

City of Kress

Meeting Minutes

MONDAY, JUNE 5, 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)
- Deelane Buske
- Michelle Wheeler
- Edward Vuittonet (Mayor Pro Tem)
- Galan Owen
- Dina Trevino
- Kenny Hughes (Chief of Police/City Public Works Supervisor)

SPECIAL GUEST

- Asst. Chief Ben Rojas (Kress VFD)
- Chief Angel Fuentes (Kress VFD)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Edward Vuittonet made a motion to approve the minutes with the new addition; a second was made by Galen Owen. 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 1 structure fire, 1 vehicle fire that was actually in Tulia District but we responded and it turned out to be a crime scene, and then 3 medical calls. Chief Fuentes advised that the new army truck should be here tomorrow, June 6th, 2017 in the mid-morning and Asst. Chief Ben Rojas would be here to accept it. Chief Fuentes advised that Brent Tye was going to allow the Fire Dept to store Engine 1 in a barn he owns off of FM 145 until they could get it sold. He also advised that there was another small department here in Texas interested in buying the Engine. Asst. Chief Ben Rojas advised that he had nearly everything ready for the Movie Night, that he talked to Leonard Trevino and he would do the sound for \$60.00. Asst. Chief Rojas advised that we had the Cook Off in 2 months.

WATER TOWER UPDATE

City Secretary Heidi Tiffin advised the Council that USDA and Parkhill Smith & Cooper came down on the 31st of May and we opened bids. We had 3 companies bid, one from Kentucky, one from Indiana, and one from South Dakota which was the lowest bid at \$668,000. Heidi advised that the ROPC was \$603,064 but the Engineers and USDA said not to worry that they were going back to their office and they would work on everything and let us know sometime this week. Heidi advised that we would have a special meeting for Bond Counsel purposes on June 12th, 2017 and they are looking to close on the 30th of June.

CANVAS ELECTION BALLOTS

Deelane Buske 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 Dina Trevino as new elected member of the City Council.

WASTE WATER PUMP

City Public Works Supervisor Kenny Hughes provided the Council pictures of the pump and City Secretary Heidi Tiffin advised that the only information that she could get was information on the motor. The Council discussed the issues with using this pump in the City's Waste Water Ponds. Michelle Wheeler made a motion to sale the waste water pump at the next Farm/Harvest sale; a second was made by Deelane Buske. The motion carried.

TIME CLOCK

Michelle Wheeler brought up why or why not the City employees was using the Time Clock. Mayor Amparo Becerra advised the Council the reasons why she believes the City Employees should not be using the time clock and as of now the City Employees will not use the time clock. The Council Members discussed a program that we could look into for the future that would allow the employees to send out messages to all the Council Members to let them know when they would be out of the office. They all agreed with putting a sign in the window to let the Community know what is going on as well if there is no one to be in the office during regular business hours. This was a discussion topic, no motions were necessary.

MOVIE NIGHT

The City along with the Fire Dept is going to sponsor Movie Night in the Park on June 16, 2017. The movie will be free and then there will be cokes, water, popcorn, and candy for purchase at a low cost. This month they will be showing Moana. Michelle Wheeler made a motion that the City splits the cost of the sound with the Fire Department; a second was made by Edward Vuittonet. The motion carried.

JOHNNY NORIEGA'S FENCE

The City Council, Mayor, and City Employees all discussed the issue with the Fence and were the City's right-a-way is. Michelle Wheeler made a motion that Johnny Noriega was unable to build the fence unless it was going to be 19ft from the curb; a second was made by Galen Owen. The motion carried.

2014-2015 AUDIT UPDATE

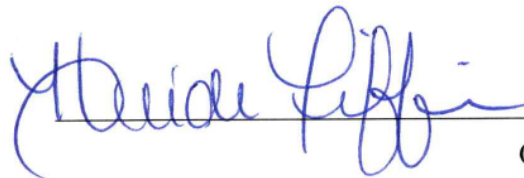
City Secretary Heidi Tiffin advised the Council that she had been in contact with the auditors and they advised that it should be completed the week of June 12th-15th.

NEXT MEETING

Mayor Amparo Becerra advised that the next Council Meeting will be held July 10th due to when the holiday falls and we would be having a special Bond Counsel Meeting on June 12th at 6:00pm, if you are unable to make the Special Meeting let City Secretary Heidi Tiffin know a head of time if all possible.

ADJOURNMENT

Dina Trevino made a motion to adjourn the meeting; a second was made by Edward Vuittonet. The meeting adjourned at 6:47pm.



City Secretary