

**BASTROP CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
May 20, 2014 at 6:15 pm**

Pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Chapter § 551, the City Council of Bastrop, Texas held a Regular Meeting on the aforementioned date at the Bastrop City Hall Council Chambers located at 1311 Chestnut Street in Bastrop, Texas to consider the following matters:

**A. OPENING ITEMS**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – A quorum was present; Mayor Terry Orr called the Meeting to order at 6:15 pm.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – By Mayor Elect Kesselus' Grandchildren Nathan Freeto and Madison Crownover
3. **INVOCATION** – The Rev. Lisa Hines lead the prayer.
3. **PRESENTATIONS** – Certificates of Appreciation were extended to the May 10<sup>th</sup> City Election Staff; PK Barnett, Pamela Barnett and James Gurka.
4. **PROCLAMATIONS** – Mayor Orr read the Proclamation in Observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 26, 2014 and stated that Mayor Pro-Tem Beal would be presenting it at the Memorial Day Event at Fairview Cemetery on behalf of our newly elected Mayor Ken Kesselus.
5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Mayor Orr welcomed back Council Member Kay Garcia McAnally, Newly Elected Council Member Kelly Gilleland, and Newly Elected Mayor Ken Kesselus. Mayor stated in Latin "*Nunc novi aevi magnum*" English translation is "*Now a great new age begins.*"

**B. CANVASS OF ELECTION RETURNS**

1. **COUNCIL TO CANVASS RETURNS AND DECLARE RESULTS OF MAY 10, 2014 GENERAL ELECTION – MAYOR ORR APPOINTED MAYOR PRO-TEM BEAL AS THE CHAIR, HE, COUNCIL MEMBERS DELAROSA, AND DOCK JACKSON CANVASSED THE RETURNS.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Beal confirmed the canvass results and proudly announced the following:

Place 3	564 Votes	Kay Garcia McAnally
Place 5	417 Votes	Kelly Gilleland
Mayor	569 Votes	Ken Kesselus

Mayor Pro-Tem Beal moved to accept the election results, seconded by Council Member DeLaRosa; vote of 5-0.

2. **OATH OF OFFICE WAS ADMINISTERED TO NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:**
  - Kay Garcia McAnally - by 423<sup>rd</sup> District Court Judge, The Honorable Christopher D. Duggan
  - Kelly Gilleland - by 21<sup>st</sup> District Court Judge, The Honorable Carson Campbell
  - Ken Kesselus - by 423<sup>rd</sup> District Court Judge, The Honorable Christopher D. Duggan

Mayor Terry Orr congratulated the new Mayor, handed him the keys to the Mayor's office and stated "Bastrop is the Best Little Town in Texas." Mayor Ken Kesselus took a moment to thank his wife of 45 years and thanked Mayor Terry Orr in Latin by stating "*Ne inducas nos in serviendi*" English translation is "let us lead by serving others." He added that he looks forward to working with the Council Members in moving Bastrop forward.

Mayor Kesselus expressed his concern for the litter in the downtown area of Bastrop and encouraged Citizens to participate in his campaign to "Keep Bastrop at its Best."

**C. ORGANIZATION OF THE COUNCIL:**

1. **CONSIDER ADOPTION OF ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER**

**MOTION** – Mayor Pro-Tem Beal made the motion to adopt the Robert's Rules of Order and nominated Council Member Dock Jackson as Parliamentarian.

**SECOND** – Council Member DeLaRosa

**MOTION PASSED** – Unanimous vote of 5-0

2. **CONSIDER ELECTION BY COUNCIL OF MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE**

**MOTION** – Mayor Pro-Tem Beal made the motion to elect Willie DeLaRosa as Mayor Pro Tempore.

**SECOND** – Council Member McAnally

**MOTION PASSED** – Unanimous vote of 5-0

Mayor Pro-Tem DeLaRosa thanked Council Member Joe Beal for his nomination.

**D. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

1. **RICHARD KESSELUS – SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Mr. Richard Kesselus gave a heartfelt speech and stated how extremely proud he was of Mayor Kesselus' accomplishments. Mr. Richard Kesselus proceeded to present his brother the newly Elected Mayor of Bastrop, Ken Kesselus a handmade gavel made from a tree on their family property. Mayor Kesselus expressed his gratitude and thanked his family for their support.

