

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING**

**KERRVILLE, TEXAS
SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 6:00 PM**

On September 26, 2023 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 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:

Kim Meisner, Interim City Manager
Mike Hayes, City Attorney
Michael Hornes, Asst City Manager
Shelley McElhannon, City Secretary
Stuart Barron, Exec Director PW & Eng
Julie Behrens, Director Finance

Jacob Bogusch, Finance Compliance Coord
Stuart Cunyus, Public Information Officer
Guillermo Garcia, Exec Director Innovation
Eric Maloney, Fire Chief
Chris McCall, Police Chief
Drew Paxton, Director of Planning/Zoning

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.

Mike Wittler, CEO and GM Kerrville Public Utility Board
Amy Dozier, CFO Kerrville Public Utility Board

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST:

Announcements of Community Interest provided by Stuart Cunyus.

2. PRESENTATION(S):

2A. Kerrville Kindness Award: Back to School Community Partners.

Mayor Eychner presented the Kerrville Kindness Award to the Back to School Community Partners represented by ambassadors from the Light on the Hill, The KROC Center, Eyes on Me Barber School, and the Historic Downtown Business Alliance.

2B. Proclamation recognizing October 2023 as Hill Country Dark Sky month.

Mayor Eychner presented a proclamation recognizing October 2023 as Hill Country Dark Sky month received by Bill Rector, Bruce Barton, and Layng Guerriero.

2C. Proclamation recognizing October 5, 2023 as the City of Kerrville World Teachers' Day.

Mayor Eychner presented a proclamation recognizing October 5, 2023 as the City of Kerrville World Teachers' Day received by KISD Elementary Campus Teacher of the Year 2022-2023 Kenna Bush, Art Teacher Tally Elementary; the Region 20 Secondary Principal of the Year 2022-2023 Shelby Balser, Principal Tivy High School; and KISD Superintendent Brent Ringo.

Mayor Eychner announced speakers will have two minutes to speak during the visitors forum.

3. VISITORS FORUM:

The following person(s) spoke:

- Michael Sigerman
- Louis Amestoy
- George Baroody
- Barbara Dewell Ferguson

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

Citizen George Baroody submitted a speaker request form to speak on item 4A. Councilmember Brenda Hughes made a motion to approve items 4B and 4C, seconded by Councilmember Joe Herring, Jr. The motion passed 5-0.

4B. City Council workshop minutes, September 12, 2023.

4C. City Council meeting minutes, September 12, 2023.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA.

4A. City of Kerrville Funding Agreement with Kerr Economic Development Corporation (KEDC).

The following person(s) spoke:

- George Baroody

Michael Hornes and Julie Behrens provided information and responded to questions.

Councilmember Hughes made a motion to approve item 4C as presented, seconded by Councilmember Herring. The motion passed 4-1 with Mayor Eychner, Councilmember Jeff Harris, Councilmember Herring, and Councilmember Hughes voting in favor, and Councilmember Roman Garcia opposed.

5. ORDINANCES, FIRST READING:

5A. Ordinance No. 2023-24. An Ordinance amending in part Ordinance No. 99-18, as amended by adopting revised rate schedules for residential services, and distributed generation rider; containing a cumulative clause; containing a severability clause; and establishing an effective date.

Shelley McElhannon read Ordinance No. 2023-24 caption into record.

Amy Dozier provided information and responded to questions.

Councilmember Garcia made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-24 on first reading, seconded by Councilmember Hughes. The motion passed 5-0.

6. ORDINANCES, SECOND READING:

6A. Ordinance No. 2023-22, second reading. An Ordinance changing the zoning of a property known as 202 Mack Hollimon Drive, consisting of Lot 1, Block 1, of the Oak Hollow Estates Addition, and within the City of Kerrville, Kerr County, Texas; from a Single-Family Residential Zoning District (R-1) to a Neighborhood Commercial Zoning District (C-1); and providing other matters relating to the subject.

Shelley McElhannon read Ordinance No. 2023-22 caption into record.

Councilmember Hughes made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2023-22, seconded by Councilmember Herring. The motion passed 5-0.

