

CITY OF KREBS  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 16, 2024

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- Absent, Jason Wagnon- present  
Connie Poole- present, Dan Heathcock- present
3. DISCUSS AND ACT TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO OKLAHOMA STATE STATUTE TITLE 25 SECTION 307, TO DISCUSS EMPLOYMENT STATUS, TERMINATION, PROMOTION, PAY SCALE, OR ANY OTHER RELATED ITEMS CONCERNING EMPLOYMENT OF CINDY COOPER, CITY CLERK.

**Mayor Walker**, okay, well hate to say this, but the state statute says we cannot have an executive session without a lawyer being in there, and the lawyer called me a while ago earlier, and said to tear up the check because she can't be the lawyer, she can't be here for the meeting. So sorry about all that, but I didn't know until the last minute what was going on.

**Connie Poole**, so would you have to have an attorney?

**Mayor Walker**, got to have an attorney in executive session.

**Connie Poole** Okay.

**Mayor Walker**, *inaudible*. You can have the meeting tomorrow night. But as far as night tonight, it's a state statute and I can show it to you.

**Connie Poole**, Okay. So, who's going to be the attorney for tomorrow night?

**Mayor Walker**, we still aren't going to have one, but we don't have to have one. So, it's up to y'all if you want to have the meeting.

**Connie Poole**, so we don't have to have an attorney present tomorrow night?

**Mayor Walker**, no. That's state statute. I read that too, and she told me too. Like I said yeah, there's a difference between this and the executive session.

**Jeannie Giaudrone**, Can I ask a question?

**Mayor Walker**, yes.

**Jeannie Giaudrone**, that wouldn't interfere with the executive session or anything. If I could just ask a question. Why are we here? That's the question. I don't understand why we're having to be here. Isn't it a case of you do your own hiring, you do your own setting up stuff? You always have in the past? Why now do we have to be here.

**Mayor Walker**, well, several things have been found out and stuff and we're trying to clear it up and get it straightened out. But like I said, we can't

**Jeannie Giaudrone** and it's something you have to do in the public?

**Resident**, No

**Mayor Walker**, but like I said though, we got no lawyer or nothing tonight. We can't do anything. And she said...

**Jeannie Giaudrone**, because I was just, I hate to sound ignorant but I was totally confused when I saw what that has to do with. Usually, you all take care of that yourselves.

**Connie Poole**, let me ask you this then why'd you come up here then? What was your...

**Jeannie Giaudrone** why do we have to come in?

**Connie Poole**, no that's why I'm asking. Why do you think you had to come in?

**Jeannie Giaudrone** because it was up on the signs. It was at the post office. It made it sound like the public had to be here

**Connie Poole**, the public doesn't have to be here. In fact, I'm surprised that all these people are here, to be honest with you

**Jeannie Giaudrone**, well I think other people interpreted it that way as well.

**Connie Poole**, I know they have to put a notice on the door and it has to go on the website, but as far as anywhere else, that's unknown to me.

**Resident**, we have a right to be here though

**Connie Poole** yeah you do.

**Residents** we have every right to be here

**Connie Poole**, you do have the right to be here, I realize that.

**Jeannie Giaudrone**, it almost sounded mandatory

**Connie Poole**, its anybody's right whether they want to be here or not

**Jeannie Giaudrone**, yeah, I understand that. I've been here before. You know that. So, okay.

**Mayor Walker**, guess we need to make a motion.

**Connie Poole**, okay, but you said that we don't have to have an attorney. We have that paper that we, its's mandatory. We have to have an attorney. We have that?

**Mayor Walker**, yeah. State statute. I'll show it to you right now.

**Connie Poole**, I know. I mean if we knew that ahead of time

**Mayor Walker**, I didn't know it ahead of time either. So, trying to figure what for sure to do. So, the only thing I know to do is postpone this and then you'll have to wait another so many hours, so many days and all that. Since we're having a meeting tomorrow night, we can still have it.

**Connie Poole**, okay now let me ask you this?

**Mayor Walker**, I don't think we need to be talking to much about this

**Connie Poole**, I'm not talking about this. I'm asking about the attorney wise. I mean have you already got somebody that you've chosen to be the attorney for the city of Krebs?

**Mayor Walker** I'm just looking around for attorneys right now.

**Connie Poole**, I mean I would think that if we had to have an attorney for tonight, I would think we'd have to have one for tomorrow night.

**Mayor Walker**, I can show you state statute. You want to look at it right now.

**Dan Heathcock** my question if I may, mayor, is Pat, is the office of Pat Laden still the city attorney?

**Mayor Walker** no, that's what I just got through telling you. Then she called me and told me, because I said, well we got a check. She said we'll just tear it up because they told her she cannot be here unless I signed a deal to hire her back, and I don't have to. And the way she talked to me, she's got so much work going on anyway, since Pat had gone, she really didn't, she never come out and say exactly, but she said just tear up the check because I am not going to be the attorney. I am not going to be here. So, by January I got to find somebody trying to find somebody that's got experience in municipalities and cities and

**Connie Poole**, City government.

**Mayor Walker**, it is going to probably cost us more money, but we need to find somebody. And the fact that as Pat was, he was a lawyer and the prosecutor, we need to break that up too. What the state statute said. It's a good idea not to have the same person doing both of them.

**Dan Heathcock**, will you accept suggestions from the counsel?

**Mayor Walker** for what?

**Dan Heathcock**, for the attorney, for new attorney?

**Mayor Walker**, well it says I'm the one that has to make the decisions and y'all okay it or don't okay it. But like I said, I'm trying to find somebody that knows the city laws and all that and everything. I'll try my best to find one

here soon, but I am not going to jump into something we need to. And like I say, might cost more money but I think in the long run it'll be worth it. You don't have all these problems and everything else going on.

**Connie Poole**, Also, however you find them, whatever kind of media you use, you need to make sure the put qualifications in there so they meet those guidelines when you do.

**Connie Poole**, Yeah, I'll let you look at it and everything else. I'm just trying to find one that knows more law. She said I only been here two years and she says I really don't know that much about it.

**Connie Poole**, It's understandable.

**Mayor Walker** and I think she just maybe wants to get away from it for a little while. Anyway, so anyway, about hate to table, we'll just have to postpone this until another day. So, I guess we need to make a motion. Y'all do. Somebody does to postpone this meeting.

**Connie Poole** I'll make a motion; do you have a question.

**Dan Heathcock**, no, I was going to second it.

**Connie Poole, okay, I'll make a motion that we postpone it for now.**

Danny seconds.

**Mayor Walker** calls for a vote. Dan Heathcock- yes, Connie Poole- yes, Jason Wagnon- yes. **Motion passed.**

**Mayor Walker**, alright. It is postponed and we'll try to come up with a date as soon as possible. So, we'll have to wait. What? Another 48 hours? Well, we got a meeting.

**Cindy Cooper**. You have to wait till you get an attorney.

**Mayor Walker**, till we get an attorney. That's right. So, I'm going to try to find one here as soon as I can to get y'all to look. You look it over and see what y'all think about it. Yeah,

**Connie Poole**, Sounds good.

**Mayor Walker**, alright, well I sure, hate all y'all have to come down here, but you can always come back tomorrow.

**Cindy Cooper**, I appreciate y'all being here.

**Mayor Walker**, yeah, you can always come back tomorrow night.

4. DISCUSS AND ACT TO GO BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION – No action taken
  
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No action taken
  
6. ADJOURN  
No action taken

I CERTIFY THAT THIS NOTICE OF MEETING WAS POSTED ON THIS 11<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2024 BY  
7:00 AM

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CINDY J. COOPER, CITY CLERK