

**CITY OF KREBS  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
JANUARY 21, 2025**

1. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** by Mayor Tommy Ray Walker
  
2. **ROLL CALL** by Cindy J. Cooper, City Clerk                      Mayor Tommy Ray Walker- present  
David Bailey- present,      Connie Poole- present,              Dan Heathcock- present.
  
3. **PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**  
Led by Dan Heathcock
  
4. **SWEAR IN WARD THREE INTERIM COUNCIL MEMBER DAVID "CHUCK" NELMS AS APPOINTED BY CITY COUNCIL.**  
\*Out of order #5 done prior to this item\*      David Chuck Nelms sworn in by Judge Fields
  
5. **DISCUSS AND ACT TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE HIRING RONNIE MAY AS CITY OF KREBS ATTORNEY, CONTRACT PENDING**  
**David Bailey makes a motion to approve hiring of Ronnie May.** Connie Poole seconds.  
Mayor Walker calls for a vote. Dan Heathcock- yes, Connie Poole- yes David Bailey- yes.  
Motion passed.  
Ronnie May sworn in by Judge Fields
  
6. **DISCUSS AND ACT TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 12, 2024 EMERGENCY CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**David Bailey makes a motion to approve the minutes.**  
Connie Poole seconds  
Mayor walker calls for a vote. Dan Heathcock- yes, Connie Poole- yes, Chuck Nelms- yes,  
David Bailey- yes. **Motion passed.**
  
7. **DISCUSS AND ACT TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 19, 2024 CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**David Bailey makes a motion to approve the minutes.** Connie Poole seconds.  
Mayor Walker calls for a vote. Dan Heathcock- yes, Connie Poole- yes, Chuck Nelms- yes,  
David Bailey- yes. **Motion passed.**
  
8. **DISCUSS AND ACT TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 16, 2024 SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Connie Poole makes a motion to approve the minutes.** David Bailey seconds.  
Mayor Walker calls for a vote. Dan Heathcock- yes, Connie Poole- yes, Chuck Nelms- yes,  
David Bailey- yes. **Motion passed.**

9. **DISCUSS AND ACT TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 17, 2024, CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Connie Poole makes a motion to approve the minutes.** Dan Heathcock seconds. Mayor Walker calls for a vote. Dan Heathcock- yes, Connie Poole- yes, Chuck Nelms- yes, David Bailey- yes. **Motion Passed.**

10. **DISCUSS AND ACT TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE THE CLAIMS.**

Dan Heathcock has the claims been paid.  
David Bailey that's what we are doing, we are making a motion to pay them  
**Dan Heathcock makes a motion to approve the claims.** David Bailey seconds. Mayor Walker calls for a vote. David Bailey- yes, Chuck Nelms- yes, Connie Poole- yes, Dan Heathcock- yes. **Motion passed.**

11. **REVIEW CITY OF KREBS FINANCIAL STATEMENT WITH MIKE KERN.**

**Mike Kern**, if everybody will turn to their financial statement for the city. Over on page three, the statement of revenues and expenses. The total revenues for the six months ending December 31st, which means we're halfway through the fiscal year. We have received revenues of \$1,111,788.44 In looking over the different revenue accounts, the sales tax is so far for the first six months, we've received \$375,725. If we look at that on a full year basis, we would theoretically have something in a neighborhood of \$750,000, which would be in excess of the budget that we set up. We're in the same situation with the fines. We do have a new account in here. If you remember a couple months ago, we set up to have part of the fine money set up for vehicle replacement for the police department. I accrued two months' worth, but I've got some information after I published this from the police department, they've got a listing of all the revenue that needs to go in there. So next month we'll have a different number and an up-to-date number. If we go over to page five, the total expenses \$1,059,378.52. So, we're looking at a positive income of \$52,409.92  
Any questions or comments at this time?

**Mayor Walker**, okay, thank you Mike.

**David Bailey**, you said on the (?) units in there that you had to bring that up to date?

**Mike Kern** I will. After this next month? Yeah. Okay. Because they're keeping track of it over there. By ticket and we have to go by tickets that are paid, not written. Right, right. So, they're keeping, the clerks over there are keeping track of that.

**David Bailey** okay

12. **BUSINESS PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED.**

- A. DISCUSS AND ACT TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE BUILDING PERMIT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW HOUSE LOCATED AT 89 SW 6<sup>TH</sup>, KREBS, OK. BLOCK 47 LOT6. (PLANNING & ZONING BOARD RECOMMENDED)

*\*This was not the correct item\* This item has already been approved\**

- B. **DISCUSSION OF WHAT THE QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS ARE FOR SOMEONE TO RUN FOR A CITY COUNCIL/TRUSTEE POSITION IN AN ELECTION, DISCUSSION OF THE WARDS AND WARD MAPS, AND CLARIFICATION ON WHAT ACTION WILL BE TAKEN IF SOMEONE IS ELECTED THAT DOESN'T MEET THOSE REQUIREMENTS/QUALIFICATIONS**

**Larry Coxsey** that me I plan on running *interrupted by David Bailey*

**David Bailey** excuse me before you start, who put this on there

**Cindy Cooper** on the agenda?

**David Bailey** yes.

**Larry Coxsey**, I did. I filled out the paper. As a matter of fact, I've got the paperwork

**David Bailey** no problem I was just asking. Go ahead sir, start.

**Larry Coxsey** I was planning on running for city council and I am wanting to make sure that I follow all the guidelines for the qualifications and requirements. To my understanding, for sure you got to live in the city limits of Krebs. That's correct. Right?

