

City of Kress
Meeting Minutes
MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Amparo Becerra called the meeting to order at 5:57 P.M.

ROLL CALL

- Mayor Amparo Becerra
- Heidi Tiffin (City Secretary)
- Edward Vuittonet (Mayor Pro Tem)
- Lupe Reyes
- Deelane Buske
- Michelle Wheeler
- Galan Owen
- Kenny Hughes (Chief of Police/Fire Marshall)
- Tony Moralez (City Administrator)
- Richard Huerta (City Employee)

SPECIAL GUEST

- Asst. Chief Ben Rojas (Kress VFD)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

City Secretary Heidi Tiffin read the minutes from the last meeting. Edward Vuittonet made a motion to approve the minutes; a second was made by Lupe Reyes. The motion carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Galan Owen made a motion to approve the Financial Statement; a second was made by Deelane Buske. The motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Assistant Chief Ben Rojas advise that the Fire Department finished the year of 2016 with 70 calls. In the month of December, the Fire Department had 2 medical calls, 3 grass fires, 2 tractor fires, and 1 structure fire and 1 mutual aid fire with Tulia Fire Department. Ben advised that the Fire Department voted on 2 new members Tony Banda and Dustin Cook. They also had 1 member resign, Ricardo Cruz, and 1 member that got voted off, Nancy Vancil. Ben advised he is in the middle of getting Shattered Dreams planned which will be April 20th & April 21st, and also trying to get a Storm Watch class going which will be open to any City Employee that would like to help.

MUNICIPALITY REPORT

Police Chief Kenny Hughes advised that he finished 2016 out with 102 citations and the Aggravated Assault on a Peace Officer charge did get indicted.

WATER TOWER UPDATE

City Secretary Heidi Tiffin advised the Council that we were waiting on City Attorney, Tom Boyd, to sign off on the Right Away paperwork and then we will be going into closing with USDA.

INFORMATION

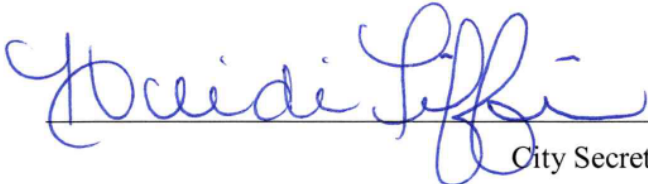
City Administrator Tony Moralez advised the Council that a TCEQ Inspector came to inspect our water works operation, and we received 3 Violations that will need to be fixed. Tony advised that they were: One was that we did not have a way to tell how much water was in the City Water Tower at any given time (which on this one we did have and after the fact we let him know and that one was deleted), second the Laundry Mat has to have an air gap or back flow prevention assembly, and third we have to have all our well house meters calibrated once every three years and we haven't. We have until April 6 to have these violations in compliance.

PERSONNEL

Mayor Amparo Becerra called the meeting into Closed Session and all the employees were asked to leave the room and they would be called in 1 at a time and after the Council talked to them they were able to leave.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned out of Closed Session.



City Secretary