

1. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME GUESTS/MOMENT OF SILENCE/ INVOCATION

2. Public Comments: Patron Input

- Thirty minutes dedicated to citizen comments. Each citizen will have three minutes to speak, must give their name and address when speaking to the Council, and may only speak once to the Council. Any citizen wishing to speak shall sign up on the citizen comment sheet on the day of the Council Meeting. The Council shall follow the order of citizens wishing to speak as listed on the agenda followed by the order on the sign-up sheet. The City Council is not permitted to respond to comments or questions from the public on items not listed on the Regular Agenda. Responses are limited to a statement of specific factual information, a recitation of existing policy, or directions to staff to place the subject on the agenda for a future City Council meeting. The use of vulgar, profane, inflammatory, or defamatory language is not permitted. Speakers shall not make personal, impertinent, profane, or slanderous remarks.

3. Roll Call

- Confirmation of quorum.

4. Consent Agenda

- Approval of the minutes of the Aug 25, 2025, work session as well as the July 15th, 2025 regular Kress City Council meeting.
- Approval of July and August 2025 monthly departmental financial reports.
- Presentation of report from the Kress Volunteer Fire Department.

4. Reports

- Mayor's Report

5. Agenda Items

Item 1: Public Hearing on Tax Rate

Item 2: Public Hearing for \$75 water bill credit.

Item3: Public Hearing for 2025-2026 Budget

- Public hearing on giving residence a \$75 water bill credit for all accounts that are paid up to date and had service Jan 1, 2025 through Dec 31st 2025. Paid by surplus funds from 2024-2025 Budget.

Item 3: Consider and Possibly take action on Ordinance NO. 20250923C for \$75 water bill credit.

- Ordinance to give residence a \$75 water bill credit for all accounts that are paid up to date and had service Jan 1, 2025 through Dec 31st 2025. Paid by surplus funds from 2024-2025 Budget.

Item 4: Consider and possibly take action on a No-New Revenue Tax Rate Ordinance 20250923A by approving .3890 per \$100.

- New state law that took place Sept 1 2025 will not allow a government entity to raise tax rate without being caught up on Annual Audits. As most well know, our city has been working on getting audits caught up from 2015 till present. The current City of Kress administration was handed this challenge from previous administration and has worked hard to get caught up. 2016 - 2021 has been completed. This administration has passed NO-NEW Revenue tax rate for the last 2 years making this the third year to be considered.

Item 5: Discuss Paying off the land loan the City of Kress has at Kress National Bank.

- Currently the City is paying a substantial amount of interest yearly.
- Possibly taking action to pay off early.

Item 6: Consider and approve service agreement with IWORQ.

- Platform to track the municipal court as well and Municipal public work workflow within our entire community.

Item 7: Consider to approve proposed 2025-2026 Budget Ordinance 202509230.

Item 8: Consider and Approve to update Fines and Fees Ordinance 20250923B.

- Added citation fee guidelines

Item 10: Approve Resolution 20250923 Adopting Official Newspaper for FY 2025-26.

Item 11: Adopt Holiday and Payroll Calendar for FY 2025-26

Item 12: Consider items to be placed on the next City Council meeting Oct 21th, 2025.

7. Adjournment

Notes:

- The City Council reserves the right to adjourn into closed session at any time during the meeting to discuss matters listed on the agenda, as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act.
- Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in this meeting should contact City Hall at (806) 684-2525 at least 48 hours in advance.

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