**Mayor Walker**, you have to live in that ward too

**Larry Coxsey**, you have to live in the ward for more than six months. More than six months. Okay. What about the ward map? Are we using the ward map that was approved July 31st, 2002? Or there was a ward map that was changed February 15th, 2022? I don't know if, has it been filed? Is that what we go by now or what?

**Mayor Walker** that's the latest one we got

**David Bailey** that's the one we are supposed to be going by. I think.

**Mayor Walker** for years and years it wasn't though

**David Bailey** right right it wasn't for years and years.

**Larry Coxsey** I can only run for the ward that I live in. Right?

**Mayor Walker** right.

**Larry Coxsey**, Okay. And it's to my understanding after talking to the county election board and state election board, that it's up to the person running to make sure that we meet all the qualifications and requirements that.

**Mayor Walker** Yeah, you sign off on.

**Larry Coxsey**, we sign off on it. Okay. So that's pretty much all I've got, unless there's something else, I need to know.

**David Bailey** no

**Mayor Walker** that's all I know

**Larry Coxsey** okay

**Mayor Walker** appreciate it.

C. **DISCUSS AND ACT TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE ADOPTING THE STATED STATUTES FROM THE 'PURCHASING HANDBOOK FOR OKLAHOMA COUNTIES' BOOK**

**Mayor Walker** And this book here, if you read it, it's for the county, not for the city of Krebs County.

**David Bailey** the statutes I put out was it was just kind of a preliminary of what we needed to go by and everything gave us directions on what we needed to do and so forth.

**Mayor Walker**, yeah. OML, we've been going by OML all these years. We've always been right with it.

**Dan Heathcock** The one in our book out before that one is the Oklahoma Public Competitive Bidding Act. State Statute 61 Influence 101 through 138. It pertains to the CDBG Community development block grants of Tulsa, Oklahoma. And I've read through it and it's every definition, every state law that it looks like that the city of Krebs would need to follow on the state statute 61,101 through 138. And I would recommend tonight that we would adopt it as a guide to go by

**Mayor Walker**, well, I said it for county. You read in through their talks about county commissioners and all that and everything. But the one we've used all these years, more OML one, we have basically got the same thing on it. They don't talk about bridges and highways and all that.

**Dan Heathcock**, yeah. These are the actual state statutes. 101 through 138

**Mayor Walker** Yeah. Well sometimes don't go by state statute. Krebs makes their own rules on some of it. Yeah.

**Dan Heathcock**, well, I'm just saying we could use this as a guide,

**Mayor Walker**, Oh yeah. We look at everything. We always call the state anyway, before I do anything, I call the state and talk to them about it. But yeah.

**Dan Heathcock**, Can I ask a question of our attorney? Have you had time to look at this?

**Ronnie May** Not this, I didn't have this before today. Right. I can look at it and give you an answer next meeting. But what you're talking about is don't pay these funds or all funds just the block grants are what you're talking about.

**Dan Heathcock**, yes.

**Ronnie May** for Tulsa, and this is what they use in Tulsa, and you want adopted as a guide for Krebs to use the parts that's applicable.

**Dan Heathcock**. Right. If it would be suitable for Krebs, that would give us a good guideline to go by.

**Mayor Walker** You're going from a hundred thousand population down to 800. I mean, that'd be a little difference.

**Dan Heathcock** This matches the chapter five of the 14-chapter county book. As far as the statutes that are listed,

**Mayor Walker**, does it match OML?

**Dan Heathcock**, it matches the Oklahoma statutes,

**Mayor Walker** So it doesn't match OML

**Ronnie May** Matches the state statutes. I can contact OML and see what they use and see if this,

**David Bailey** I think we need to table this, but

**Ronnie May** I can get you the answer, get the understanding. I haven't ordered the OML book yet since I just took office. I don't know if the previous attorney had one or not, but the OML book's a guide also, so I can contact the OML. It might cost to purchase a book like it's \$120 bucks or something to purchase a book. If Pat doesn't have it or his office doesn't have it, I need to get one. We can use that and have it here so I can refer to it and get the answer a little bit quicker. But I didn't know the title or what you were discussing here under the agenda under C. It didn't really reference me to any specific statute. Since you're asking about a specific statute, I can look at that and either write a written report or give you a verbal report the next meeting and kind of give you a better answer. And also take into consideration the OML handbook. I'm sure they cover this subject to see if this is more inclusive or if OML might be the guide you want to use.

