

CITY OF KREBS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 18, 2025

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- present

Chuck Nelms- present

Connie Poole- present

Dan Heathcock- present

3. PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by David Bailey

**4. DISCUSS AND ACT TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE
FEBRUARY 25, 2025 CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Connie Poole makes a motion to approve the minutes with amendment. David Bailey seconds. Mayor Walker calls for a vote. Dan Heathcock- yes, Connie Poole- yes, Chuck Nelms-yes, David Bailey- yes. **Motion passed.**

5. DISCUSS AND ACT TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE THE CLAIMS

Connie Poole refers to page four and ask what the US cellular claim is for.

Cindy Cooper states it's for the cell phones.

Connie Poole all the cell phones?

Micheal Fulgium, treasurer yes it should be all the cell phones and the hotspots for the police department.

David Bailey makes a motion to approve the claims. Connie Poole seconds. Mayor Walker calls for a vote. Dan Heathcock- yes, Connie Poole- yes, Chuck Nelms- yes, David Bailey- yes. **Motion passed.**

6. REVIEW CITY OF KREBS FINANCIAL STATEMENT WITH MIKE KERN

Mike Kern turn to page three the statement of revenues and expenses for the eight months ending February 28th, 2025. Our total revenues for the eight months ending were \$1,542,619.21. Look at the second to the bottom line under the actual column. That's the fines for the vehicle replacement as of the end of February, we booked \$48,256. Those numbers I got straight from the police department.

Mayor Walker what we showed at the end of February 28th, it was \$46,521

Mike Kern yeah that's what they came up with. This was the number that I got from them. I don't know why there's a \$200 discrepancy, but we can get that reconciled at the end of March. I took the numbers from day one.

David Bailey \$46,000? That's \$2000

Connie Poole yeah that's a \$2000 discrepancy.

Mike Kern how much is it

Mayor Walker \$46,521

David Bailey and you show \$48,000

Mike Kern who is we?

Cindy Cooper, Nancy when she brought it over to day, told Micheal that that's what it was at the end of February. That the \$48,000 has added some of March in there but, the \$46,521 is actually what it was at the end of February, February 28th. And that \$48,000 has some of March added in. Correct? -directed to Micheal.

Micheal Fulgium the report she gave me today had the \$46,521 and that went through February 28th. The \$48,000 has some of March in it.

Mike Kern in your book you're going to see the \$10,250 on the worksheet that I got from them as of the end of 2/25. It may different because of the days difference there, but we'll get that straighten out at the end of March. The point being the police department ladies are tracking all the \$50 payments per ticket like the council voted on so we can reconcile that number. I'll check with them in the month at the end of March and we'll have that straightened out.

Mayor Walker is this from October, November, December. Is this the four months that started in October.

Mike Kern yeah something like that

Mayor Walker that's 984 tickets is what it comes up to.

Mike Kern that's good. Micheal went to the bank today and opened up the account like the council had voted and he transferred money out of the municipal court because that's where all the fine money gets deposited into and that's on your balance sheet on page one and at the end of February there was \$56,371 in there. So, he transferred that money out of that account into the new account that he set up today. Let's look back at our financial statements. Like I said our total revenues are \$1,542,619.21. Our revenues are holding up very strong. Our sales tax revenues are going to be, if it continues at this pace, they will be in excess of what we budgeted, which is very good. And the same thing with the sales tax capital improvement. The use taxes are already ahead of what we budgeted. So, the revenues are holding up now go to page five the total expenses for the eight months are \$1,402,471.07. The city is showing a positive income of \$140,000 so we got things going the right way. I want to talk about the capital improvement sales tax it comes up again every 10 years. I have talked to the attorney and what we are going to look at for sure is the wording on that ballot because that was voted by the people so we want to make sure that our capital improvement monies, we've been buying police cars, we've been buying equipment, we've been transferring some of it over to the public works authority for capital improvements over there. So, the paperwork that I just handed out to you on page one. That is all the capital improvement monies that had been generated all the way back from May of 2024. Every month we have to allocate a third

