

City of Kress

Meeting Minutes

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Amparo Becerra called the meeting to order at 5:52 P.M.

ROLL CALL

- Mayor Amparo Becerra
- Heidi Tiffin (City Secretary)
- 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)
- Chief Angel Fuentes (Kress VFD)
- Dina Trevino (City Council Runoff Candidate)
- MaryAnn & Johnny Noriega (City Residents)

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

Edward Vuittonet made a motion to approve the Financial Statement; a second was made by Michelle Wheeler. The motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Angel Fuentes advised the Council that in the last month they had 4 medical calls and 1 fire. Chief Fuentes advised that the Fire Dept did receive a grant to get a free Military Truck and with this Truck the Fire Dept was going to use it to replace one of their Wildland Trucks but was going to use the skid unit off that truck to put on the new truck. Asst Chief Ben Rojas advised that Shattered Dreams went real well and that the Fire Dept has their annual Cook Off coming up in 3 months on August 18th and 19th and that it should be bigger than last year. They also advised that they were looking for a barn that they could store Engine 1 in to get it out of the weather.

WATER TOWER UPDATE

City Secretary Heidi Tiffin advised the Council that the City was now accepting bids for the Water Tower Project and we would be opening bids on May 31st at 2:00pm. USDA and Parkhill Smith & Cooper will be present for this. Heidi advised that we would have to call a special meeting in June to get some stuff taken care of for Bond Counsel.

CANVAS ELECTION BALLOTS

Edward Vuittonet made a motion to accept the vote count for City Council Election; a second was made by Michelle Wheeler. The motion carried.

SWEARING-IN OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBER

City Secretary Heidi Tiffin swore in Deelane Buske and Galan Owen as new elected members of the City Council.

MAYOR PRO TEM

Galan Owen made a motion to appoint Edward Vuittonet as Mayor Pro Tem; a second was made by Deelane Buske. The motion carried.

WASTE WATER PUMP

City Public Works Supervisor Kenny Hughes advised the City Council that he talked to Bryan Stevens with Parkhill Smith and Cooper and he advised that putting this pump in our Waster Water Ponds could violate our permits and did not advise that we do it due to how much water this pump can pump and that it could cause the City more issues than it is worth. Supervisor Kenny Hughes advise that the City sale the Pump at the Farm Harvest Sale or on Craigslist. Mayor Amparo Becerra advised Jeromy Bechtold that he was clear of any former obligations to the City of Kress pertaining the Waste Water Pump that was purchased from him. Edward Vuittonet made a motion that we Table the Sale of the pump until the Council Members have time to decide where and how we want to sale the pump; a second was made by Deelane Buske. The motion carried.

NOTICE OF INTENTION-BOND COUNSEL

Michelle Wheeler made a motion that the City accept the Notice of Intention; a second was made by Galen Owen. The motion carried.

LOAN RESOLUTION-USDA

Edward Vuittonet made a motion that the City accept the Loan Resolution for USDA; a second was made by Michelle Wheeler. The motion carried.

ADA IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Edward Vuittonet made a motion that the City Table the improvements until the City is furnished with more information on the project; a second was made by Galen Owen. The motion carried.

JOHNNY NORIEGA'S FENCE


MaryAnn and Johnny Noriega came to speak to the Council about building a fence around their property. The Council advised them that the City's right away is 19ft from the curb. The Council also requested that they talk to Atmos to have them mark their lines and to get a letter from Atmos advising their decision. Michelle Wheeler made a motion to Table the subject of the fence to allow them time to get with Atmos and to allow the Council to do more research before giving their decision; a second was made by Deelane Buske. The motion carried.

NEXT MEETING

Mayor Amparo Becerra advised that the next Council Meeting will be held on June 5, 2017 at 6:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Edward Vuittonet made a motion to ajourn the meeting; a second was made by Deelane Buske. The meeting adjourned at 6:48pm.



City Secretary