**Dan Heathcock** Okay. What we tabled last month was to enact the complete 14-chapter county book for the city of Krebs. And we tabled that until we had a little bit more time to look at it.

**David Bailey** That was probably, we didn't have state statutes is what that was. State statutes, I might be wrong. Usually supersedes city statutes, this and that in the long run and sometimes they don't. So that was just a guideline I put in there.

**Ronnie May** State statute, like you said, is going to probably supersede a lot of this.

**David Bailey** I'm going to make a motion that we table this until

**Dan Heathcock** I'll Second the motion.

**Ronnie May** If you a block grant or some money, you're ready to just make a decision on. I don't know if you need a quicker answer, I can try and get that, but if you don't mind, wait until February and I can look at this and I kind of, now I, from reading the agenda, I couldn't, maybe I should ask the question

before I got here, but I didn't know what that really meant instead of adopting a book and I didn't get to see the book or what it was until I got here. So, I can get you the answer

**Dan Heathcock**, No more than what I am. I just read through the statutes and it sounds like it'll cover pretty much all the things we've been talking about with our damn project and everything else.

**Ronnie May** Okay. I'm sure it was part, if it's tall, so to 450,000 people, thousand a vote. So, there's some things in there that don't apply.

**Mayor Walker** Yeah, we need to take a vote on table Mayor Walker calls for a vote.

**Dan Heathcock**- yes,

**Connie Poole**- yes, Chuck Nelms- yes, David Bailey- yes. **Motion to table passed.**

**Ronnie May** if I have any questions about it, I'll contact the mayor or council. Okay. Beforehand, so I can have more information to give you at the next meeting.

**D. DISCUSS THE CITY COUNCIL ATTENDANCE LAWS AND REQUIREMENTS. REQUEST THOSE BE ENFORCED AND UPHELD ON BEHALF OF THE TAX PAYING CITIZENS OF KREBS OKLAHOMA**

**Caylin Crone**, my name is Caylin Crone. I'm a citizen of Krebs and I just had a quick couple of questions about what really the city council attendance laws. There aren't any special attendance laws for the city of Krebs, right? There's no different from the state guidelines. We don't have our own charter and things like that that we go off of, right?

**Mayor Walker**, it should be the same

**Caylin Crone** Should be the same. Okay. So, we recently had a city council member that missed, and I think it was back in June or July, had missed the requirement, like half the meetings within a certain time period. And by the state law it says that they ceased to serve. It looks like there was a vote taken, and that city council got involved at that time, even the city council member voted in that himself to keep himself, which I'm sure most of y'all know. You can't do that. So, the attendance at that point is ceased to serve. That is not a thing, an action that needs to have a vote. That's the state law. So, at that point, that is a vacated seat. And they have 60, mayor has 60 days with the city council approval to appoint someone to serve in that seat. After the 60 days.

They have to hold a special election if they have not approved. And since that was done in June or July, we are outside the 60 days. So that has to be a special election. And if we are within at 120 days of just our regular, then they can either choose to not fill it until that or they can hold a special election. we had that seat we were actually paying, the big issue that I have is we were paying somebody that was vacated from their position, and that is a misuse of our tax, like the taxpayers. I mean, y'all are too. you're paying somebody who should not have been in that seat. And anything that he motioned, seconded, anything is supposed to be voided and you've got to go back and do that. I just wanted to bring that to your attention. I know that we had an appointed position today, which is outside the 60 days, so I'll let you all handle that. But I did want to bring that to your attention and then also request that we request the funds back from that council member.

**Dan Heathcock**, I missed your name

**Caylin Crone**, my name is Caylin Crone

**Dan Heathcock**, Caylin, yes. Now I'm the one that said that we as a council should be able to have extenuating circumstances on that incident that happened. And I also made mention that we need to be able to have all meetings, special meetings, and all called during a time when we all can attend. And so, if that law has to be changed to have that added in there or whether we can add that in there as a council. Do you know Mr. Attorney

**Ronnie May** Title 11, section eight dash 108 is ,I think that's where she's talking from

Under the Title 11 governs the city council and other boards and cities in Oklahoma. And this quoting the statute, it says whenever a member of a municipal governing body is absent for more than one half of all meetings of the governing body, regular and special held within any period of four consecutive months, he shall there upon cease to hold office. And the mechanism, like I say, that vacancy occurs and then if it's within so many days or a certain number of days of the election, you can put it on, the council can vote to go ahead and leave the open and let the new election take place and fill that seat.

**Mayor Walker**, you talked about rehiring him back?

**Ronnie May**, Yeah, you can rehire him back.

**Mayor Walker**, Oh, you can.

**Ronnie May**, nothing that says he can't

**David Bailey**, Lawyer at that point in time said the counsel can make the decision on that whether to keep him or to dismiss him.

**Mayor Walker**, Kind of like they tell you one thing here and tell you something else over here. How do we know what to go

**Ronnie May**, he ceases to hold office. The mechanism is how do you remove him from office? And that's the question.

**Ronnie May** If he told you, you get to make the call on that, I guess he does technically under the statute to remove from office. But it's nothing that says you can't reappoint him. If he can make it.

