

**CITY OF KENEFICK
LIBERTY COUNTY, TEXAS
April 26, 2021
Minutes**

Mayor Marty Wells called the May 24th meeting of the Kenefick City Council to order at 7:00 P.M.

Citizen Participation:

Several residents of CR 645 came to speak of the unhealthy and dangerous conditions they are having to deal with from a resident living on the street. The Mayor stated we do not have a police dept. but he would give the Sherriff a call and speak to him about the issue. Mayor Wells also stated we have partnered with the Sherriff dept. before with issues with positive results.

Minutes:

Minutes from the March 8th, 2021 special meeting were approved as read. Motion to accept was made by Joel Fingleman, seconded by Austin McElroy, all in favor motion passed.

Minutes from the March 22nd regular meeting were approved as read. Motion to accept was made by Allen Anderson, seconded by Joel Fingleman, all in favor motion passed. Minutes from the March 29th special meeting were approved as read. Motion to accept was made by Allen Anderson, seconded by Joel Fingleman, all in favor motion passed.

Financials:

Financial reports for the month of March 2021 were approved as read. Motion to accept was made by Allen Anderson, seconded by Austin McElroy, all in favor motion passed.

Bureau Veritas:

Dawnel Rogers with Bureau Veritas spoke with us about building inspections and the cost of inspections. It was decided that further discussion needs to be done on this so acting on appointment of an inspection company was tabled for next meeting.

Vacancy:

Mayor Wells reported he spoke with one candidate at length the other has not returned His call. Mayor nominated Scianna Leon to fill the position of Alderman 2, he felt she would be a good fit for council. Council will vote at next meeting.

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Property Tax:

The setting of a property tax rate was tabled to next meeting.

Title Insurance:

Discussion on the purchase of title insurance on donated property at a cost of \$1315.00+ Tax. Allen Anderson made a motion to approve up to \$1500.00 for the purchase of title Insurance, seconded by Austin McElroy, all in favor motion passed.

Ordinance 2021-02:

Allen Anderson made a motion to accept the ordinance regarding mayors spending Authority. Austin McElroy seconded, all in favor motion passed.

Ordinance 2021-03:

The passing of this ordinance concerning travel trailers was tabled to next meeting. Everyone felt it needed some fine tuning before it gets passed.

Open Meeting Act Training:

All council was instructed to go to the Texas Attorney General web site and take the Open Meetings Act Training print the certificate that they took it and bring the certificate to be placed in their file.

www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open-government/open-meeting-act-training

Mayor Wells adjourned the meeting at 7:50 P.M.

In Attendance:

Marty Wells, Mayor
Joel Fingleman, Alderman #1
Austin McElroy, Alderman #3
Allen Anderson, Alderman #5
Marlene Clanton, City Secretary

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Allen Anderson made a motion to accept and appoint the nomination of Scianna Leon To fill the open position of Alderman 2. It was seconded by Stacey Brown, all in favor motion passed.

Scianna was then issued the Statement of Officer and Oath of Office.

Welcome, to Scianna Leon, Council member, Alderman Position 2.

Bureau Veritas:

Allen Anderson made the motion to hire Bureau Veritas with approval of contract by City Attorney to perform building inspections for us. Motion was seconded by Joel Fingleman, all in favor motion passed.

Property Tax:

Allen Anderson made a motion to table the setting of a property tax until we have a business plan on where the money would go, prior to setting a tax. The motion was seconded by Stacey Brown, all in favor, motion was passed.

Virtual Assistant:

Discussion was held on hiring a virtual assistant to assist city secretary on getting the city website up to date with publishing of city ordinances. Allen Anderson felt the citizens of Kenefick should have access to these ordinances before we start issuing tickets for failure to follow city ordinance. It was decided to get the ordinances put in a PDF format and Scianna Leon will assist the City Secretary with getting this done. Having a pay pal link added to site would also be helpful for citizens.

Internet Service:

There was no new information on getting Internet service.

Mobile Home and Hud-Code Manufactured homes:

Ordinance concerning these homes will be pulled and reviewed for further discussion.

Ordinance 2016-92A:

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After much discussion it was decided more adjustments to the ordinance need to be made. Suggestions of 30 consecutive days stayed in a year, a maximum of 20 vehicles on a lot, tract, or parcel of land. A fee of \$20.00 per space per year shall be paid to the city. Adjustments will be made and presented to council at next meeting.

Real Property Donation:

Council was presented with copies of the survey. Allen Anderson made a motion to approve the payment to Chambers Surveying and Mapping in the amount of \$2412.55. Seconded by Joel Fingleman, all in favor motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned by Mayor Wells at 7:50 P.M.

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Scianna Leon, Alderman #2
Stacey Brown, Alderman #4
Allen Anderson, Alderman #5
Marlene Clanton, City Secretary
Tim Kirwin, City Attorney

Marty Wells Jr., Mayor

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