

KREBS UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING AGENDA  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2024  
TO BEGIN AFTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** -by Chairman Tommy Ray Walker

**2. ROLL CALL-** by Cindy J. Cooper, City Clerk. Chairman Tommy Ray Walker-present,  
David Bailey-present, Jason Wagnon-present, Connie Poole-present, Dan Heathcock-present

**3. DISCUSS AND ACT TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE THE CLAIMS-**

**Chairman Tommy Ray Walker-** anyone want to make a motion?

**David Bailey,** I make a motion.

**Connie Poole** *inaudible*.

**David Bailey** if we don't have them, we can't approve them. **David Bailey,** I make a motion we table it.

**Chairman Tommy Ray Walker-** Who seconds it?

**Connie Poole,** I second it.

**Chairman Walker** calls for a vote. Dan Heathcock- yes, Connie Poole -yes, Jason Wagnon- yes, David Bailey- yes.

**Motion to table passed.**

**4. FINANCIAL REVIEW WITH MIKE KERN-**

**Mike Kern-** Okay, I handed out the financial statements for KUA. At the end of 2 months, August 31<sup>st</sup>, our total revenues \$231,963.82. Our operating expenses \$231,135.09. So, we're positive, we transferred money from in January we transferred that \$19,000.00 from the KUA over to the general fund because the general fund was so short on money. So, the thing that I think we need to consider if you remember on our budget every year, we look at increasing the water rates and we usually do that effective in January but I think y'all ought to consider maybe moving that up some if you can because -interrupted by Connie Poole.

**Connie Poole-** was that like a 5% increase for June?

**Mike Kern-** Yes

**Connie Poole-**Okay

**Mike Kern-** yeah, it's if you look at your budget package that we had before, I'll bring it again next month, but every year we usually do it in January, but I'm saying we need to push that as fast as we can because our expenses for the chemicals and all that stuff just keeps going up and it's just really difficult, so we have to try to increase that as soon as we can.

**Dan Heathcock-** The two new business revenues coming in won't be enough to keep up with it, will it?

**Mike Kern-** I have no idea

**Chairman Walker-** It isn't but about three months till January anyway.

**Mike Kern-** Well, I like to say-interrupted by Mayor Walker

**Chairman Walker-**Kinda hard to put on another bill on right before Christmas you get another higher bill. Kinda hard on some people.

**Mike Kern-** Yeah, I agree, but all I'm saying is, we need to consider it, okay

**Chairman Walker-** yeah

**Connie Poole-**When are you wanting us to start it, I mean, what's the *inaudible*.

**Mike Kern-** I would say just as soon as you can. I mean I realize, but thing is 5% on each individual if I remember right, we're looking at .17 cents a day, so I mean, it's not an unbelievable burden. We have to ask everybody to contribute that's all there is to it.

**Dan Heathcock-** That was announced before, do you have to have a certain amount of time to announce it to citizens before we start it?

**Mike Kern-** I think what they usually do is they put on the

**Connie Poole-**back of the water bill

**Mike Kern-**the bill, water bills are what they usually do.

**Connie Poole-** If we start November 1<sup>st</sup> will that give you enough time to put it on the water bill?

**Cindy Cooper-**It can go on the October water bill.

**Connie Poole-** Okay

**Mike Kern-** Like I say, I'm just saying we should consider it. Any other questions or comments? Thank you

## **5. BUSINESS PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED**

None

## **6. BUSINESS NOT PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED**

### **A. DISCUSS CONCERNS FROM RESIDENT ABOUT WATER BILL**

**Charles Wood.** It's my understanding that y'all have a policy or a city ordinance on excessive water bills like somebody turned your water on and runs off and leaves it on. What's the policy say about how much is supposed to be forgiven or whatever?

**Chairman Walker-** it's 20% if you try to get it fixed and all that.

**Mr. Wood-** yeah, well it was brought to my attention that Connie (Poole) had a water bill, and it was what forty-two hundred dollars?

**Connie Poole-** it was around twenty-two hundred dollars.

**Mr. Wood-** twenty-two, and the amount of her bill went down to zero the way I understand it, and if she doesn't have to pay then that sets a precedent for all the rest of the citizens of Krebs. If her bill is forgiven totally then everyone that has that situation come up should be forgiven totally. Then that again goes back to what Mike's talking about, the cost of the chemicals and everything that processed that water, it turned back then the rest of the citizens of Krebs has to pick up the bill on that and I don't think that is fair.

**Connie Poole-** let me enlighten you on that, that house has been sitting there for over twenty years, the fire department every all the utilities were turned off, the water meter was locked up, somebody came and unlocked that water meter in the middle of the road am I correct on that, I had nothing to do with that, that's not my fault that some a citizen, somebody came up and unlocked that when the city should had it locked to begin with the right way. That's not my fault.

