

City of Kress

Meeting Minutes

MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Amparo Becerra called the meeting to order at 5:59 P.M.

ROLL CALL

- Mayor Amparo Becerra
- Heidi Tiffin (City Secretary)
- Lupe Reyes
- Deelane Buske
- Michelle Wheeler
- Edward Vuittonet (Mayor Pro Tem)
- Galan Owen
- Kenny Hughes (Chief of Police/City Public Works Supervisor)

SPECIAL GUEST

- Asst. Chief Ben Rojas (Kress VFD)
- Broderick Wallace (City Resident)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Edward Vuittonet made a motion to approve the minutes as read; a second was made by Michelle Wheeler. The motion carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Lupe Reyes made a motion to approve the Financial Statement; a second was made by Galen Owen. The motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Asst. Chief Ben Rojas advised the Council that we had 3 fires and 3 medical calls. He advised so far this year we had 2900 acres burn which is double what we got all last year. He also advised that they have been in the process of servicing their vehicles. Asst. Chief Ben Rojas advised the Council they have Shattered Dreams coming up on April 20th. He advised that they received an email from Forest Service and the fire department would be receiving an old army truck that we would be taking the tank off of Wildland 2 and putting it on that truck. Mayor Amparo Becerra advised that they had the luncheon for the Department and they did well on donations and wanted to Thank everyone.

MUNICIPALITY REPORT

Police Chief Kenny Hughes advised the Council that he has been focusing on Public Works.

WATER TOWER UPDATE

City Secretary Heidi Tiffin advised the Council that the Bond Counsel was waiting on the Attorney General Office.

BRODERICK WALLACE

Broderick Wallace advised that his coke machine he had out front got broken into and they tore it all up. He advised he wanted to set a new one out there but he wanted to put cameras up this time at his cost. The Council asked a few questions. Edward Vuittonet made a motion to allow Broderick Wallace to put a coke machine out front and to install cameras; a second was made by Michelle Wheeler. The motion carried.

CITY HALL SIDEWALK UPDATES

Mayor Amparo Becerra advised the City Council that she had Mike Brown come and look at the sidewalk and he was going to get back with us on what options we would have to meet ADA regulations.

EQUIPMENT REPAIRS & COST

City Public Works Supervisor Kenny Hughes advised the Council that we had several pieces of equipment that needed repairs done on them. He advised that the Blue Tractor was fire hazard and we had a company coming to pick it up to look at it sometime this week. He advised that the shredder was old and tired and we would keep an eye out on a new one. He also advised that we purchased a part for one of the Wells but is started working correctly as of now but if not we already have the part for it.

WASTE WATER PUMP

Mayor Amparo Becerra advised the Council that we had bought and paid for a Waste Water Pump from Jeromy Bechtold in understanding that he would install it over a year ago and as of right now it had not been installed. Citizen Jeromy Bechtold was at the meeting and he advised that when the City Workers, Richard Huerta and Tony Morales, unloaded it, they broke the floats on it so he was unable to install it. Jeromy Bechtold advised we could get new floats at Dobbs Pump in Canyon for \$300 and up, depending on quality. He advised that he would be happy to install it when the City got it repaired.

GROUND STORAGE CLEANING

Public Works Supervisor Kenny Hughes advised that it has been several years since we had the Ground Storage Tank inspected and clean. He advised that the inspection would cost approximately \$450 and the cleaning would cost approximately \$2150 depending on how much sand was in the Tank. Michelle Wheeler made a motion to get the Ground Storage Tank inspected; a second was made by Lupe Reyes. The motion carried.

DISCUSS EMPLOYEE WAGES

Mayor Pro Tem Edward Vuittonet brought up the fact that he heard that City Worker Richard Huerta got a raise and he wanted to know what was going on. Mayor Amparo Becerra advised the Council that she was going over the numbers and with Tony Morales no longer being employed by the City of Kress that we were going to have extra money and with Kenny Hughes new pay we had some money to do some different things. She advised the City Council that the City of Kress would be saving a total of \$26, 190 in this budget year. She advised that Richard Huerta new pay would be \$12.50 per hour. Mayor Amparo Becerra advised the Council that Kenny Hughes would be working 32 Hours at \$22.50 per hour unless we had some kind of emergencies or there was something going on that he needed to be here for.

WATER DISCONNECT PROCEDURES

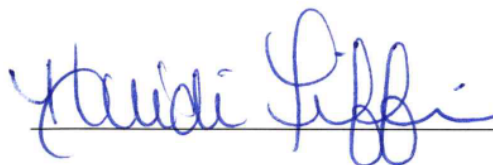
Mayor Pro Tem Edward Vuittonet wanted to know what our procedures were when we disconnected residents. City Secretary Heidi Tiffin advised the procedures and advised some people get irate but when they do we make sure Public Works Supervisor Kenny Hughes and City Worker Richard Huerta go together to deal with those individuals.

NEXT MEETING

Mayor Amparo Becerra advised the Council that the next meeting will be Wednesday, May 10, 2017 @ 6:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Michelle Wheeler made a motion to adjourn the meeting; a second was made by Deelane Buske. The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.



City Secretary