

**City of Kress Special Council Meeting February 5th 2026**  
**Kress Senior Citizen Center**  
**306 Skipworth Kress, TX 79052**

Mayor Johnny Taylor called the meeting to order, there were no public comments. Council member Glenda Davis was absent.

Mayor Johnny Taylor discussed consideration contracting with Swisher County for the May 2, 2026 election after Mayor Johnny Taylor, council member Deelane Buske and council member Dane Sisemore attended a meeting with county officials to address the disproportionate financial burden of conducting elections in municipalities under populations of 600. Discussing cost fairness, statutory constraints and practical alternatives. Mayor Johnny Taylor discussed how contracting would save money. Dane Sisemore asked if this has been looked at before and if there was a difference between contracting and joint election, Mayor Johnny Taylor said there was really no difference and the cost was a lot less when contracting. Mayor Johnny Taylor continued to explain the process and some of the differences in services. There were no other questions from council members. Mayor Johnny Taylor asked for a motion to contract with Swisher County for \$6,000.00 with a motion by council member Deelane Buske and 2<sup>nd</sup> by council member Saralee Vuittonet. City Council approved with no nays

Mayor Johnny Taylor discussed considering paying off bank debt from the Fire Department which has been making payments on a loan prior to May 2022 of \$10,577. Mayor Johnny Taylor discussed how loans must be paid the same budget year per local government code chapter 271. Council member Dane Sisemore questioned why wasn't this paid off within a year, Mayor Johnny Taylor responded with it is unknown and they would have to ask the prior administration. There were no other questions, Mayor Johnny Taylor requested a motion. Motion was made by council member Sarelee Vuittonet with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by council member Dane Sisemore. City council approved with no nays.

Mayor Johnny Taylor requested Lanny Voss city attorney to explain what they were about to do, Lanny Voss explained they were going to talk about the outcome of an investigation which has been conducted over a number of years over a prior city employee misappropriation of city funds. Lanny Voss stated the council will need to enter executive session. City council entered executive session in accordance with Texas Government Code 551.074 at 6:51PM

.City council meeting resumed at 7:56PM with Mayor Johnny Taylor discussing the next possible city council meeting. Lanny Voss made a statement how much he respects the city council for the job they are doing.

Mayor Johnny Taylor requested motion to adjourn with motion by council member Kelly Durham with 2<sup>nd</sup> by council member Saralee Vuittonet. City council approved with no nays.

Signed  
Johnny Taylor  
Dane Sisemore