**Chairman Walker-**It was locked up the right way.

**Mr. Wood-** But here it goes again, you took and instigated and set into motion a, I don't know if it's an ordinance or a policy or whatever, that the property owner was still responsible for that water bill.

**Connie Poole-** That water bill was not on my property, it was in, it was in the road.

**Mr. Wood-** It doesn't matter where the meters at, it matters where the water goes. If it went to your property, you're responsible for it.

**Connie Poole-**there was no way the water could go to my property, is what I'm trying to tell you. There's no lines under the house, there's nothing there. There was no way water could've went under my property and that's what we talked about.

**David Bailey-** Since then Charlie we've put in an ordinance that any house vacated, or anything to it, the meters will be pulled because of this problem and so as far as, if you want to take blame on somebody, I'll take blame for it because I'm the one that had to make the call on that, there's a lot of technicalities to that because I would've done that for about anybody that, which I have before, that had their water meter, it was cut, the lock off, it was on, things were done to it that wasn't supposed to be done to it and so forth and that's why I had the ordinance passed that any house that nobody's living in that you know has been burned or you know what I mean, it's not safe to live in then water meters will be pulled from here on out. Keep them incidents from happening like that, and like I say it would be, it was my call, it wasn't the mayors call, it wasn't Connie's call, it was my call because the mayor was out of town and I made the choice on that because of a lot of technicalities to it, so you can blame me.

**Chairman Walker-** There's a lot of houses like that too.

**David Bailey**-yeah, but I'm just saying you can you know, I made, you make a decision sometimes where it's good or bad, maybe the choice I made, maybe what I figured on was not the best, but I made the choice and I'll stand by it because there's a lot of technicalities there you know and that's the best I can tell you.

**Mr. Wood**- Still the water went somewhere.

**David Bailey**- Well I don't know

**Mr. Wood**- It was produced at the water plant

**David Bailey**- I understand

**Mr. Wood**- and all the chemicals and everything then the cost of that goes back to the rest of the citizens

**Chairman Walker**- Well before we've always 20% and that was it for everybody. This has come up I don't know nine, ten different times in a year or so, and the council voted to go ahead and they had to pay it, so that's the only thing I look at what's the difference here that I mean, I mean that's the bad part about it because it's your house you ought to take care of it and Arkla gas hadn't come by and seen it, it would still be running, I guess, but like I said the old time

**Connie Poole**-It wasn't going on my property at all because there's no lines there for it to run to my property, Charlie. If it was, water was going to my house I would gladly pay it, if I thought it was a broken line I would gladly pay it but I don't think I'm responsible for something that the city, had not, from what I understand it was a lock that anybody could've cut is what they had told me.

**Chairman Walker**- The city had locked it in the first place long time ago so you can't expect the city to stand out there watch everyday on one water meter, I mean that's your responsibility or whosever responsibility of it is because there's a lot of people pay thousands of dollars for the same situation you were in, and I think matter of fact you were the one that brought up the ordinance that got passed about that.

**Connie Poole**- I did because that person had a renter in there and had it set for water to come to their home, I didn't have that.

**Chairman Walker**- Still your water, still your meter. You know, if we do for one, we ought to do for everybody.

**Connie Poole**- Well did we make the ordinance where we pull the meter when somebody, when there's something that can't be fixed? And why not use, and is that not correct?

**Chairman Walker**- yup, but that's a little late now though isn't it.

**Mr. Wood**-Yeah

**Connie Poole**-Well, I'm, you know what the new ordinance is now, that the water meter should be pulled.

**Chairman Walker**- So, in other words you don't think you ought to have to pay that?

**Connie Poole**- I'm not going to argue with you Tommy. We already passed our ordinance.

**Chairman Walker**-Well, now you

**Connie Poole**-I told you there was water, I told you in that office in there that if water was coming to that house and I had a leak I would've gladly paid it, there was no pipes coming into that house you were very aware of that in there.

**Chairman Walker**-Well also, I was aware of the fact that your house, you take care of it not the city of Krebs you know, it's not our job to go by and check on your house everyday and see if the water

**Connie Poole**- I don't ask you too either

**Chairman Walker**- So it was locked up the way it was supposed to be, and it's got records showing it was locked up.

**Connie Poole**- you had an employee in there that said that those locks could be, could be opened with a cutter, any kind of cutter, is what your employee said

**Chairman Walker**- Right, Right, Well I don't know how long ago you, was anybody living in the house?

**Connie Poole**-Noone's has been in that house for over 20 years

**Chairman Walker**- Okay, well 20 years it been shut down the whole time.

**Connie Poole**- Correct, no water to it.

**Chairman Walker**- I thought you said some people moved in there a couple times.

**Connie Poole**-NO! Nobody's been in there in over 20, probably 25 years.

**Chairman Walker**-Yeah, so you never checked on the house in 25 years?

**Connie Poole**- There's no water under the... That night everything was turned off from all Arkle the utilities there. I, personally I think we're arguing about something, and I don't even like to go this way. We've already passed an ordinance that took care of this where people in the future don't have to deal with that.

