

MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF KREBS
COUNCIL MEETING
KREBS CITY HALL
February 16, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

1. Mayor Bobby Watkins called the meeting to order.
2. Clerk/Treasurer W Kay Scott called the Roll. Bobby Watkins – Present, Tommy Walker – Present, Connie Poole – Present, Jason Wagnon – Absent, Daulfin Bennett – Present.
3. Mayor Watkins led the Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. CONSIDER AND ACT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 19, 2015 CITY COUNCIL MEETING. Mayor Watkins asked for a motion. Daulfin Bennett made the motion. Connie Poole seconded the motion. Mayor Watkins called for a vote. Daulfin Bennett – yes, Connie Poole – yes, Tommy Walker - yes. Motion passes.
5. CONSIDER AND ACT TO APPROVE THE CLAIMS. Mayor Watkins asked for a motion. Tommy Walker made the motion. Connie Poole seconded the motion. Mayor Watkins called for a vote. Daulfin Bennett – yes, Connie Poole – yes, Tommy Walker - yes. Motion passes.
6. REVIEW CITY OF KREBS FINANCIAL STATEMENT WITH MIKE KERN. Per Mayor Watkins will come back to the financial statement when Mr. Kern arrives.
7. PUBLIC COMMENTS, QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS CONCERNING THE CITY OF KREBS BUSINESS.
Peggy DeFrance addressed the council about the animal situation. PAWS (Partners for Animal Welfare) is willing to put in some money if the City of Krebs will bring the City Pound up to standards. PAWS has been getting the animals spay and neutered that Sam has been getting. Sam is doing a good job and has had a success rate for re-homing the animals. When I drive around town, we don't have as many animals running loose. The animal shelter needs a lot of work done on it to bring it up to compliance for housing animals. Asking the City to come up with a monetary figure that you would be willing to put forth on this project. Sam has had a lot of donations come in and he has used his own money. If set up an account at the bank or where ever for donations for the Pound. Per Mayor and Mike Kern all monies would have to come through the City if it is used for the Pound. Ms. DeFrance also stated that if we are spending PAWS money, we would want a contract in the event that Sam left or someone else took over. Mayor Watkins stated let's put it on next month's agenda for discussion only. That was an abandoned building and we were utilizing Pittsburg County (sic - Animal Shelter). We even thought about tearing it down at one time because it is so bad. Now you are talking about bringing it back to life and it's going to take a pretty good chunk of money. Ms. DeFrance stated yes a lot of volunteers. I'm talking about a community effort. I'm talking about grants and donations to be brought up to code without the city having to spend a huge amount of money. Connie Poole asked since we don't have it budgeted for this budget, can we put it on the next year's budget? Mike Kern stated we can't do anything during this budget but when we start the planning for Capital Improvements, that's the time we should discuss it. We can discuss it before then in the Finance Committee, do some leg work before we put it on the budget. Tommy Walker asked Sam Hart what the average length of time the animals stayed at the shelter and do they then go to the shelter? Mr. Hart replied one to two weeks and they haven't went to the shelter in months. They usually are re-homed. Ms. Poole stated that I have heard through people that Sam is doing an excellent job. We don't see a lot of cats or dogs around the neighborhood and that tells you that he is doing an excellent job. I am all for re-homing these animals. Ms. DeFrance stated that the County Shelter is a high-kill shelter. The possibility of animals getting re-homed at Pittsburg County Animal Shelter is very slight because it is a euthanization shelter.

Mr. Klink stated we need to enter into this with a three (3) step process : 1) Contingency from the City of Krebs to meet with PAWS to see what they are willing to do, formulate a possible cost, and a time period to enact any actions; 2) Get the people of Krebs to meet with PAWS at the Audit & Finance Committee meeting to see what is going on and if the committee sees that there is a merit; and 3) Brought before the Budget Committee in June. Ms. DeFrange said there are ways to get grants and donations. Mr. Klink stated that Sam and he will meet with PAWS.

