

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MEETING**

**KERRVILLE, TEXAS
DECEMBER 10, 2024 6:00 PM**

On December 10, 2024 at 6:00 PM, Mayor Joe Herring, Jr. called the Kerrville City Council meeting to order in City Hall Council Chambers, 701 Main Street, provided the invocation, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Joe Herring, Jr
Councilmember Delayne Sigerman
Councilmember Jeff Harris
Councilmember Kent McKinney

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilmember Brenda Hughes

CITY EXECUTIVE STAFF:

Dalton Rice, City Manager
Mike Hayes, City Attorney
Michael Hornes, Asst City Manager
Shelley McElhannon, City Secretary
Stuart Barron, Executive Director
Julie Behrens, Director of Finance
Jacob Bogusch, Finance Coordinator
Ashlea Boyle, Director of Parks & Rec

Janelle Chapman, Procurement Coord
Stuart Cunyus, Public Information Officer
Rosa Ledesma, Asst Dir Parks & Rec
Eric Maloney, Fire Chief
Chris McCall, Police Chief
Diane Miller, Library Director
Drew Paxton, Director of Planning
Charvy Tork, Director of IT

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.

Amy Dozier, Chief Financial Officer
Paul Jason, Advisor with Specialized Public Finance
Tara Bushnoe, Director with Upper Guadalupe River Authority
Kevin Sheppard, Wells Fargo Banking
Chris Cawthon, C3 Swim
Martin Bartlett, Senior Public Involvement Manager with Consor Engineering
Katherine Sepassi, Project Manager with Consor Engineering
Sean Scott, Senior Director with Alamo Area Council of Government

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST:

Stuart Cunyus, Mayor Herring, Councilmember Delayne Sigerman, and Councilmember Jeff Harris provided information and announcements.

2. PRESENTATIONS:

2.A Kerrville Kindness: Retired Librarian John Ruth who championed artist Masha Rukhina for a stained glass project at Tivy High School.

Mayor Herring and Councilmember Sigerman recognized John Ruth for inspiring artist Masha Rukhina in completing a stained glass project at Tivy High School. The award was received by John Ruth.

- 2.B Kerrville Kindness: Tivy JROTC Students, Command Chief Galifaro and USAF (ret.) Colonel Apostolides presenting colors and participating in multiple community events.

Mayor Herring and Councilmember Harris recognized the Tivy Jr. ROTC students, Command Chief Galifaro, and USAF (ret.) Colonel Apostolides for presenting colors and participating in multiple community events.

- 2.C Proclamation recognizing the author of the 2024 Christmas In Kerrville poem.

Mayor Herring congratulated Katy Kappel as the author of the 2024 Christmas in Kerrville poem. Katy Kappel read the winning poem.

- 2.D Recognition of Kerr County Abstract and Title Company for 100 years of business.

Mayor Herring recognized Kerr County Abstract and Title Company for 100 years of business in Kerrville, Texas. Recognition was received by Bob and Diane Green, and Kim and Austin Clarkson.

3. **VISITORS/CITIZENS FORUM:**

The following person(s) spoke:

George Baroody

Peggy McKay

Katy Kappel

4. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Shelley McElhannon noted that Resolution No. 48-2024 had been corrected to read as *the first day of early voting will be Tuesday, April 22, 2025*. Councilmember Harris requested to pull item 4C, 4D, 4E.

Councilmember Sigerman motioned to approve consent agenda items 4A, 4B, 4F, and 4G, seconded by Councilmember Kent McKinney. The motion passed 4-0.

Regarding items 4C, 4D, and 4E: Councilmember Harris noted that all three purchases were budgeted purchases. Councilmember Harris wanted to record the items as budgeted purchases for transparency purposes. Councilmember Harris then made a motion to approve items 4C, 4D, and 4E, seconded by Councilmember McKinney. The motion passed 4-0.

- 4.A Resolution No. 48-2024. A Resolution ordering that a General Election be held on May 3, 2025 for the election of two City Councilmembers for Place 1 and Place 2; providing details relating to the holding of such election; authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Kerrville Independent School District for the holding of a joint election between the two entities; and providing other matters related to the subject.

4.B Resolution No. 50-2024. A Resolution authorizing the City's participation in and authorizing certain officials to act on behalf of the City with respect to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department's boating access grant.

4.C Purchase of 2026 Dump Truck for Water Reclamation in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

4.D Purchase of 2026 Utility Service Truck for Water Distribution in an amount not to exceed \$168,000.

4.E Purchase and relocation of radio and dispatch equipment with the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) in an amount not to exceed \$135,000.

4.F City Council workshop minutes November 12, 2024.

4.G City Council meeting minutes November 12, 2024.

5. **INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION:**

5.A Presentation from Kerrville Public Utility Board (KPUB) as to its project to construct and own a proposed debt-funded, natural gas plant.

Dalton Rice announced Amy Dozier will be providing information. Amy Dozier and Paul Jason provided information and responded to questions.

6. **ORDINANCE(S), SECOND READING:**

6.A Ordinance No. 2024-30, second reading. An Ordinance amending Chapter 50 "Fire Prevention and Protection" of the Kerrville Code of Ordinances by adding a new Article III "Cost Recovery Program and Mitigation Rates", which will authorize the City to apply fees (mitigation rates) for various emergency services provided by the Kerrville Fire Department; providing a severability clause; and providing other matters related to the subject. *THIS ORDINANCE WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED ON FIRST READING NOVEMBER 12, 2024.*

Shelley McElhannon read Ordinance No. 2024-30 caption into record. Chief Maloney provided information and responded to questions.