of the sales tax that comes in to the capital improvement sales tax account. Now that's all the money that's been generated there. Turn to page two you can see the debit amounts of \$30,355.32. That was the sales tax allocation from May of 24, so that was put into the, we actually have a cash account for the capital improvement cash that was put in there and then in August, the June allocation of \$30,576.15 was deposited into the capital improvement account. Since then, we have not been able to transfer the monies over just because of the newness of the people here and everything else, but we need to start making those transfers every month and the first one we need to do is going to be over back on page one. We want to keep this right with the July allocation of the capital improvement sales taxes, \$32,094.47. We need to make that transfer. I would recommend we even do it this month, have Micheal do that transfer from the general fund to the cash account for the sales tax capital improvement and then every month we'll start making the required amount because here's the part of the thing I'm thinking about. We're going to be working on a water plant pretty soon and we need to see if we can't allocate some of that money every month to the water plant because that's a capital improvement. So, whenever they start giving us the plans for it, because they're going to want to know how we're going to get that water plant funded and they're going to look very hard at the water and sewer rates or the water rates especially, which is fine. That's what they need to do. They want to make sure that the payments get made. So, we want to start getting ready right now, try to have that money into that capital improvement and then we'll have to figure out how much we can actually transfer over there. Maybe on a monthly basis we'll have to discuss it and talk about it.

7. BUSINESS PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED - None

8. BUSINESS NOT PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED.

- A. DISCUSS AND ACT TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE THE NEW FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH ALLIED WASTE SERVICES OF ALDERSON, INC.dba REPUBLIC SERVICES OF ALDERSON. CONTRACT INCLUDED IN THIS BOOK

Mayor Walker if we sign this then the first year, you're not going to raise the rates?

Ryan with Republic, yes

Dan Heathcock makes a motion to approve the contract. Connie Poole seconds. Mayor Walker calls for a vote. Dan Heathcock- yes, Connie Poole- yes, Chuck Nelms- yes, David Bailey- yes **Motion passed**

- B. DISCUSS SOLUTIONS TO KEEP TRASH FROM BLOWING FROM THE DOLLAR GENERAL STORE ON HWY 270, KREBS, OK.

Tony Elise lives by the Dollar Store on US Hwy 270. My problem is when they unload the trucks if there is trash in them, they just leave them sitting out and it blows all over the place. Shows pictures of trash blown all over property. It goes everywhere constantly blowing into my yard. There is a zoning code that states they us have a solid wall screen at least six foot high where

such use about the rear or side either direction or across an alley from a residence district. Our residence was there way before they every moved in so I would like to see if the council can in any way help us. They had previously promised to put a privacy fence. There is no privacy fence. My wife called corporate and they just laughed and said they are not doing anything. They set up displays in front of the store and that blows too.

David Bailey Mr. May, can we pass a resolution that forces them to build that privacy fence.

Ronnie May, Resolution, you could pass a resolution. It doesn't have the same effect as the statute of ordinance but expresses a city's desire what they want to happen and you could do that and if they don't respond to it or we send a letter to us, resolution's been passed, the problems that have been documented with your trash blowing over into neighbors preexisting neighborhood for neighbors that you all, it should get somebody's attention at corporate isn't that? Oh, they're getting ready to do something. Resolution is the first step then the next one would be an ordinance. Send a letter the resolution and send a letter to them saying the city council has passed this resolution and this is where it's headed and if y'all don't, cannot will not work. Workless cooperate with us. Then there's other alternatives. As a lawyer you don't want to give away what all you can do. They go to their corporate lawyers and say, hey, and the corporate lawyers can figure out this is fixing to turn into a little bit of more of a deal if we don't help them or take care of the situation because they're going to require us to do it and it's the first step. I think that's what you could do.

C. DISCUSS SOLUTIONS TO STOP JAKE BRAKES ON HIGHWAY 270, KREBS, OKLAHOMA

Tony Elise Jake Brakes on two 70 and I'm sure on 31 highways coming in and out anywhere that you're coming into residence. But 270, especially if you're coming in from Haleyville direction, you're coming from a 50 to a 45. If you're coming from McAlester route, you're in a 45. There's absolutely no reason to be using a jack breaker.

Cindy Cooper it's a state highway, so I think the department, highway department has to do that. I've already called them and left a message twice. Once the signs are up it can be enforced

D. DISCUSS SOLUTIONS TO REDUCE LOUD VEHICLE NOISES, FROM 'HOT RODDING' AND REVVING ENGINES PARTICULARLY IN THE AREA OF THE WATER FRONT ADDITION IN KREBS OKLAHOMA.

Tony Elise, they come out of that edition and go down Main Street to 270 from the time they hit Main Street to the time they get to where they got to slow down, they may or may not be exceeding speed limit because I don't sit there with the radar gun, but they wrap in some guns out tight and then things are loud. I'm glad they're able to have a nice car, little normal two or whatever. But when it gets to be 12, 1, 2, 3 o'clock in the morning, I'm not the only one that lives there. I mean there's all them people up through I mean there's a bunch of people live up through there and you can hear it all over town.

