

**KENNEDALE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
REGULAR MEETING | FEBRUARY 8, 2024 AT 5:30 PM  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS | 405 MUNICIPAL DRIVE, KENNEDALE, TX 76060

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

A. ROLL CALL

Mayor Pro Tem Kenneth Michels called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. AND TEXAS FLAGS

*"Honor the Texas Flag; I Pledge Allegiance to Thee, Texas, One State under God; One and Indivisible."*

Dr. Nelda Barrett Murraine led the invocation and Mayor Pro Tem Kenneth Michels led the pledges.

**II. VISITOR AND CITIZEN FORUM**

Lynn Ballester, on behalf of 501 & 509 S. New Hope Road (Musa Ashraf) spoke regarding the reconstruction of New Hope Road moving from the 'blue line' to the 'green line' on the plans.

Tammy Patterson, 400 N Little School Road, Spoke regarding Item IV.C.2, the sewer line reconstruction. She wishes for a soil analysis to be done to see if the soil is damaged.

**III. WORK SESSION**

A. WORK SESSION REPORTS

1. Freese and Nichols updates on the following projects:

- N. Little School Road Extension
- Valley Lane Bridge Repair
- Averett Road Bridge Repair

Sydney Green from Freese and Nichols gave an update on each of the projects. Final designs are almost complete.

2. Charter Study Committee results.

Mayor Pro Tem asked if there were any questions regarding the Charter Study Committee. Councilmember Nevarez asked how the committee went and why they arrived at the alternate wording. Mr. Michels gave a brief overview. There was discussion about back-to-back elections and the burden that places on the candidate.

Councilmember Nevarez then thanked the people on the Charter Committee and Mayor Pro Tem Michels.

3. Update on Tarrant County Emergency Services Agreement.

City Manager Darrell Hull stated we will continue with our current ILA and not add additional coverage for our department to respond to.

4. Discussion regarding authorization for the City Manager to hire an additional 2 Public Works employees.

City Manager Hull detailed that an additional 2 part-time employees will be needed for flagging for the various Tarrant County projects in the City. He would like the additional help so we do not take the full time employees from their regular duties. This will allow the tasks that are common for Public Works to be completed in a timely manner.

5. 2023 Annual Report for Kennedale Public Library.

Library Director Elizabeth Partridge presented her annual report for the Library, Senior Center and Communications.

6. 2023 Annual Report for Kennedale Municipal Court.

Court Administrator Bertha Vindel presented her annual report for Municipal Court.

**B. DISCUSSION AND/OR REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION OF ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

None

**IV. REGULAR SESSION**

**A. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*In addition to any items below, the Kennedale City Council, the presiding officer, and/or staff may give or receive reports regarding items of community interest, including, but not limited to, recognition of officials, citizens, staff, or departments; information regarding holiday schedules; and upcoming or attended events.*

Councilmember Nevarez reminded everyone of the Rotary Club Chili Cook off on February 24th.

Councilmember Griffith updated the Council on the Veterans Memorial Committee. He stated he has recently been appointed to EDC and is getting up to speed.

**B. CONSENT AGENDA**

*These matters have appeared on previous agendas, require little or no deliberation, or are considered routine or ministerial tasks. If discussion is desired, items may be removed for separate consideration.*

Councilmember Griffith asked to pull Item 3 from the Consent Agenda.

**Motion Approve. Action Approve CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 1 2 & 4. Moved By** Jeff Nevarez, **Seconded By** Bryant Griffith. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Councilmember Griffith then motioned to go into Executive Session on item 3 and City Secretary Raeanne Byington reminded them that the Consent Agenda item was for the regular election and not the Special Election. Councilmember Griffith then withdrew the motion for Executive Session.

1. Approval of the minutes from the January 16, 2024 Regular Meeting.
2. Receive the 2023 Racial Profiling Report from the Police Department.
3. Approve a resolution for the May 4, 2024 General Election.  
**Pulled from Consent Agenda by Councilmember Griffith**
4. Approval for the City Manager to hire 2 additional Public Works employees.

**C. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

3. (from Consent Agenda) Approve a resolution for the May 4, 2024 General Election.  
**Motion** Approve. **Action** Approve Approve a resolution for the May 4, 2024 General Election.,  
**Moved By** Jeff Nevarez, **Seconded By** Bryant Griffith. **Motion passed unanimously.**

1. Discussion and Approval of an ordinance calling for a Special Charter Election on May 4, 2024. **MOVED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR CONSULT WITH CITY ATTORNEY**

2. Consider approval of an emergency rehabilitation to a 12" sanitary sewer line with Excel 4 Construction, LLC at an estimated cost of \$91,640.00

Public Works Director Kristian Sugrim gave an overview of the petrified clay pipe that collapsed and subsequently backed up into the home at 400 N. Little School Road.

**Motion** Approve. **Action** Approve Consider approval of an emergency rehabilitation to a 12" sanitary sewer line with Excel 4 Construction, LLC at an estimated cost of \$91,640.00, **Moved By** Jeff Nevarez, **Seconded By** Bryant Griffith. **Motion passed.**

**V. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A. PURSUANT TO §551.071** — *Consultation with the City Attorney pertaining to any matter in which the duty of the City Attorney under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct may conflict with the Open Meetings Act, including discussion of any item posted on the agenda, legal issues regarding the Open Meetings Act.*

**B. PURSUANT TO §551.072** — *Deliberation regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.*

**C. PURSUANT TO §551.087** — *(1) Deliberation regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations; or (2) to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect described by Subdivision.*

D. **PURSUANT TO §551.074** — *Deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee.*

**VI. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION, AND TAKE ACTION NECESSARY PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION, IF NEEDED**

Mayor Pro Tem Michels reconvened from Executive Session at 8:01 pm.

1. Discussion and Approval of an ordinance calling for a Special Charter Election on May 4, 2024.

Councilmember Griffith moved to go to Executive Session to discuss the new language that the Charter Committee presented and consult with the City Attorney via phone.

**Motion** Approve. **Action** Approve with Amendments Discussion and Approval of an ordinance calling for a Special Charter Election on May 4, 2024.

Councilmember Griffith moved to pass the ordinance with the change to the language of the charter as follows:

Section 3.03:

In the event of a vacancy in the office of Mayor, the Mayor Pro Tem shall, on the effective date of the vacancy, assume the office of Mayor, to serve until the next local election date that offers sufficient time to comply with the requirements of the election code.

Section 3.06:

To serve until the next local election date that offers sufficient time to comply with the requirements of the election code.

**Moved By Bryant Griffith, Seconded By Jeff Nevarez. Motion passed unanimously.**

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** Adjourn. **Action** ADJOURNMENT, **Moved By** Jeff Nevarez, **Seconded By** Bryant Griffith. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Mayor Pro Tem Kenneth Michels adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
MAYOR PRO TEM KENNETH MICHELS

ATTEST:

  
CITY SECRETARY RAEANNE BYINGTON

