

**City of Kress**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Amparo Becerra called the meeting to order at 5:53 P.M.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**SPECIAL GUEST**

- Chief Ben Rojas (Kress VFD)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Dina Trevino made a motion to approve the minutes as read; a second was made by Deelane Buske. The motion carried.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

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

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Ben Rojas advised the Council that they had 4 medical calls and 1 vehicle accident. Chief Rojas advised the Council that the office lights at the Fire Department were not working due to a burnt wire and they replaced them and in the last storms in the South bay pieces of 2x4 from the ceiling were falling in. Chief Rojas advised the Council that the Fire Department received a \$100,000 grant from the Texas A&M Forest Service for a new small Brush Truck. We have been receiving bids for the Truck and Daco had a demo truck that they were going to bring to us and then we had Southwest design a truck that meets our needs; the Fire Department will meet Tuesday and vote which one they rather have. Chief Rojas discussed that Tony Banda Sr. was doing all the metal work on the army truck and he was donating his time to the Department. He advised that the Forest Service was also handing out Wellness Grants for \$5,000 to purchase workout equipment, that the Department was looking into. The Department has 2 new members and we had an \$5500.00 cash offer on the Unit 1 Diesel Ford Utility Truck.

### **WATER TOWER UPDATE**

Mayor Amparo Becerra advised the Council that we were closing and having our pre-construction meeting on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **AUDIT UPDATE**

Mayor Amparo Becerra advised the Council that we still waiting on the auditors and that City Secretary Heidi Tiffin was looking into new Auditors to do our Audits in the future. Heidi advised the Council that she has called some of the neighboring towns and got their auditors information and will be looking at them for the future audits.

### **TRACTOR**

Kenny Hughes advised the Council that our 1979 Massey was in the shop that it has a locked down motor and it would cost \$7,215.63 to fix it. The Council and the Mayor discussed the options to fix it or to buy a new Tractor. Michelle Wheeler made a motion that we accept bids on the Tractor "as is" and Table the purchase of a new Tractor; a second was made by Edward Vuittonet. The motion carried.

### **BUDGET**

City Secretary Heidi Tiffin advised the Council that this was the first time in several years that the City net profited in both accounts and that for the most part the Water Works and Sewer Works stayed basically the same due to Water Tower Project and that there was a couple of changes in the General Budget. Heidi advised that Mayor Amparo Becerra came to the office and worked on the Budget with her and that they were both satisfied with the outcome. Edward Vuittonet made a motion that we accept the new budget for 2017-2018 fiscal year; a second was made by Deelane Buske. The motion carried.

### **TAX RATE**

City Secretary Heidi Tiffin advised the Council that the proposed 2017 effective Tax Rate is 0.522481. Michelle Wheeler made a motion to accept the proposed 2017 effective Tax Rate of 0.522481; a second was made by Dina Trevino. The motion carried.

### **XCEL**

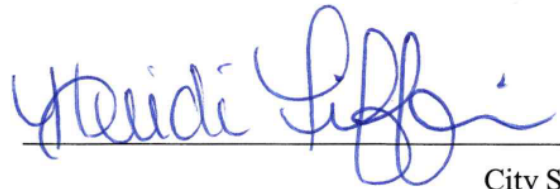
City Secretary Heidi Tiffin advised that we needed to deny the proposed rate increase resolution. Galen Owen made a motion to accept the denying of the proposed rate increase resolution; a second was made by Deelane Buske. The motion carried.

**NEXT MEETING**

Mayor Amparo Becerra advised that the next meeting will be on October 2, 2017 at 6:00.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Michelle Wheeler made a motion to adjourn the meeting; a second was made by Edward Vuittonet. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Heidi Liff", is written over a horizontal line.

City Secretary