6B. Ordinance No. 2023-25, second reading. An Ordinance adopting the annual budget for the City of Kerrville, Texas, Fiscal Year 2024; providing appropriations for each City

department and fund; containing a cumulative clause; and containing a savings and severability clause.

Shelley McElhannon read Ordinance No. 2023-25 caption into record.

Councilmember Herring made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2023-25 to adopt the City's budget for Fiscal Year 2024 on second reading, 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.

Roll call vote:	In Favor	Opposed
Mayor Judy Eychner	<u>X</u>	_____
Councilmember Roman Garcia	_____	<u>X</u>
Councilmember Jeff Harris	<u>X</u>	_____
Councilmember Joe Herring, Jr.	<u>X</u>	_____
Councilmember Brenda Hughes	<u>X</u>	_____

Councilmember Herring made a motion ratifying vote to adopt the budget that will require raising more revenue from property taxes than the previous fiscal year, seconded by Councilmember Hughes. The motion was approved 5-0.

6C. Ordinance No. 2023-26, second reading. An Ordinance levying an Ad Valorem (Property) Tax for the use and support of the Municipal Government for the City of Kerrville, Texas, for Fiscal Year 2024; apportioning each levy for specific purposes; and providing when taxes shall become due and when same shall become delinquent if not paid.

Shelley McElhannon read Ordinance No. 2023-26 caption into record.

Councilmember Hughes made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2023-26 that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.5595, which is effectively a 2.98% percent increase in the tax rate, seconded by Councilmember Harris. The motion passed 5-0.

Roll call vote:	In Favor	Opposed
Mayor Judy Eychner	<u>X</u>	_____
Councilmember Roman Garcia	<u>X</u>	_____
Councilmember Jeff Harris	<u>X</u>	_____
Councilmember Joe Herring, Jr.	<u>X</u>	_____
Councilmember Brenda Hughes	<u>X</u>	_____

6D. Ordinance No. 2023-28, second reading. An Ordinance amending Chapter 26 "Building and Building Regulations" of the Code of Ordinances, City of Kerrville, Texas, by adding a new Article XI "Grading and Filling", to create regulations, including a permit requirement, for any activity associated with the disturbance of land under specified conditions; providing for a penalty in the maximum amount of \$2,000.00 for violations thereof; and providing other matters relating to the subject.

Shelley McElhannon read Ordinance No. 2023-28 caption into record.

Councilmember Herring made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2023-28 on second reading, seconded by Councilmember Harris. The motion passed 5-0.

7. BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

7A. Appointments to the Senior Services Advisory Committee.

Councilmember Herring moved to appoint Tammy Amerson-Wilson, Irving Hart, Gretchen Rye, Paige Sumner, and Lynette Wedig, seconded by Councilmember Harris. The motion was approved 5-0.

7B. Appointments to the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #1. (This item eligible for Executive Session 551.074).

Mayor Eychner made a motion to reappoint Fred Gamble, Katherine Howard, and Bruce Stracke, seconded by Councilmember Herring. The motion passed 5-0.

7C. Appointments to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. (This item eligible for Executive Session 551.074).

Councilmember Hughes moved to reappoint Michael Killeen, seconded by Mayor Eychner. This motion was approved 5-0.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Executive Session not called nor convened.

8A. Deliberation of competitive matters regarding wholesale market activities of the Kerrville Public Utility Board (K PUB), to include supply agreements, hedging and Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT). (551.086)

8B. Appointments to the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #1. (551.074)

8C. Appointments to the Zoning Board of Adjustment (551.074)

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


10. ITEM(S) FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

- Councilmember Hughes – appoint an Animal Ordinance Committee, seconded by Councilmember Herring. Consensus to add item to future agenda 4-1, with Mayor Eychner, Councilmember Harris, Councilmember Herring, and Councilmember Hughes in favor, and Councilmember Garcia opposed.
- Councilmember Garcia – request to consider obtaining Council meeting agenda information sooner than the Friday before a Tuesday Council meeting. Mayor Eychner called for a second Council sponsor, with no second forthcoming.
- Councilmember Herring – acknowledged and thanked Kim Meismer for serving as Interim City Manager.

ADJOURN. The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL: 10/10/2023

APPROVED:


Judy Eychner, Mayor

ATTEST:


Shelley McElhannon, City Secretary