

MINUTES OF THE  
CITY OF KREBS  
COUNCIL MEETING  
KREBS CITY HALL  
September 15, 2015 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 – Present, Daulfin Bennett – Present.
3. Mayor Watkins led the Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. CONSIDER AND ACT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 18, 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, Jason Wagnon – yes, Connie Poole – yes, Tommy Walker – yes. Motion passes.
5. CONSIDER AND ACT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 27, 2015 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING. Mayor Watkins asked for a motion. Tommy Walker made the motion. Jason Wagnon seconded the motion. Mayor Watkins called for a vote. Daulfin Bennett – yes, Jason Wagnon – yes, Connie Poole – yes, Tommy Walker – yes. Motion passes.
6. CONSIDER AND ACT TO APPROVE THE CLAIMS. Mayor Watkins asked for a motion. Connie Poole makes a motion. Daulfin Bennett seconded the motion. Mayor Watkins called for a vote. Daulfin Bennett – yes, Jason Wagnon – yes, Connie Poole – yes, Tommy Walker – yes. Motion passes.
7. REVIEW CITY OF KREBS FINANCIAL STATEMENT WITH MIKE KERN. Mike Kern asked everyone to turn to the Schedule of General Fund Revenues and Expenses. For the two (2) months ending our Revenues are \$265,990.87 and our total expenses for the same period are \$286,925.04. So we have had expenses in excess of \$20,934.17. This is a normal cycle that we go through getting our Capital Outlays. The Police Department has spent \$43,000 of their \$80,000 in Capital Outlay. It's all within the budget. I don't see any other unusual items that I need to report on.
8. PUBLIC COMMENTS, QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS CONCERNING THE CITY OF KREBS BUSINESS. Lester Burgess asked why the water bills had gone up 5% straight across the board. Mr. Kern addressed Mr. Burgess. The KUA for the last 5 years has lost money. Ed Klink, Mr. Kern, and Mayor Watkins explained the reason for the raise of the water bills. Mr. & Mrs. Burgess asked that notice is given that the water bills are going to increase. Mrs. Scott stated we can put it on the back of the water bill. Mr. Klink and Mr. Walker stated we can put it on the website. Mr. Klink stated that if you have time this evening, I have several problems that the city has concerning water and the potential amount of money it is going to take to fix it. You may be surprised at the amount of money that it takes to operate the KUA. And this last year the rates were not raised so this has been spread over 2 years. According to what has been put out at the Audit & Finance Committee meeting, that it will be a policy of the City of Krebs to annually look at and quite possibly adjust the rates yearly. John Sepe addressed the council about the number of chickens and ducks that his neighbor has. A meeting was held while he was on vacation and she was allowed to have the amount of chickens that she had. Connie Poole stated she could have up to 10 chickens. Mr. Sepe stated her daughter was in 4-H and she has 40 chickens, ducks, dogs, and cats. Mr. Klink stated at the time that this was passed she was allowed to keep the amount of chickens that she had on-hand. If she has broken that agreement then we will need to go talk to her. She agreed that she would keep the amount of chickens that she had. Mr. Sepe also complained about the use of

the alley and the portion that he mows. Mayor Watkins asked if Dennis Cook, Police Chief, could look in the alley issue.

Taryn Biggs lives at 210 SW Buchanan. Asked in May if the ditches in front of the house could be cleaned out. Bob Bailey asked the difference in water bills compared to Jenks. Mr. Klink explained that our water plant is antiquated and the DEQ has tightened up considerably. We have spent a lot of money to assure that the citizens of Krebs have some of the best water in the State of Oklahoma. We are keenly aware of public safety. We are exploring the cost of a new water plant which will cost \$4.5 million and we already owe \$679,000 for the sewer plant. We are up against DEQ who sets all of the mandates on water quality that we must meet. Mayor Watkins stated that Krebs Lake won't sustain Krebs. The pump that Mary Jo's dad put in has had to be replaced this year. Mr. Klink stated that we are discussing with Tenaska about the transport of water from Lake Eufaula to Krebs Lake. The cost at this point and time is \$250,000 and we simply don't have that resource. We are still looking at other avenues. If the pump goes out, we will have to do an emergency repair. Our pump is set in 5' of water and setting almost on the bottom of the lake. I would encourage you to come to the Audit & Finance Committee meeting. We meet virtually every Tuesday. Mr. Burgess asked if we could contact FEMA if there is an emergency. Mr. Klink stated FEMA expects that the City would pay roughly 25% of the costs. They have a small stipulation - You have to fix it, prove that you fix it, and they will grant you the money. Mr. Burgess asked if the money from the increase on the water bill is distributed across the City or for the water only. Mr. Klink stated it is designated money for the KUA only. The KUA is responsible for not only the water but for the sewage treatment of the City of Krebs. Mr. Klink addressed Mr. Kern asking about are 2 sets of ledgers – 1 for KUA and 1 for the City is that not correct. Mr. Kern answered the KUA is a Title 60 Trust and it stands on its own. A little bit of history – when we built the sewer plant part of the funding agreement was that the City side had to subsidize the rates because the rates were not high enough to repay the note of the sewer plant. Since we've had the sewer plant built about 8 years ago, we've had numerous expenses, pump break downs, and it has totally exceeded the budget. Mr. Klink stated that the City has forwarded \$75,000 to the KUA just last year when we did not raise the rates. It took \$75,000 out of the General Fund that could have fixed the streets, cleaned out your ditch and it went to the KUA to keep the water solvent. Mayor Watkins and Mr. Klink asked Mr. Burgess and everyone in the room to come to the Audit & Finance Committee meeting. We have to move along.

