

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING**

**KERRVILLE, TEXAS
JANUARY 09, 2024 6:00 PM**

On January 09, 2024 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:

Dalton Rice, City Manager
Mike Hayes, City Attorney
Kim Meismer, Asst City Manager
Michael Hornes, Asst City Manager
Shelley McElhannon, City Secretary
Stuart Barron, Executive Director

Julie Behrens, Director of Finance
Stephen Boyd, Asst Fire Chief
Stuart Cunyus, Public Information Officer
Guillermo Garcia, Executive Director
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.

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST:

Community announcements provided by Stuart Cunyus and Councilmember Brenda Hughes.

2. PRESENTATION(S):

2A. Commendations for outgoing Board members of the Library Advisory Board, and the Recovery Community Coalition.

Mayor Eychner presented commendations to Megan Bean and Melinda Kay Stewart for the Library Advisory Board, and Joseph Duprie, Thomas Hurt, Joseph Piszczor, and Cynthia Tate for the Recovery Community Coalition. Megan Bean and Joseph Duprie were in attendance.

2B. Life Saving Bar Presentation to Kerrville Police Department Officer David Cordova.

Police Chief Chris McCall presented Officer David Cordova with the Life Saving Bar, and recognized Officer Cordova's service in resuscitating an unresponsive individual.

3. VISITORS FORUM:

The following person(s) spoke:

- Anthony Farmer

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

Shelley McElhannon read Consent Agenda captions into record.

Councilmember Roman Garcia requested to pull item 4A. Councilmember Jeff Harris made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items 4B, 4C, 4D, and 4E, seconded by Councilmember Hughes. The motion passed 5-0.

4B. Resolution No. 01-2024. A Resolution ordering that a General Election be held on May 4, 2024, for the election of Mayor, and two Councilmembers for Place 3 and Place 4; providing details relating to the holding of such election; authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Kerr County Elections Officer for the holding of the election; and providing other matters related to the subject.

4C. Purchase of Dump Truck for City's Public Works Department in the amount not to exceed \$150,000.00.

4D. City Council workshop minutes, December 12, 2023.

4E. City Council meeting minutes, December 12, 2023.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA.

4A. Ordinance No. 2023-34, second reading. An Ordinance amending the City's Fiscal Year 2024 (FY 2024) budget to allocate funds to be used for expenses related to the City's preparation for and response to the Total Solar Eclipse event, which will take place April of 2024.

Shelley McElhannon read Ordinance No. 2023-34 caption into record during Consent Agenda caption readings.

Councilmember Garcia made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-34, seconded by Councilmember Joe Herring, Jr. The motion passed 5-0.

5. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

5A. Review Report from the Charter Review Commission regarding recommendation of amendments to City Charter.

Shelley McElhannon read item 5A caption into record.

Mike Hayes provided information and summarized twenty-six amendments, reviewed propositions A through J, and outlined next steps; and responded to questions.

Summary of recommendations:

1. Amend Section 1.02 replace "competent" with "appropriate"
2. Delete Section 1.03
3. Amend Section 1.05 address legislative changes to state's annexation law
4. Amend Section 1.06 City's authority over disannexation of property, simply language
5. Amend Section 1.08 required notice of damages or injuries
6. Amend Section 2.02 subsection c, as to grammar for clarity
7. Amend Section 2.03 subsection a, increase length of Council to three years
8. Amend Section 2.04 clarification when a Councilmember must forfeit office
9. Amend Section 2.05 subsections a and c, add definition and comma
10. Amend Section 3.04 conduct required of Councilmember
11. Amend Section 4.02 change required vote from plurality to majority
12. Amend Section 4.03 correct punctuation
13. Amend Section 5.10 subsections a and c, add definition and comma
14. Amend Section 6.01 correct punctuation
15. Amend Section 6.02 clarification
16. Amend Section 6.03 (i) provide super-majority of entire Council to approve appointment and removal of City Manager
(ii) remove timing restrictions as to removal
(iii) address gender and grammar

17. Amend Section 6.05 correct punctuation
18. Amend Section 7.01 subsection d, (i) provide super-majority of entire Council to approve appointment and removal of City Attorney
(ii) remove timing restrictions as to removal
19. Amend Section 8.01 subsection c, adjust timing for submission of City Manager's proposed budget to Council
20. Amend Section 8.04 subsection c, typographical error
21. Amend Section 9.02 address gender
22. Delete Article X
23. Delete Article XI
24. Delete Section 12.01
25. Delete Section 12.03
26. Amend Section 12.05 remove obsolete term
27. Amend Section 12.06 subsection a1, correct punctuation

Mayor Eychner requested speakers limit time to three minutes.

The following person(s) spoke:

- Tim Summerlin
- Jaclyn Hall
- Bill Fitch
- Glenn Andrew
- Kim Clarkson
- Barbara Dewell-Ferguson
- John Harrison
- Bud Irving Hart
- Ian Daugherty

Councilmember Garcia made a motion to provide direction to the City Attorney by adopting the proposed amendments to the City Charter with these changes: add a semi-colon on proposed amendment number four after City; to remove proposed amendment number seven regarding the term limits; to remove proposed amendment number nine regarding compensation amount; to remove proposed amendment number eleven regarding a majority vote instead of a plurality vote; to change proposed amendment number twelve, (*I don't know if we are adding or taking away the commas, clarification, my proposal is to strike the two commas*); to strike proposed amendment number sixteen with regarding a four-fifths vote to appoint or remove a City Manager; to strike proposed amendment number eighteen which is to appoint or remove a City Attorney. Mayor Eychner called for a second, with no second. Motion died for lack of second.

Councilmember Garcia made a motion to approve all of them that I don't object with, and then if a Councilmember wants to make a motion to approve all of the ones that I did not include, that way my vote can reflect an opposition on those; so I move to provide direction to the City Attorney to prepare an Ordinance on the proposed amendments for 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27. Mayor Eychner called for a second, with no second. Motion died for lack of second.

Councilmember Herring made a motion to accept the recommendations from the Charter Review Commission in its entirety and let the voters of our Community make those decisions as previous Charter Review Commissions have done, seconded by Councilmember Hughes. Councilmember Garcia clarified "*let the voters decide*", which Councilmember

Herring advised was a side comment. The motion passed 4-1, with Mayor Eychner, Councilmember Harris, Councilmember Herring, and Councilmember Hughes voting in favor, and Councilmember Garcia opposed.

6. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Executive Session not called nor convened.

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

8. **ITEM(S) FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:**

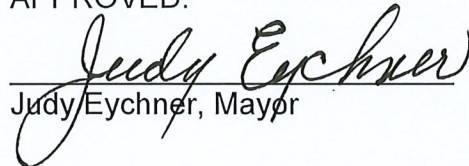
Councilmember Garcia – Pending agenda list.

Dalton Rice provided closing remarks to City Council.

ADJOURN. The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL: 1/23/2024

APPROVED:


Judy Eychner, Mayor

ATTEST:


Shelley McElhannon, City Secretary