2. OTHER - No items

**E. ADJOURN THE SPECIAL MEETING AND CONVENE INTO A WORKSHOP SESSION AT THE TABLE (AT BACK OF CHAMBERS) TO CONSIDER, DISCUSS, AND POSSIBLY ACT ON THE FOLLOWING:**

At 7:00 pm, Mayor Kesselus adjourned the Special Meeting and convened into a workshop session.

**1. INTRODUCTION AND INFORMAL CONVERSATION AMONG COUNCIL MEMBERS AND CITY - WELCOME NEW MEMBER, INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS, ETC.**

Mayor Kesselus held an information round table introduction for all Council Members, City Manager, City Attorney, and Department Directors.

**2. DISCUSSION OF COUNCIL'S PROCESS, RULES OF DECORUM AND OPERATION, INCLUDING ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER AND/OR INFORMAL APPLICATION OF SAME.**

Mayor Kesselus acknowledged the wonderful job Parliamentarian Jackson has done in the past and the Mayor expressed his support in keeping everyone on task and in sync with the Agenda.

**3. OVERVIEW OF CITY OPERATIONS**

**a. ORGANIZATIONAL OPERATIONS** - The City Council will continue holding Regular Meetings twice a month and once in December in addition to Special Budget and/or Utility Workshops.

**b. COUNCIL'S ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES** - Mayor Kesselus requested that Council Members submit their agenda requests in writing or electronically and via text for Mayor Pro-Tem DeLaRosa to his attention for consideration and approval. The deadline to submit agenda requests is Wednesday one week prior to the City Council Meeting. Council Members will continue to advise the Mayor and/or the City Manager of their absences. He added that the minutes would reflect key points to support the motions.

**c. CITY BUDGET PROCESS**

- Mayor Pro-Tem DeLaRosa requested a list of projects, cost, and projected impact on tax rates.
- Council Member Beal suggested starting a "(Rusty) Bridge Refurbishment Fund"
- Mayor Kesselus requested a Calendar of upcoming meetings be provided to the Council on a monthly basis.
- Revisit the Clean Sweep Program in efforts to assist our environmental cleanup efforts and encourage citizen participation.
- Council Member Joe Beal expressed concern on the need for technology in the Council Chambers, as it is difficult to hear speakers and public comments. City Manager Talbot informed the Council that we are looking into video streaming the meetings in the near future. In the meantime, we will request to have the microphones adjusted for the public speakers.
- Mayor Kesselus acknowledged that the Council would begin conducting their Budget Workshops three weeks earlier than last years' timeline with their first meeting scheduled for June 3<sup>rd</sup>; 2014.
- Mayor Kesselus expressed his interest and the benefits of creating a Financial Advisory Team who understands the various aspects of the budget and suggested having Council Member Beal as the lead person on that team. He acknowledged Council Member McAnally as the liaison for the Film Commission and the Cultural Arts District.
- Mayor Kesselus requested an update on the Automated Red Light Advisory Board Committee and City Manager Talbot advised Council there would be a meeting held on June 10, 2014 at 5:30 pm.
- Council discussed the evaluation process for the City Manager, City Attorney, and the City Secretary.

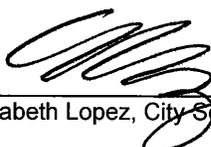
**d. RAY AND ASSOCIATE'S REPORT OF COUNCIL RETREAT, MARCH 22, 2014.** - City Manager Talbot provided a copy of the Report prepared by Katheryn Ray for the Council's Review and consideration. He thanked the Council Members for their input and noted he had received good suggestions and direction.

**F. THE BASTROP CITY COUNCIL WILL RECONVENE INTO OPEN SPECIAL MEETING TO DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND/OR TAKE ANY ACTION(S) NECESSARY RELATED TO THE WORKSHOP SESSION NOTED HEREIN, OR AGENDA ITEMS, NOTED ABOVE AND/OR RELATED ITEMS.**

At 8:02 pm, Mayor Kesselus reconvened into open Special Meeting and appointed Warren Pederson in his stead on the Automated Red Light Advisory Committee. City Manager Talbot advised the Council that a Board Training would be held in the latter part of June in anticipation of the new Board appointments.

**G. ADJOURNMENT** - Mayor Kesselus requested a motion to adjourn; Mayor Pro-Tem DeLaRosa made the motion and seconded by Council Member Jackson to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 pm.

APPROVED:   
Ken Kesselus, Mayor

ATTEST:   
Elizabeth Lopez, City Secretary