6. REVIEW CITY OF KREBS FINANCIAL STATEMENT WITH MIKE KERN. Turn to Statement of Revenues and Expenses, page 3. Our Revenues for the month of January, we received money from FEMA for the Street & Alley for our streets due to flooding in the amount of \$43,897.79. Total Revenues for January were \$195,676.03 and Expenses of \$115,979.27 so we had a positive income in the month of January of \$79,726.76. Year to date we have a positive \$64,881.05. As we had discussed previously that that's normally the way the funds flow through the City. The first 6 months, we have to pay a lot of annual bills and we do a lot of capital expenditures and so these last few months we hope that we can generate some more fees so that we can maybe address some of these other issues just like the animal shelter issue. So as far as the City is concerned that is our financial situation as of January 31st. Any questions or comments?

8. BUSINESS PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED.
None.

9. BUSINESS NOT PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED.
 - A. DISCUSS AND ACT TO ACCEPT NICHOLAS MCGUIRE TO THE KREBS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.
Jim Cortassa addressed the Council. All of the candidates have gone through a physical and written testing and all three (3) passed. The fire department has the recommendation to put them on. Mayor Watkins asked if Mr. Cortassa highly recommends these guys and Mr. Cortassa stated yes sir. Mayor Watkins asked for a motion. Daulfin Bennett made the motion. Tommy Walker seconded the motion. Mayor Watkins called for a vote. Daulfin Bennett – yes, Connie Poole – yes, Tommy Walker – yes. Motion passes.

 - B. DISCUSS AND ACT TO ACCEPT CODY SMITH TO THE KREBS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT. Mayor Watkins asked for a motion. Tommy Walker made the motion. Connie Poole seconded the motion. Mayor Watkins called for a vote. Daulfin Bennett – yes, Connie Poole – yes, Tommy Walker – yes. Motion passes.

 - C. DISCUSS AND ACT TO ACCEPT SCOTT ALAN ACHELPOHL TO THE KREBS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.
Mayor Watkins asked for a motion. Connie Poole made the motion. Daulfin Bennett seconded the motion. Mayor Watkins called for a vote. Daulfin Bennett – yes, Connie Poole – yes, Tommy Walker – yes. Motion passes.

 - D. DISCUSS AND ACT TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 16-01 TO AMEND THE ABATEMENT PROCESS FOR TRASH, WEEDS, AND DEBRIS. Mr. Klink spoke to the council. Both of these ordinances are taken verbatim from the Oklahoma State Codes. We are not asking anyone to do anything excessive. We do need to get our town cleaned up. We are doing this for the entire town and anyone coming to our town does pay attention to the overall appearance of the town. It benefits the entire town, it increases property value, your civic pride, and it's something that we ought to do. This pertains to Item D and E. Mayor Watkins asked for a motion. Daulfin Bennett made the motion. Connie Poole seconded the motion. Mayor Watkins called for a vote. Daulfin Bennett – yes, Connie Poole – yes, Tommy Walker – yes. Motion passes.

- E. DISCUSS AND ACT TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 16-02 TO REVISE THE ABATEMENT PROCESS FOR JUNKED AND ABANDONED VEHICLES. Mayor Watkins asked for a motion. Connie Poole made the motion. Daulfin Bennett seconded the motion. Mayor Watkins called for a vote. Tommy Walker – yes, Connie Poole – yes, Daulfin Bennett – yes. Motion passes.

- F. DISCUSS AND ACT TO APPROVE THE AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING ONCE PER MONTH ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE BUDGET PLANNING PERIOD. Tommy Walker asked if we could amend this to allow for Emergency meetings if the need arises. Mayor Watkins asked for a motion. Tommy Walker made the motion. Connie Poole seconded the motion. Mayor Watkins called for a vote. Daulfin Bennett – yes, Connie Poole – yes, Tommy Walker – yes. Motion passes.

10. COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL.

None.

- 11. ADJOURN TO KUA. Mayor Watkins asked for a motion to adjourn to KUA. Tommy Walker made the motion. Daulfin Bennett seconded the motion. Mayor Watkins called for a vote. Daulfin Bennett –yes, Connie Poole – yes, Tommy Walker – yes. Motion passes. Adjourned to KUA.