- E. DISCUSSION ABOUT DIRECTIONAL CHANGE OF STREET (TO ONE WAY) DONE AT A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING ON JULY, 13, 2023. HOW IT IS NEGATIVELY AFFECTING PROPERTY OWNERS, AND WAS DONE WITH NO NOTICE GIVEN TO THE PROPERTY OWNERS.

Jeanetta Hauck So yeah, that was done on July 13th, 2023. And first of all, I didn't understand why it was done that way when the next city council meeting was going to be on the 18th anyway, it's already done. But how it's affecting us now, those people that live around there on Lincoln, it's Lincoln and Mrs. Klink's yard, they're pulling over into her yard and making ruts and she's the one who has to mow that on my street on southwest fourth. They're coming off the pavement into my yard. And if you drive by there, you'll see how far over it is. I measured the pavement. It's 17 feet wide so there's not room for two vehicles, but they are there. But they're over on my side of the road. And then where Mr. Wagnon used to live, they're making ruts in her yard now and they come there and park at 1:15. Yeah, lean their seat back and take naps. I mean why? And that's on a city street

Mayor Walker Well I think we talked about that. The fact that we're going to have to put some signs up there, no block and driveways or whatever. They will get a ticket.

David Bailey They, we put a sign up, no blocking driveway, which there is a sign up has one up. But actually, what you do on that, which we didn't McAlester one street one time at the park up there was having that type of a problem. You put a sign up that vehicles will be towed, no parking, no blocking this or that and vehicles will be towed and you tow two or three of them and they'll quit.

Jeanetta Hauck Yeah, right.

David Bailey, I mean but you're going to have to be told, but you got to have signs up. But it is some type of state statute or something. You cannot block a driveway. You're not supposed to be able to block a driveway.

Jeanetta Hauck No. And they can't help it when they're going in front of my house.

David Bailey, I know they're trying to get their kids and everything and we got to look at the safety for the kids and we got 500 students up there and we got a whole lot more people coming up there now than what we used to.

Jeanetta Hauck And it has been worse. I mean before they, that's the thing though, when they put the signs up that you can only come up that street at 3:05 if you're picking up and you can't park on that street until 3:15. Now they're doing it on Lincoln is what I'm saying.

David Bailey Well we just have to do something there and put up signs and be here because you be told try that. That don't,

Jeanetta Hauck Something has to be done. Better ideas. If you widen the street-

Connie Poole, you have parents trying to get their kids. We have a lot of kids that go to Krebs. We don't have buses like McAlester has. So, we have to have these parents come up and get their kids. I mean it's a safety issue. Them all going in one direction. That's what we have to look at.

Jeanetta Hauck I'm not looking at that. I'm just saying they're coming and parking hours ahead of time in somebody's yard and they're making ruts in those people's yard and they're taking my yard. So, what are they going to do when I go out there and put T- posts up? Where are they going to go

then? Because I'm going to have to foot the bill to make a fence. We are to keep them from coming over in our yard. I mean something needs to be done. I mean try whatever you need to.

David Bailey, we try this with the signs and see what we can get done there. And if we can't all the steps.

Connie Poole, I mean are you talking about towing the cars away that these parents are coming to get these kids at school?

David Bailey Well let me tell you, if you block the driveway Connie, it's state statue.

Connie Poole Well Maybe we should put something there for them not to block the driveway.

David Bailey That's what I mean. You put a sign up. They done got one sign that says do not block driveway and

Jeanetta Hauck They never can read. That's not the problem. They're parking in people's yards way before time to pick up kids. And I know everybody wants to be first.

Connie Poole There's so many kids there though.

Patrick Turner, Can I make a comment? on the traffic. We had this councils meeting before that she mentioned Chief Cook and the officer was here to give an example of what it was like after school for parking to her quote. It used to be where parents would come up there at two o'clock, two 15 and sit in their car and wait forever fall asleep waiting on their kids. We have since put up signs everywhere on those streets. Make them one way all the way down to Lincoln and we have a school resource officer now who patrols that area and we do not have the problem anymore of parents parking at two o'clock at the earliest they get there. Sometimes might be three, but that's if the officer sees that they're there early, he tells them to leave, come back at 3:15 or wherever they're parking. If it's over pre-K 3:05. So that has been a hundred percent better. We do have the sign up in front of her residence about not parking in front of driveways.

Rico Hauck, I put that up myself. It fell over.