**Chairman Walker**- yeah but in the future.

**Connie Poole**- Correct

**Chairman Walker**- What about all these people that's had to pay thousands of dollars?

**Connie Poole**- Well I'm sorry about that. That's all I can say

**Chairman Walker**- that probably help with some of the money

**Connie Poole**-The decision was made for y'all too.

**David Bailey**- I made the decision.

**Connie Poole**- Correct and that's what I'm. I think that was a fair decision.

**Chairman Walker**- Okay, I agree it is for the future, so. Since this was in the past when yours happened you should've paid it.

**Connie Poole**- It's already been... That's already been dealt with and everything so I don't think we have to go through that again.

**Chairman Walker**- Well, alright. Like I said just want you to

**Connie Poole**- I honestly don't even know why this was brought up because we have an ordinance now. I don't even know why it was brought up why were even having this discussion.

**Chairman Walker**-Because it happened before the ordinance.

**Mr. Wood**-We didn't have an ordinance when your incident occurred.

**Connie Poole**- Correct, but

**Mr. Wood**- After the fact. The ordinance was after the fact

**Connie Poole**- Correct, they and I... They, David is the one that made the decision because Tommy wasn't in but I

**Chairman Walker**-I had to go to the doctor I'm sorry

**Connie Poole**- I had to take care of this. In all fairness, those, there was no way that water could've ran into the house if there's no pipes there. Would you want to pay, Charlie would you pay for water that you know there's no way water getting to the house and there hadn't been any lines there for over 20 years would you want to pay that?

**Mr. Wood**- No

**Connie Poole**-would you think that would be fair to you

**Mr. Wood**- but I would've had the meter pulled

**Connie Poole**- you what

**Mr. Wood**- I would've had the meter pulled. If I wasn't going to be there for 20 years

**Connie Poole**-IT'S NOT MY DECISION TO HAVE THE METER PULLED! That's why we did it now when this happened. That's why we made that ordinance so it wouldn't happen to anybody else.

**Mr. Wood**- The citizen can at his residence or property can request that meter be pulled, and the city has to pull it.

**Connie Poole**- Okay, at that time I had no idea that then because I wasn't with the city, a council person, I had no idea about that and eventually the city didn't either because they should have pulled it and that's why we had to make an ordinance so that would not happen again.

**Chairman Walker**- Well it was locked, originally. That's all I'm saying, it was locked unless somebody living in it they have no reason to pull it because somebody else might move in

**Connie Poole**- I'm at the end of the discussion with it, an ordinance was filed and I'm at the end of the discussion with it.

**Chairman Walker**- So you're not talking no more?

**Connie Poole**- Not about this I'm not.

**David Bailey**- Okay everybody, let's just move along

**Chairman Walker**- Okay well. I say what's fair for one, ought to be fair for everybody.  
Resident says exactly

**Chairman Walker**-But that's up to y'all, y'all make the rules, I don't. Okay

## **9. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND BOARD-**

**Dan Heathcock**- Wonder what it's going to have to take, do we have to put it on the agenda for the KJA for October meeting for the schedule to be move up on the water rates?

**Cindy Cooper**- I would think so.

**Dan Heathcock**- Can we get that on the agenda for October?

**Cindy Cooper**-Yeah for it to go out yeah. But those bills will go out, I don't know what day it is, does anybody, what the date in October for the meeting is because the bills will go out like probably like on the 20<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> or something, so if our meeting is, my point is if our meeting is after that before we send the bills out, see what I'm saying?

**Dan Heathcock**- A lot of times it's just a few days before the first of the month.

**Cindy Cooper**-So the 15<sup>th</sup> is our meeting so we will be good.

**Chairman Walker**- Anybody else?

## **10. ADJOURN**

**Chairman Walker**-Alright, anybody make a motion to adjourn?

**Dan Heathcock**- I move to adjourn.

**Chairman Walker**-Alright, who seconds it?

**Jason Wagnon**- I'll second it

**Chairman Walker** calls for a vote. Dan Heathcock-yes, Coonie Poole-yes,

Jason Wagnon-yes, David Bailey-yes. **Motion Passed**