**Caylin Crone**, Right, but he would have, but he would have to be reappointed.

**Ronnie May**, yes.

**Caylin Crone**, and that was not done. They just voted to not vacate that. And so, when he was ceased to serve, he also voted in keeping himself, which we know that you obviously cannot do that. So

**Ronnie May**, you have an interest in the vote. You can't do that.

**Caylin Crone**, yes, correct. So those things were done. And that's kind of why I wanted to bring that up and bring that to their attention. Because after those motions, like I said, have been made and things have been done, that council member has been involved with that would need to be looked at and over, go back because he wasn't actually serving. I mean we were paying him, but he was in there against state statutes. So ...

**Ronnie May**, rely on the council city, the attorney that told you, you could vote on him. You were looking at the procedure to reappoint him. And I think, I wasn't here, so I don't know how it was done, whether it was to vote or whether it was a motion to reappoint

**David Bailey**, He was supposed to be dismissed. And from my understanding, we appointed him back on there.

**Ronnie May**, if he was reappointed pursuant to the statute. I don't see there's any problem. But matter of semantics,

**Caylin Crone**, he was not reappointed

**Dan Heathcock** *inaudible* motion to keep him on the seat,

**Caylin Crone** But he was not reappointed. Y'all voted to not vacate that seat. But that is not the same as reappointed. Someone that had to be put on an agenda to reappoint and all of those procedures just like today.

**Dan Heathcock**, and you're the judge saying that this is the way it is.

**Caylin Crone** Well, I know the state laws and I've been right on the majority of them, and I'm just trying to help you all. That's all I'm trying to do because I want it to be straight across the board. I don't want there to be any interpretation or my opinion or his opinion or anyone's opinion. If the state's loss, I would say that regardless of who

**David Bailey**, do you have the minutes of that meeting?

**Caylin Crone**, I do. I have them on my phone. They are July 16th, 2024.

**David Bailey** Okay. What does it say when it came to him?

**Caylin Crone**, well, it says a lot that we can Pull it up

**Connie Poole**, we can pull it out and pull it up on the City of Krebs website and go back and print that out for all.

**Caylin Crone**, Yeah, it just says that, I mean, there was no appoint, it also wasn't on the agenda to reappoint either. It wasn't listed. It was just brought up to everyone's attention that he ceases to serve. That's all it was.

**Mayor Walker**, yeah. Danny, a while ago, you telling all the state statues, you want to go by that. And then just a minute ago you said, well, sometimes you can change things and sometimes you can do this.

**Dan Heathcock**, I Remember back at the time, I Said,

**Mayor Walker**, which one are we supposed to go by?

**Dan Heathcock**, I said, because of extenuating circumstances,

**Mayor Walker**, Circumstances, what was extenuating circumstances

**Dan Heathcock**, That I was talking about back in July was the meetings were being scheduled during times known to the administration. That particular councilman worked during those hours and could not make those meetings. So, I don't think it's right for the administration.

**David Bailey** Well, he still had same days, we just moved the time when we had the meeting.

**Caylin Crone** And, I understand you're trying, what he's saying.

**Mayor Walker**, we need to kind of clarify this, or y'all need to make a new statue here or something.

**Caylin Crone** Well, we'd have to have a charter, but I just was letting you know that that does not take an affirmative vote. So that action was just something that was done outside of the state statutes. That's all I'm trying to do is just let you know that the state statutes were not followed. There is no exception. We don't have an exception in Krebs for that. So, there are certain ways to do those things and we've not ever established anything. And so that has to be followed and it wasn't followed. So now it needs to be corrected, is what I'm getting at. And then I don't know about how to, as far as handling the appointing today, because it's outside the 60 days of the actual time that he vacated that seat. Yeah. So, it's way past, yeah,

**Mayor Walker**, He left anyway.

**Caylin Crone** Yeah. Well, I mean, but at the actual date that he would technically not be paid, I mean he should not, everything would be changed would be back to that date in July or June, I think it was actually. So, anything after that, within 60 days of that timeframe would've been the new appointed for that. And that wasn't done. So, it would have to be an acted a special election.

**Dan Heathcock**, so since that councilman was no longer with us and that time has expired, would it not be just as well just to let that issue go?

**Caylin Crone** No, because Krebs is very well known at this point for not following laws. We have to follow laws. And that's across the board. Like I said, I'm not trying to say, oh, you're shame you. No, I'm just saying these are things that have to be done and I want us to get out of the hole that we're in, not keep digging ourself and dismissing things. Because if we dismiss one thing, why can't we dismiss this and the next thing and the next thing and the next thing, we have to fix it and do it right.

**Dan Heathcock**, well, I'm learning, as time goes, I'm learning.

**Caylin Crone** Yeah. That's all I'm trying to say is I just want everybody to follow, that way. There is no for anybody setting up here to say, well, we're following the state laws period.

**Connie Poole**, let me ask you one thing. Sure. We actually did send out somebody from here not get ahold of Pat Layden, and he got something from OML because he sent us emails on this information. **Dan Heathcock**, we did.

