



## KENNEDALE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING | APRIL 16, 2024 AT 5:30 PM  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS | 405 MUNICIPAL DRIVE, KENNEDALE, TX 76060

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jan Joplin called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

#### A. ROLL CALL

**PRESENT:** David Glover, Kenneth Michels, Bryant Griffith, Jeff Nevarez;  
**ABSENT:**

**STAFF:** *City Manager Darrell Hull, Interim Deputy City Secretary Ross Sanchez, Community Development Director Nathan Gonzales, Director of Finance Jonathan Horton, Library Director Elizabeth Partridge, Director of Human Resources Caroline Green, Public Works Director Kristian Sugrim, Fire Chief James Brown, Police Chief Michael Holguin, City Attorney Carvan Adkins*

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

Pastor Gary Redfield led the invocation, Mayor Pro Tem Kenneth Michels led the pledges

### II. VISITOR AND CITIZEN FORUM

Dustin Verona, 309 Autumnwood Court, spoke to the City Council concerning the flooding on Autumnwood Court.

### II. WORK SESSION

#### A. WORK SESSION REPORTS

##### 1. Re-Accreditation Award for Kennedale Police Department

Chief Tracy Aaron from the Mansfield PD recognized the Kennedale PD for re-accreditation through the Texas Law Enforcement Best Practices Accreditation program.

##### 2. Little School Rd Extension (Freese & Nichols)

Sydney Green, Freese & Nichols, gave an update to the City Council on the Little School Rd Extension project



3. Safe route to school (Shield Engineering)

Max Aransen, Shield Engineering, gave an update to the City Council on the Safe Route to School project.

4. Street study

Mostafa Nakhaei, Infrastructure Management Services, gave an update on the Kennedale street study.

5. Receive the independent auditor's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the fiscal year 2023 ending September 30, 2023. Forvis LLP

Kevin Kemp, Forvis LLP, presented the independent auditor's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year 2023 ending September 30, 2023, to the City Council.

6. Board & Commissions Training

The City Council had a discussion on properly training our Kennedale Board & Commissions. The current Board Member Handbook was reviewed and will be updated to reflect our current status in fiscal year 2024.

7. Capital Project Plan for water & sewer

Public Works Director Kristian Sugrim gave a presentation on the Capital Project Plan for water and sewer.

8. Resolution for Citizens on Patrol

Police Chief Michael Holguin informed the City Council that the grant opportunity for Citizens on Patrol would require a signed resolution which is to be presented at a future meeting date.

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

None

**III. 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.*

1. Updates from members of the Kennedale City Council

The councilmembers provided a brief summary of the events and meetings that they have attended during the last month.

2. Updates from the Mayor

a. BBQ Proclamation

b. Child Abuse Awareness Month Proclamation

Paige Wilkey and Emma Garcia, Alliance for Children, accepted a proclamation for Child Abuse Awareness Month.

3. Updates from the City Manager

4. Financial Reports for the City and/or the EDC

Finance Director Jonathan Horton presented the city Financials.

B. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the minutes from the March 19, 2024 Regular Meeting.
2. Approval of the independent auditors Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the fiscal year 2023 ending September 30, 2023. Forvis LLP.

PL5 Nevarez motioned to approve all consent agenda items.

PL 4 Bryant seconded the motion.

No oppositions, No abstentions.

**Vote: The motion to approve carried unanimously: 4-0**

C. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION



1. Stripe-A-Zone Quote N Little School Rd

PL1 Glover motioned to approve a quote for Stripe-A-Zone.

PL 3 Michels seconded the motion.

No oppositions, No abstentions.

**Vote: The motion to approve carried unanimously: 4-0**

2. Valley Lane and Averett Rd bridge improvements

PL4 Griffith motioned to approve Valley Lane and Averett Rd. bridge improvements.

PL1 Glover seconded the motion.

No oppositions, No abstentions.

**Vote: The motion to approve carried unanimously: 4-0**

3. Judge Agreements

PL5 Nevarez motioned to approve the Judge Agreements.

PL 4 Griffith seconded the motion.

No oppositions, No abstentions.

**Vote: The motion to approve carried unanimously: 4-0**

D. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

**V. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The City Council adjourned into executive session at 8:32 p.m.

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.*

1. 400 N Little School Rd Repair Estimate
2. TownCenter Development District
3. Tru Hotel Agreement



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.*

1. Board appointments

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

The City Council reconvened into open session at 10:38 p.m.

PL5 Nevarez motioned to authorize the City Manager to enter into an 380 agreement with Kamali Holdings Inc.

PL 4 Griffith seconded the motion.

No oppositions, No abstentions.

**Vote: The motion to approve carried unanimously: 4-0**

PL4 Griffith motioned to appoint the following:

Town Center Development District Place 1, Chair, Mark Yeary

Town Center Development District Place 2 Tyson Eubanks

Town Center Development District Place 3 Mayor Joplin

Town Center Development District Place 4 Jeff Nevarez

Town Center Development District Place 5 Bryant Griffith



Planning and Zoning Commission Place 3 Kevin Guo  
Planning and Zoning Commission Place 4 Anita Favela  
Planning and Zoning Commission Place 5 Socorro Martinez  
Parks and Recreation Place 1, Vice-Chair, Kim Courtney  
Parks and Recreation Place 2, Kevin Guo  
Parks and Recreation Place 4, Chair, Keith Courtney

PL 4 Nevarez seconded the motion.  
No oppositions, No abstentions.

**Vote: The motion to approve carried unanimously: 4-0**

## VII. ADJOURNMENT

PL5 Nevarez motioned to adjourn

PL3 Michels seconded the motion.  
No oppositions, No abstentions.

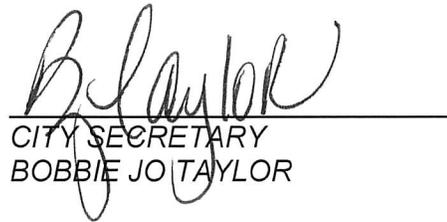
**Vote: The motion to approve carried unanimously: 4-0**

**APPROVED:**

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MAYOR  
BRAD HORTON

**ATTEST:**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bobbie Jo Taylor", written over a horizontal line.

CITY SECRETARY  
BOBBIE JO TAYLOR