

CITY OF KREBS  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 13, 2023

- A. Mayor Tommy Ray Walker called the meeting to order.
- B. W Kay Scott, City Treasurer called roll. Tommy Walker – present, David Bailey – present, Connie Poole – present, Jason Wagnon – absent, Dan Heathcock – present.
- C. DISCUSS 2023/2024 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET. Mayor Walker stated that this on the Finance part of the meeting. Mike Kern stated we haven't changed anything yet because we have to do the negotiations for the personnel services. Based on the 11 months, the overall budget was down about 3.5%. Connie Poole, Ward 2 Councilwoman asked if this wasn't the meeting where the department heads could put something in for the budget. Mrs. Scott and Mike Kern stated that you can do that. Mayor Walker asked if anyone had anything to add.
- Jim Cortassa, Fire Chief, stated that he wanted to add to his wish list.
- Mr. Kern stated that what he has turned in so far is \$85,000 for Maintenance & Operations is \$85,000 and Capital Outlay of \$65,500. You can add any request that you want to. As of the 10 months, you have spent more than your Capital budget already. You've only spent \$46,877.00 out of the M&O which is where the monies for runs, utilities, etc. comes from.
- Mr. Cortassa is adding a set of rescue tools that is sized for electric cars in the amount of \$16,209.62. Also, add a Pusher Ram system at a cost of \$4,839.66. This is in addition to the SCBA system for Eagle 1 at a cost of \$38,500. This has a 15 year life span. Trying to do one truck at a time over a 3 year span so it doesn't cost as much. The first one is Eagle 1 because it goes out most. The first one is more expensive at a cost of \$39,701.84. It is a 4 pack. The others won't be as much because initially the batteries, connects, and all that is on this first group of air packs.
- Steve DeFrance addressed the council, not necessarily related to the budget. The museum has replaced the fascia boards & soffits at a cost of \$2,600 which was paid for by the museum.
- Mayor Walker stated that Jeremy Thomas will look at the back garage door at the community center. He should be starting on the building on Friday. I will have him look at it then.
- Mr. DeFrance stated that he fixed the tin on the back of the museum. He fixed the leaks in the game room but there is still a leak on the north wall of the community center by the outside units.
- There was a call late last week that wants to rent the community center for a religious type thing once a month. That is something that we have a policy against. There will be a board meeting on Monday next week. There is a policy set in place.
- On the parks, we've got some playground equipment ordered. I got an email from Tina (Nelson) today. She would probably do some kind of a grant in July or August. We need to talk about how much money we have and what we plan to do. She will probably want some kind of projection of what we plan on doing into this next fiscal year. We've got the walking track, benches with a cover over them and will probably put the old ones back out, we planted 4 trees. The gazebo is going to need maintenance on the roof. Tina talked about calling in at our next finance meeting and giving her some ideas.
- Mayor Walker asked if she is mainly wanting to do just playground equipment? Maybe a new bridge?

Dennis Cook, Police Chief, stated that he just wants to make sure that we are still on line for a new vehicle. Mike Kern stated that we paid for 2 vehicles in April. The problem that we are having is that we order the cars and they don't come in until the next year. We have to make sure that it falls within the budget. We paid for the cars in April and equipment in May.

Chief Cook stated it takes about a year when you order the cars. He stated that he wanted to roll the budget over.

Mr. Kern asked if we order a vehicle this year do you have to buy the equipment too? Mr. Cook replied that we buy some of it. Try to use some of the old.

Mr. Kern asked if vehicles are costing about \$45,000 now. And the equipment that you have to put in them? Mr. Cook stated about \$42,000. Mrs. Scott stated that the last ones were \$86,000 a piece.

Mr. Kern stated that you may be limited to one vehicle.

Mayor Walker asked Chief Cook if Jose was gone or when is he leaving (for CLEET). Mr. Cook stated that he started today. He had a 2 hour session today. Mayor Walker asked him if he could still do his job as Animal Control. Mr. Cook answered he starts (school) full time tomorrow. Tuesday through Friday. Mayor Walker asked if someone was going to take his place or is McAlester going to come over. Mr. Cook answered correct for McAlester and our police officers will dispatch out. Mayor Walker asked who was going to do the Code Enforcement. Mr. Cook answered the police officers. We have been writing the tickets for them.