**Connie Poole**, and That's what we followed was his guideline that we were given.

**Caylin Crone** I also have some stuff from OML and it specifically states in there that it even gives the guideline of the 60 days, the 120 days, the general election, all of those things.

**Connie Poole**, I'm thinking if that told us that we could go ahead and do that, that we were still in that timeframe guideline. I mean,

**Mayor Walker**, hiring him back the same day you let him go. Is that what you're saying?

**Caylin Crone**. But you can't take an action on something that was not on an agenda. There was no agenda for reappointing. The council member. That was when he missed those meetings, he ceases to serve. And then at that point, if y'all wanted to reappoint him, fine, by all means do that. But it needed to be on the agenda. It needed to be notified to the city. And that needed to be an action just like appointing anyone. It could have been anybody that could have appointed.

**Connie Poole**, we were just going by what we were told about the situation.

**Caylin Crone**, yes. And I understand that

**Connie Poole**, that was the Line we were going by

**Caylin Crone** Yeah. And like I said, I'm just trying to let you all know that the laws are the laws and we need to follow and we need to correct that. And that's another thing is, like I said, he ceased to serve. We continue to pay him, and now we're in a position where we're appointing outside the 60 days. That's another thing that we're doing incorrect. That's supposed to be a special election or wait until the general, because it's also our duty as citizens to know the law and to do our own research, especially as the city councilman also on the councilman's fairness.

**Connie Poole** also, not only was his work, but he was running into health issues also. And that's why we wanted to try to work with him to schedule a meeting that was good with him.

**Caylin Crone** I totally understand that. And that's why we have to have to establish, there's certain things that you can do to establish that for the future, but we don't have that right now, unfortunately. And so, you can't decide, okay, we're going to excuse this because then you get somebody else up here and you don't want to excuse it for them. There's a possibility of running into that. I mean, I'm sure you wouldn't want that to happen to you. You would want a guideline. Right.

**Connie Poole**, I do want a guideline. And that is, right now, that's the guideline. At that time, we were, like I said, we got information from our city attorney, from OML and some of the email. That's what we went by that we were able to do that. Is that not, correct?

**David Bailey**, that's correct.

**Connie Poole**, I'm asking Cindy, you're the one that got emails too on this. Correct.?

**Cindy Cooper**, what it said was that as far as determining that, the council determined whether the absences had occurred, he had them, and he ceased to serve office. That's the deal that he sent, it was like one of the state statutes, one of the questions that was sent to Attorney General or something. Yeah.

**Connie Poole** he was also saying we could also, I'll have to go back and look at my email.

**Caylin Crone** Yeah, I've got it all.

**Connie Poole**, and I've also got the, I deal with so much email on, I have to look at stuff to get you back to that day.

**Dan Heathcock**, so if I understand it correctly, we cannot have any extenuating circumstances until we go to the legislature and have the legislature add that to that order.



**Caylin Crone**, there are certain things that I can, like I said, there are certain things that can be put into place to allow for certain situations and circumstances across a guideline to be established **Dan Heathcock**, without changing state Law.

**Caylin Crone** Yes. But if you do not have that established in a charter, then you cannot deviate from that. There are no, and it even says OML also, like I said, I've got stuff from them that you cannot start just determining stuff. Right. I mean, on or road, just because we feel bad, we want them, and I understand that, but the state guideline is the state guidelines is the law. We have to follow it. And that's kind of where I'm at, is if y'all want to establish something for the future, great.

**Mayor Walker** What was the extenuating circumstance it caused with?

**Dan Heathcock**, that the meetings, the times that the special meetings were being called were during times when that councilman couldn't be here, and so I don't feel like it was fair to him. I think at any time a meeting special or otherwise is called, it needs to be called during the time when all involved can be there, can make it and be there.

**Mayor Walker**, so we change all of our stuff for him for one deal. Okay. Too many laws. Too many laws.

**Caylin Crone**, Am I good? Anybody? Okay. Alright. Thank you.

(?)Thank you very much. Thank you.

1. **BUSINESS NOT PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED.**

A. **DISCUSS AND ACT TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE DESIGNATING ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH AND RECTORY AS A HISTORICAL LANDMARK. LOCATED AT 280 NW CHURCH, KREBS, OK. IN PITTSBURG COUNTY OK.**

