as proposed; the motion was seconded by Mr. Gross and passed 5-0.

5. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION:

5A. Water resources report.

Mr. Hastings noted the state water master had allowed the city to begin removing water from the river and staff was treating and injecting water into the ASR wells. The city currently had 620 million gallons in ASR. The river flow was currently at 60 cfs; average flow was 120 cfs.

5B. Budget and economic update.

Mr. Erwin noted sales tax was up 4% above same month last year. He reported as of December 31, 2011, general fund expenditures were at \$4,686,774 and water/sewer fund expenditures at \$2,149,486.

6. BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

6A. Appointment(s) to the zoning board of adjustment. Mr. Conklin moved to appoint Linda Stilwell as a regular board member with term to expire September 30, 2013; Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Mr. Gross moved to appoint Paul Zohlen and Bob Waller as alternate members with terms to expire September 30, 2012 and September 30, 2013, respectively. Ms. Keeble seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

6B. Appointments to the planning and zoning commission. Item was deferred to executive session.

7. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS: None stated.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST:

8A. Ms. Keeble announced the Polar Bear Challenge netted over \$22,000 for Partners in Ministry. Carolyn Lipscomb noted Ms. Keeble won the Best Costume Award.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Gross moved for the city council to go into executive closed session under Sections 551.071 (consultation with attorney), 551.074 (personnel matters), and 551.087 (deliberation regarding economic development negotiations) of the Texas Government Code; the motion was seconded by Mr. Allen and passed 5-0 to discuss the following matters:

Section 551.071 and 551.087:

- Discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the City Council has received from a business prospect that the Council seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in the City and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations; or to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to such business prospect.

Section 551.074:

- Appointments to the planning and zoning commission.

At 6:53 p.m. the regular meeting recessed and council went into executive closed session at 6:58 p.m. At 7:33 p.m. the executive closed session recessed and council returned to open session at 7:33 p.m. Mayor Wampler announced that no action had been taken in executive session.

10. ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

6B. Appointments to the planning and zoning commission. Mr. Conklin moved to reappoint Harold Buell and David Watterson as regular board members, and Chastan McRae as the alternate board member; all with terms to expire January 1, 2014. Mr. Allen seconded the motion and it passed 5-0

11. ADJOURNMENT. The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

APPROVED: _____

David Wampler, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda G. Craig, City Secretary