8. BUSINESS PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED.

A. DISCUSS AND ACT TO TERMINATE THE VARIANCE GRANTED CHERYL WILCOX FOR THE PLACEMENT OF A MOBILE HOME AT 740 NW DELAWARE AT THE JULY 21, 2015 COUNCIL MEETING. Ms. Wilcox addressed the council. The land didn't appraise for the amount previously told and the down payment is too high. There is a hold up with the abstract and would like to extend the variance. Connie Poole asked if Ms. Wilcox had been taking care of the lot and mowing it like you should. Ms. Wilcox stated had hired someone to mow but they did not. Mayor Watkins asked for a motion. Tommy Walker asked if Ms. Wilcox has an agreement for a loan right now. Ms. Wilcox stated she is trying to use another company but no agreement but I have a contract I have to fill out with this other company. Mr. Walker asked this has been going on for 90 days. Mrs. Scott stated since January. Mr. Klink stated Mr. Mayor I believe the last time that we met you charged me with getting the details from Ms. Wilcox about what was going on with her piece of property. I attempted to do that on at least 3 occasions. I talked to her once and she told me that nothing was said about that. I don't want to be negative about this but basically so far everything she has said she would do so far she has failed to do. Tommy Walker made the motion to terminate the variance. Jason Wagnon seconded the motion. Mayor Watkins called for a vote. Daulfin Bennett – abstain (Mayor stated that will be a no vote). Jason Wagnon – yes, Connie Poole – yes, Tommy Walker – yes. Mayor Watkins stated it's terminated. Ms. Wilcox asked what will happen now. Mayor Watkins stated that's up to you, you own the property. Ms. Wilcox asked what can do with it. Mayor Watkins stated you can build a house on it. Ms. Wilcox asked if modular homes can be put there. Mayor Watkins stated anything that moves in on wheels can't be put there. There is no other alternative.

9. BUSINESS NOT PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED.

- A. DISCUSS AND ACT TO PURCHASE THE REMAINDER OF THE RADIO EQUIPMENT FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. Ed Klink addressed the council. Mr. Partain is willing to wait 1-2 months until our finances are better. Mayor Watkins asked for a motion. Tommy Walker made the motion to Table this. Jason Wagnon seconded the motion. Mayor Watkins called for a vote. Tommy Walker – yes, Connie Poole – yes, Jason Wagnon – yes, Daulfin Bennett – no. Motion passes to Table to the next meeting.
- B. DISCUSS AND ACT TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 15-09 WHEREIN THE CITY CLERK/TREASURER SHALL BE AN APPOINTED POSITION. Tommy Walker stated we had the election and won by 5 votes. Mayor Watkins asked for a motion. Tommy Walker made the motion. Connie Poole seconded the motion. Mayor Watkins called for a vote. Tommy Walker – yes, Connie Poole – yes, Jason Wagnon – yes, Daulfin Bennett – yes. Motion passes.
- C. DISCUSS AND ACT TO APPOINT W. KAY SCOTT AS THE PERMANENT CITY CLERK/TREASURER. 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, Jason Wagnon – yes, Connie Poole – yes, Tommy Walker – yes. Motion passes.
- D. DISCUSS AND ACT ON THE MAYOR APPOINTING CASSIE MENGES TO THE KREBS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT. Fire Chief Chuck Nelms informed the Council that Mrs. Menges decided not to accept the position.

10. COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL. Tommy Walker stated the he has known Ed Klink for a long time and I don't think that he would ever talk to anyone the way that Ms. Wilcox was saying. Ed has always tried to work with everybody. Mr. Klink thanked Mr. Walker.

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