Amelia London and I am a member of the St. Joseph's Parish Committee. It's now has been recently formed. The church itself in rectory or the church itself has been designated as a historical site on Oklahoma preservation, and currently we are in a quest to try to upgrade and remodel the rectory building, which sits directly beside it. This rectory building was built in 19, we have evidence of 1905, however, some documentation says 1906, but the parish has stood in Krebs since way before that the school there had taught children before Krebs school taught children. I think that's, we'll all of this is well documented, served through a mining community. I have with me this evening Duke Salinas, Peggy De French, David Prescott, and Steven Dunbar. So, we're here to ask, even though the church has a designation on the state historical site, we're here to ask Krebs as the city of Krebs to designate the church and rectory as a historical landmark for Krebs. So, we're only asking for a designation from the council this evening, and I think it would be nothing more than a benefit to promote the history of Krebs. We have people visiting the area now from time to time, and we'd just like to see historical involvement in our church and rectory we are having, you all may have all got a letter. I'm not sure. There was some letter sent out regarding the rectory and donations. And donation. Yes. And one thing that we benefit if it is designated as a landmark is if I fill out, and I have been of course grant applications from different areas. There's a national grant that we made to attempt at a time or two, but when we fill out grant applications, if we have a designation even as a landmark from the city or the area that it's within, that just looks better. It's just a feather on our hat for that, but that's our purpose for being here this afternoon. It would go a long way. There is an open house to be held on February 15th at 2:00 PM and we'd like to, of course, invite all the council members or anyone interested to come and tour the house. It's an 11-room house. I sent some historical documentation. I don't know if you got to spread it about as far as the architect that we have designated that built the properties, he built the church, the rectory here, Wilburton different ones in the areas. I think her offices probably his name was Bergon and it would've been a French-

Canadian architect that was, I think looking back at some of the historical newsletters and newspapers that are listed on Oklahoma historical book page, you find a lot of information and there is quite a bit in there about Krebs, so it's an attempt to do that and that's what we're asking of the city this afternoon.

**Mayor Walker** the one up here at your church what is his name, the pastor.

**Ameilia London** Pastor. Our priest right now, the local priest at this time is Father Kingsley, or his last name is Ahu. I can't hardly quite pronounce the last one, but he goes by Father Kingsley.

**Mayor Walker** is he here or is he out of the country?

**Ameilia London** he is in Nigeria

**Mayor Walker**, does he need to be the one to sign off on this?

**Ameilia London** he is all for the request I assure you and would be more than happy to sign. We expect him back maybe Monday.

And doing this research, I found a lot of real interesting information about Krebs in the areas they serve. For one thing, the population in the Catholic schools prior to 1904 or to the local schools probably wasn't just Catholic schools, but prior to that in this area it was, and they were educating the children here from the Choctaw to the rest of the citizens here, immigrant families. Before the school was actually built, the public school was actually built. At one time there was a big, tall, large school building that housing taught children.

**Connie Poole**, Is it Mrs. London? Can you hear me? Mrs. London? Yes. I actually went to that school from the fourth to the sixth grade. Did you? I went with school with the fringes, the Prichard, the Vera. They closed it down in the sixth grade when I was in the sixth grade, and I learned a lot of my morals and ethics from the nuns there, so I would make a motion that we approve it.

**Amelia London** Thank you very much. It's really interesting when you read these papers and they're writing in the newspapers. They're writing about band competitions between the schools and they mentioned those nuns are doing a pretty good job. They won a band concert somewhere where? In the McAlester area, I guess, or nearby areas.

**Connie Poole** And I would love to go back to that open house but I'm going to be on a cruise with all my kids and grandkids, but I would love to go to that.

**Amelia London** You can come back sometime.

**David Bailey** was that 1968 when they shut all that down? They had a high school and that one I think it was.

**Connie Poole** yeah, the first of the third grade went to St. John's and then the fourth of the sixth went to St. Joseph. Then the seventh of the seniors went back to St. John's.

**Amelia London** That's correct. That's when they had come in and combined the school prior to that in the school there. It was first through the eighth grade here in Krebs but the school is got a marvelous history and we had back then at that school,

**Connie Poole** I can't remember their names it's been so long, but they had the best cooks there. 66. That was my mom.

**Amelia London** Oh, also, but I do want to mention this is the house. This is the rectory building and the rectory building itself. You can see it was built and has housed the priest, the incoming and serving priest in the area, and some of those were monks from the Stra Abbey that spread out in case

**Mayor Walker** y'all been working on the building on this side where I guess you have the dinner and stuff. They been working on the windows?

**Amelia London** yea the parish has recently been renovated to the parish hall. We are searching for funding. We have a funding quest to begin to try to redo this rectory because the parish is not big enough anymore to really support total remodeling of both

**David Bailey**, we got a motion on the floor.

**Connie Poole**, I made a motion to approve it.

**David Bailey** seconds

**Dan Heathcock** the historical landmark records is that something kept at the church?

**Amelia London** Oh, the one from the state historical preservation? Yes. There is a mark. There is a marker there in front of the church and the church. The grounds. There's been some go back and forth about if the rectory is actually called out on that historical documentation. We want to add an addendum to it or I've been told in talking to them that all we have to do, the church has called out and described on the state historical preservation information and documentation. The rectory is not, but it's on the same lot and property, and so I've been told that all I have to do is put an addendum and describe it and call it out on there.

**Dan Heathcock** so the state has record of your records?

**Amelia London** yes, they do. There is quite a bit. Almost everything I gave you came from the state information.

(?) If you'll go to the state preservation website, it's been listed since 2023 as one of the most endangered historical places in Oklahoma. So, I think pictures on there. Pictures on there of it. That's Oklahoma state preservation webpage. That's different from the Oklahoma historical society which that is already, but that's basically who's granted state history. But we're asking for the city of Krebs to recognize it as a landmark.

