

**CITY OF KENEFICK
LIBERTY COUNTY
COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 24, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER:

The July 24th meeting of the Kenefick City Council was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Marty Wells. Invocation and pledges led by Mayor.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

We had several citizens attending, voicing their concerns over items such as city limits, community center income, ability to do functions on city property, drainage, and road improvements.

One Citizen stepped forward and thanked the council for the work they do to better the community.

June 26, 2023, MINUTES:

Joel Fingleman made the motion to accept the minutes as read, Rory Handley seconded the motion, all in favor motion passed.

FINANCIALS:

Joel Fingleman made the motion to accept the financials for June 2023. Motion was seconded by Rory Handley, all in favor motion passed.

Council reported receiving financials ahead of the meeting gave them the opportunity to truly review them.

WEB SITE / SOCIAL MEDIA:

Councilman Handley gave his report on his findings. Rory feels that what we are paying is too much. We already have our domain we could build our own site with options to link.

To social media plus give each council person their own city email address.

ACTION: Councilman Handley, will do more research and work on putting a site together. He will work up a proposal and present it to the mayor for his approval.

INTERNET SERVICE:

Comcast is coming to Kenefick and surrounding area.

ACTION: City will investigate other options for the Grant money received.

Police Department:

Scianna Leon gave her report on what it would cost to hire a temporary officer from Liberty County. A rate of \$50.00 an hour plus a \$10.00 administrative fee was given with a minimum of a four-hour shift or an eight-hour shift. This rate includes patrol, business checks, extra patrol down county roads, faster response time to in progress calls. Along with patrol duty, monitoring speeds down all roads and tickets as well as written warnings.

Citations will go to JP4, Judge Wilburn's court and the city would not be able to get revenue from citations unless we hold our own court. Arrested suspects would be retained in the Liberty County Jail. The Sherriff office would let the deputies use their own patrol vehicle and uniform. All deputies have insurance through the county for vehicle and personal insurance.

ACTION: Scianna Leon will work up a report for the July meeting.

PERMITS AND FEES:

This item was tabled for another meeting.

ACTION: Discuss further at next council meeting.

3564 FM 1008 PROPERTY:

City Attorney said we could do another competitive sealed bid. We could do a public auction with a reserve, we can put a sign out, do a newspaper advertisement but we may not list with an agent. Scianna Leon made a motion to do another competitive sealed bid, no one gave a second.

ACTION: Item was tabled for a later date.

IMPROVEMENTS:

Joel Fingleman stated that the cost of sheet metal, new ceiling fans, and blinds would cost around \$8,000.00.

ACTION: Joel Fingleman will work on replacing the sheet metal. Asked for volunteers to help. The city secretary will contact TML to ask about volunteers being covered under our insurance policy.

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor reported he has a resume he likes to work as a backup to city secretary. He will call and talk to her. He asked the council for their permission to hire her if he likes what she has to say. Marty Cole made the motion to allow him to hire her if she is qualified, seconded by Rory Handley, all in favor motion passed.

CITY SECRETARY REPORT:

Building Rentals and expenses: The City Secretary reported she spoke with the city auditor and CPA about building rental funds and expenses. Both stated that the rental money should go

into the general fund and expenses out of the general fund are not separate from city funds and expenses.

Public document review: Public can review city documents, but they must first present an open records request.

Quick books Pro 2023 (Desktop): Quick Books was updated on 7/25/23.

ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT:

Rory Handley made the motion to approve the Engagement agreement with Lloyd Gosselink Attorney at Law with a \$6,000.00 cap to work on a new franchise agreement with Sam Houston Electric Coop. Motion was seconded by Joel Fingleman, all in favor motion passed.

BID PACKAGE:

Rory Handley made the motion to reject the one bid package for road work, it was seconded by Marty Cole, all in favor motion passed.

FINANCIAL AUDIT:

The council requested we invite Ray Smith to attend next month's meeting to give us his report on the financial status of the city and answer any questions the council might have on this audit.

NO FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

ADJOURN: 8:10 PM

IN ATTENDANCE:

Marty Wells, Mayor

Joel Fingleman, Alderman #1

Scianna Leon, Alderman #2

Rory Handley, Alderman #3

Marty Cole, Alderman #5

Marlene Clanton, City Secretary

Tim Kirwin, City Attorney

Marty Wells, Mayor

August 28, 2023

Marlene Clanton, City Secretary