Councilmember Harris made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2024-30 second reading, seconded by Councilmember McKinney. The motion passed 4-0.

7. **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**

7.A Service Agreement between the City of Kerrville and Fire Recovery USA for cost recovery services as to the City's application of mitigation rates (fees).

Chief Maloney and Julie Behrens provided information and responded to questions.

Councilmember Sigerman made a motion to authorize the City Manager to finalize and

execute the Service Agreement, seconded by Councilmember Harris. The motion passed 4-0.

- 7.B Resolution No. 49-2024. A Resolution amending the City of Kerrville Fee Schedule by adding fees (Mitigation Rates) that the City will charge for emergency fire services provided by the City's Fire Department.

Julie Behrens provided information and responded to questions.

Councilmember McKinney made a motion to approved Resolution No. 49-2024, seconded by Councilmember Sigerman. The motion passed 4-0.

- 7.C Interlocal Transportation Agreement between the City of Kerrville and the Alamo Area Council of Governments furnishing the City with a public transportation Micro-Transit service.

Dalton Rice provided information and responded to questions.

Councilmember Sigerman made a motion for approval of a transportation agreement with AACOG and ART, seconded by Councilmember McKinney. The motion passed 4-0.

- 7.D Interlocal agreement relating to funding and construction of improvements through the water resources preservation grant program between the Upper Guadalupe River Authority and the City of Kerrville.

Michael Hornes and Tara Bushnoe provided information and responded to questions.

Councilmember Sigerman made a motion for approval of the interlocal agreement between UGRA and the City of Kerrville, seconded by Councilmember Harris. The motion passed 4-0.

- 7.E Banking Services Agreement between the City of Kerrville and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. and designation of Director of Finance as the "designated officer" pursuant to state law.

Julie Behrens provided information and responded to questions.

Councilmember McKinney made a motion to authorize the City Manager to finalize and execute the Banking Services Agreement, seconded by Councilmember Harris. Councilmember McKinney amended the motion by adding the designation of officer as the Director of Finance, seconded by Councilmember Harris. The motion passed 4-0.

- 7.F The City's grant of a Wastewater (Sanitary Sewer) Service Line Easement on property it owns adjacent to Fire Station No. 3, 3225 Legion Dr.

Drew Paxton and Chris Cawthon provided information and responded to questions.

Councilmember Harris made a motion to grant the easement for the Wastewater service line, seconded by Councilmember McKinney. The motion passed 4-0.

7.G Proposal with Consor Engineers for its provision of Water Resources Strategic Communication Service and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and enter into a contract.

Dalton Rice provided information and responded to questions.

Councilmember McKinney made a motion to authorize the City Manager to finalize and execute the contract, seconded by Councilmember Sigerman. The motion passed 4-0.

8. **FINANCE:**

8.A Financial report for month-ending October 31, 2024.

Julie Behrens provided information and responded to questions.

8.B Update regarding City of Kerrville American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) projects and proposed reallocation of excess funds.

Julie Behrens provided information and responded to questions.

Councilmember Harris made a motion to approve the request to reallocate the ARPA funds, seconded by Councilmember McKinney. The motion passed 4-0.

9. **BOARD APPOINTMENTS:**

9.A Appoint Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #1 Chair. *THIS ITEM ELIGIBLE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION 551.074.*

Councilmember Sigerman nominated Judy Eychner as Chair of the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #1, seconded by Mayor Herring. The motion passed 4-0.

9.B Appointment to the Food Service Advisory Board.

Councilmember Sigerman made a motion to reappoint Rebecca Dittmar, seconded by Councilmember Harris. The motion passed 4-0.

9.C Appointment to the Library Advisory Board.

Councilmember McKinney made a motion to reappoint Barbara Jansen and Lana Tatsch, and newly appoint Karolyn Andrews, seconded by Councilmember Sigerman. The motion passed 4-0.

9.D Appointment to the Main Street Advisory Board.

Councilmember Sigerman made a motion to appoint Gena Teer, seconded by Mayor Herring. The motion passed 4-0.

9.E Appointment to the Planning & Zoning Commission. *THIS ITEM ELIGIBLE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION 551.074.*

Councilmember Harris made a motion to reappoint David Lipscomb, Tabor McMillan, Kimberly Richards, and Michael Sigerman, seconded by Councilmember McKinney. The motion passed 3-0, with Mayor Herring, Councilmember Harris, and

Councilmember McKinney voting in favor, and Councilmember Sigerman abstaining from the vote.

9.F Appointment to the Recovery Community Coalition.

Councilmember McKinney made a motion to reappoint Deanna Allen, seconded by Mayor Herring. The motion passed 4-0.

10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Executed Session was not called nor convened.

10.A Appoint Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #1 Chair 551.074. This item was not discussed in Executive Session, as action was decided during item 9A.

10.B Appointment to the Planning & Zoning Commission 551.074. This item was not discussed in Executive Session, as action was decided during item 9E.

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

12. **ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:** None.

ADJOURN. Th meeting adjourned 7:27 p.m.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL: January 14, 2025

APPROVED:

Joe Herring Jr.
Joe Herring Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Shelley McElhannon
Shelley McElhannon, City Secretary