**Mayor Walker** The main church here been several years ago, but I come up here and painted all the outside windows and all kinds of stuff. You probably don't remember that, but we didn't charge them nothing. I painted it all for free. Used to, when we were kids what we would do is sneak up the bell tower and get up there and try to ring that bell.

**Amelia London** oh yeah there is lots of stories about that.

**Mayor Walker** calls for a vote. Dan Heathcock- yes, Connie Poole- yes, Chuck Nelms- yes, David Bailey-yes. **Motion passed.**

**B. DISCUSS AND ACT TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE ADDING ADVANCED THERMAL SOLUTION AS AN APPROVED VENDOR FOR THE CITY OF KREBS**

**Katie Galante** I am the owner operator. It is a woman owned business. We've been serving the community around us, the state, and our neighbor, Texas. For the last three years. We are on every city approved vendor list, and we're within the first year of opening our business, but have not been able to get on Krebs vendor's list. Every time I came down here, I ended up speaking with Kay, who was at the front window who told me that my services would not be necessary here because you guys have leak detection and because you guys obviously repair your own leaks. I do not repair the leaks. We merely find them as far as gas, nitrogen, energy, audit, water leaks. Basically, our slogan is we see what you can't. So instead of making 11 holes in your walls to find a leak or three holes in the ground, or having a backhoe used for three days to search for something to hope that you come across it, we can locate it. Okay. And that's one hole. One hole in the wall kind of deal. So, we are asking if we can go ahead and service our community. I do more work in McAlester than I do in Krebs, and I live in this town. So, in opening it three years ago, I did it as a service to the community. As I understand it, as far as HVAC goes, it's \$700 for a leak search on a residential customer that is not a commercial building or business in town. That's not a small business. Our fee is not that at all. So, when we tried to partner with other businesses in town, using our services isn't something that they wanted to utilize with their own because they make more money charging you \$700 to find an AC leak to you that you need. It replaced when it really needs to be repaired.

We provide picture proof. So, if you have a leak in the ground, a slab leak, if it's hot, if it's cold, if it's a fire hydrant leaking and you don't know which one's leaking or if they're good or if they're bad, or if there's mold or if there's a roof leak or if it requires a plumber or an HVAC guy or an electrician for that matter. We do energy audits. I can tell you how much energy you're losing in any building in town. We provide proof. So, if you need to have it replaced, we will show you it needs to be replaced. If it needs to be repaired, we will show you picture proof. It needs to be repaired. So, we're a business of integrity. We try to offer that to our customers and to the other business people in town who are offering you the service of repairing what needs or replacing what needs to be replaced. So, I like to say we keep everybody on the up and up, if that makes sense. So, the guys know that if I go out and it's a water leak and I mark it, it's not telling a customer we need to jackhammer your master bedroom because you have a slab leak in there. No, it's the sewer pipe outside. It's the main drain that needs to be replaced from the house to the street.

**Mayor Walker** so you are mainly talking about residential property?

**Katie Galante** Oh, I do commercial. I work in oil and gas and read oil and gas pads and give them a cost analysis for how much gas they're losing. But we do all kinds of leak detection, so be it if it's water or free on nitrogen, CO2 central back leaks. We do thermal scans or properties as far as if you're losing energy, if you have a roof leak, we can see all of those thing

**Mayor Walker**, you need us to put you on the list so that people in Krebs can interrupted

**Katie Galante** That the city can go ahead and utilize our services so that when I find it, your maintenance workers can go ahead and repair it.

**Mayor Walker** its not inclusive. Are you talking about us hiring you permanently?

**Katie Galante** No, no, no, no, no. I'd like to be on the approved vendor list. Normally I have to file out a form and show all my information and the purchasing agent or somebody from the city, a city manager, city maintenance manager, whoever will call me and ask me for my services. That's what McAlester does. Okay. But you guys have a form, but I was told that I would have to get approved to even get a phone call by going about it this way instead of just filling out a form and going through purchasing or going through the city planner.

**Mayor Walker** Far as I know, you can do anything in Krebs to the residential and all that. We don't have to sign off on it, but as far as Krebs, we've got six or seven guys hired to do all the same stuff. You're talking except for the thermal part.

**Katie Galante** Except I don't want to make the repair. I just want to find it. So, if the city's comfortable spending money on extra asphalt, extra concrete, extra man hours, extra whatever, or all the breaks in the area and we don't know where at and we want to pay to chase, I'm good with that. My tax dollars work here too.

**Connie Poole** is there a membership fee or anything for this

**Katie Galante** no

**Connie Poole** so you are just wanting to be put on as a vender?

**Katie Galante**, correct. I would like the option of, given the opportunity that if you were going to have an outside service come that I would be able to locate the leak.

**Dan Heathcock** what would be a typical cost of, if we had water going out and making a puddle, but we know the water line way over here, what would be a particular cost?