Mayor Walker stated that he has had a couple people call him about houses to be torn down. Allen Boatright, Trailer #27. The woman that owns it is gone and not coming back. He said that he can't find her and the trailer is falling down. Can't we do something about tearing it down? Mr. Cook stated that would be a civil matter. Mrs. Scott stated that there is a procedure that you have to follow. Mayor Walker stated that we need to get it started. Also, the one that is across the street is listed under the family isn't it Kay? Mrs. Scott stated that it is listed under an etal. The house itself is listed under the woman's name and etal and it was in care of her.

Dan Heathcock, Ward 1 Councilman, stated that he had a complaint turned in to him last week about that same house. Mayor Walker tried to contact Mr. Martin. What do you think?

Pat Layden, City Attorney, stated it's probably not proper for the budget meeting but there are 2 separate things that you can do. Civil procedure, which Kay just mentioned, you have to give notice to the land owners and give them time and opportunity to be heard. Then if they don't show up or respond appropriately then you can proceed on to condemnation. There's also using the police department identifying houses, writing tickets, and going through the court systems. You can use these 2 different avenues to proceed.

Mayor Walker stated he was just trying to get it started. Residents around there are complaining. Jonathan Clifton, Water/Sewer Plant Supervisor, addressed the council. He is needing to change the filter medium at the sewer plant at a cost of approximately \$12, 000. Needs to order a back up pump for the water plant at a cost of \$7,000.

Mayor Walker stated that we need to replace the roof on the city hall. We've had to shut down 2 rooms. Instead of replacing it with a flat roof. Replace it with a pitched roof. Cost approximately \$200,000. Ms. Poole asked about other businesses bidding on it. Mayor Walker stated that we would try to get as many bids as possible.

David Bailey, Ward 4 Councilman, asked about the office hours.

Mrs. Scott would like to change the hours of the city offices. Open 4 days, Monday through Thursday. Street department would remain the same. We had discussed save on the electricity and gas costs. Mr. Bailey stated that we are showing in that grid. Mayor Walker asked if anyone would be here on

Friday. Mrs. Scott stated that no one would be here on Friday but it is up to y'all (the council). Mayor Walker stated that he's not sure about city hall completely shut down on Friday. Mr. Bailey stated that there are a lot of people going to this schedule. It's supposed to save on the electricity or gas. Everyone think about it. Mayor Walker stated that we can try it and if they don't like we can go back.

- D. DISCUSS AND ACT TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO OKLAHOMA STATE STATUTE TITLE 25 SECTION 307 (B) (2) TO DISCUSS NEGOTIATIONS WITH KREBS POLICE OFFICER'S 3 YEAR FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE CONTRACT FOR 2023 THROUGH 2026. Mayor Walker asked for a motion to go into executive session. Connie Poole made the motion. David Bailey seconded the motion. Mayor Walker called for a vote. Dan Heathcock – yes, Connie Poole – yes, David Bailey – yes. Motion passes.

Mayor and council requested that everyone leave except FOP representative Corey Cantrell, Dennis Cook, Pat Layden, Mike Kern, and council members.

- E DISCUSS AND ACT TO GO BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION. Mayor Walker asked for a motion to go back into regular session. Connie Poole made the motion. Dan Heathcock seconded the motion. Mayor Walker called for a vote. Dan Heathcock – yes, Connie Poole – yes, David Bailey – yes. Motion passes.

- F. DISCUSS NEGOTIATIONS WITH KREBS POLICE OFFICER'S 3 YEAR FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE CONTRACT FOR 2023 THROUGH 2026. Mayor Walker stated that we need to look over everything. At the council meeting one week from now, it will be to discuss and act.

Mr. Layden addressed the FOP representative, if they do make an offer, can you accept it? Mr. Cantrell stated that he could not accept it. He would have to get a vote of the other members of the FOP before he can accept or deny it. The offer that he has presented was approved by our personnel.

- G. ADJOURN. Mayor Walker asked for a motion to adjourn. Connie Poole made the motion. Dan Heathcock seconded the motion. Mayor Walker called for a vote. Dan Heathcock – yes, Connie Poole – yes, David Bailey – yes. Motion passes to adjourn.