**Katie Galante** Okay, so it's an \$85 trip fee. It's going to be \$425 to come out and \$95 each additional hour after. And that may be required to turn off your water for 24 hours and then to turn it back on.

**David Bailey** makes a motion to put her on the vendor list.

**Dan Heathcock** seconds

**Mayor Walker** calls for a vote. Dan Heathcock- yes, Connie Poole- yes, Chuck Nelms- yes, David Baily- yes. **Motion passed.**

C. **DISCUSS AND ACT TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE A STIPEND OF \$243.64 LESS TAXES OF \$18.64 FOR A NET AMOUNT OF \$225**

**Connie Poole** what is it, who is it for?

**Mayor Walker** We were supposed to have done it, but it got left off. We're supposed to, every year for Christmas, they get a stipend, which is legal of so much money. And this is \$225 is what it is. So, everybody gets it. We done this for, I don't know, 20, 30 years.

**Connie Poole**, I thought we approved this at one time. But we didn't? I though we approve it.

**David Bailey** no we didn't do it this year. We had so much going on.

**Mayor Walker**, we forgot about it. Everybody forgot about it.

**David Bailey**, we got the money for that Mike?

**Mike Kern** I couldn't tell you.

**Dan Heathcock makes a motion to approve the stipend for the employees.**

**Connie Poole** seconds.

**Mayor Walker** calls for a vote. David Bailey- yes, Chuck Nelms- yes, Connie Poole- yes, Dan Heathcock- yes. **Motion passed.**

D. **DISCUSS AND ACT TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE PAYMENT TO THE FIREMEN FOR THE 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER FIRE RUNS, AND MEETINGS**

**Jim Cortassa** last quarter we talked about this, that since we're not getting automatic payroll, that it's getting checks now that we don't even have to put this on the agenda. Is that correct? Wrong.? Right.?

**Chuck Nelms** its listed in the claims and we approve the claims.

**David Bailey makes a motion to approve.**

**Dan Heathcock** seconds

**Mayor Walker** calls for a vote. Dan Heathcock- yes, Connie Poole- yes, Chuck Nelms- yes, David Baily- yes. **Motion passed.**

E. **DISCUSS AND ACT TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE A CHANGE ORDER FROM TURNER ROOFING SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3582, FOR 8' PARAPET WALL IN THE CENTER OF THE BUILDING BETWEEN THE HIGH ROOF AND LOW ROOF. PROPOSAL INCLUDED IN THIS BOOK.**

**Mayor Walker** And there's pictures in the back here. It shows when it was up there working on that, they peeled some stuff off behind it with a big gigantic hole. And that's where a lot of water come in. So, they're going to tear all the plywood off and all that stuff and redo all of it and put the same stuff they're putting up here on it. And they deducted it was 4,000 something. They deducted it down to this because they're not going to have to put the elastic marriot and paint it all that. They're using the same stuff they're using up here in membrane. So that's what the difference is in that eight-foot pair. But if you look up there, it's a wall so tall. Anyway, that's where a lot of water has been coming in. So, to me, this seems like a reasonable amount to tear that off and redo it. So, anybody make a motion?

**David Bailey makes a motion.**

Dan Heathcock seconds.

**Mayor Walker** calls for a vote. Dan Heathcock- yes, Connie Poole- yes, Chuck Nelms- yes, David Bailey- yes. **Motion Passed**

15. COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL AND MAYOR

**Connie Poole** I'm just saying, I mentioned at the last meeting at the school's extended care right there on Third Street going into their parking lot. Right in parking lot. Right over the tin horn the gravels all out of it. Well, you're almost to the tin horn now. And you said that y'all would take care of it. It still hasn't been taken care of.

**Mayor Walker**, we will get it done.

**Mayor Walker** Anything else? No. Okay. Well, only thing I got to say is, well, I think I told David the other day, two days ago, I guess it was, I got a call from a girl from the Mark Wayne Mullins office, and she wanted to know if she could come down and talk to me. I said, yeah, sure. It's got to be something good. Can't be bad. Well, anyway, she come down and she brought, I guess he's a Senator Langford Phil representative, to come with them and come down and using in there with me. So, they want to know what we needed, what we're working on, what's the top priority. And of course it's the water plant that's their top. And then the next all new pipes in here. So, way they're talking, there's going to be some money coming down to us. He said, since we got a new president, we might actually get it. But anyway, they told us, give cards out and talk to them about everything. And they sounded really, they're going to help us. Mark Wayne Mullins is the only one I called every senator and everybody, none of them ever called me back except Mark Wayne Mullins. A girl called me back, told me, he said, well, it's not best first year before we find out. But it sounds like we're going to get somebody to help them, but can't hurt anything.

16. **ADJOURN TO KUA**

**David Bailey makes a motion to adjourn to KUA.**

**Dan Heathcock** seconds.

**Mayor Walker** calls for a vote. Dan Heathcock- yes, Connie Poole- yes, Chuck Nelms- yes, David Bailey- yes. **Motion passed.**