Patrick Turner, it fell over. Okay. Well, I don't have any problem whether me, whether it's a school, whether it's a city flipping the bill for a sign for that, I don't have a problem for that to do that. Common sense tells you not to block the driveway. Not everybody uses common sense when they're sitting there coming to get their kids. There's no other option for pickup. We have to utilize the pickup process we use now that we implemented on that city council meeting is a hundred percent better than what we had. We've had, like I said, the signage put up, we've had the one way is extended. We utilize three parallel streets now to pick up students and we're done within 10 minutes. Parents are coming and getting their kids and we're out there within 10 minutes at the time we release from school. The one thing I will say that is accurate, what she's saying is now for some reason they're backing up on Lincoln next to Ms. Clinks residence and we need to do a better job of getting that patrol officer over there to tell them to move as far as ruts and things of that nature. There is enough room on those streets for two single file, one way traffic because that's how we park when we pick up. So as far as in front of her residence, I can't speak for that, but down the further down on fourth Street and fifth Street there is, there's enough for two lanes of traffic. So, I don't mean to interrupt or take her time, but I just know that we have made every effort to keep people from parking in front of residences, driveways getting there too early. We put the officers out there and they do a good job eliminating that. We have one officer; we have three streets to patrol. You can't be everywhere at the same time. So, he just kind of rotates the schedule from one day to the next. But we can put more of an emphasis on Lincoln to get those people away from Ms. Clinton's residence and those apartments because they do turn there and they don't want to wait.

They don't want pull down too far because that's when the officer's going to see them. So, we can make an effort to That's true. We can make an effort to make sure the officer knows that's not permissible either.

Mayor Walker I still think what we'll do, like David was talking about, put a sign up there, they're going tow it off. You'll get their attention lot faster.

Connie Poole, I don't agree with that.

Patrick Turner, I don't know that's out of our jurisdiction.

Connie Poole the thing is that you've got these parents are coming and some of them are having to go back to work. They're getting there to get their children. I don't want us have a situation like they had at Frank that one year when the child got hit over there.

Mayor Walker, I know that

Connie Poole And I don't want that, but I think right now everything's in the best interest of our school. Our kids there to get picked up. I think if we do you suggest put more signs up down there, have the officer go, let's try it for two, three months. See how that works.

Patrick Turner We typically, our officers typically, again those areas I know whether it's chief cook or some other officer is typically across the highway monitoring traffic and stop signs over there. So, it's not just one officer, it's the whole patrol doing it helping us. And I'm not going to speak to a tow truck or anything like that out of my scope of what we need.

Mayor Walker I can see if you're talking about the people picking up kids, but they also have their right to get in out of their driveway,

Patrick Turner Right?

Mayor Walker And we have put a sign up.

Connie Poole That's correct. What I mean If they put, not that sign, but the sign you said don't park in the driveway behind

Rico Hauck It's there

Connie Poole And okay. If we have our officer to make sure that there's nobody during the school out hours when they're come to pick up their kids, make sure there's not nobody there so they can back up.

Larry Coxsey, Can I ask a question? I didn't sign in to say anything on this. If I can a question on this issue, I don't have a problem with, is the traffic double wide down through there or is it single lane?

Connie Poole Two cars can go down there. That's why you see two cars on line picking up kids.

Larry Coxsey But when they come in to pick the kids up, are they stack inside by side to pick the kids up or is it one single?

Connie Poole No, no. There are two cars

Larry Coxsey, maybe going one lane make the single fall down through there might help out.

Mayor Walker They'd be backed up to 270 highway.

Danny Heathcock There's no reason for someone to pull off onto someone's yard There's no reason for that.

Larry Coxsey well the road's not wide enough. That's what I'm saying. Maybe come up with a solution there. But there's also an emergency vehicle might have to go to somebody.

Connie Poole all roads in Krebs are that wide though. They're all That's nothing wide.

Tommy Walker, you get out some tickets, they're going to change their mind.

David Bailey Well like I say, it's a state statute. If they block the driveway, they can get a ticket. If they don't move it, you can tow it.

Connie Poole Well if you ask them, they're going to move it. I mean that's just common sense. If they're going to ask

Mayor Walker yeah, they do it over and over and over. I mean somebody else will pull up. We put cones out there at the start. I don't know if you remember that or not. I don't know what happened to those. They're gone. It doesn't matter at all to them. They're going to change it, but you got to get their attention if something will happen.

Rico Hauck, we understand the pickup, the kids, I'm talking to you. I'm listening, that's fine. But if you come at 1:15 and park in Mrs. Klink's yard and take a nap,

Connie Poole I'm not saying that's right. I'm not saying that's right.

Rico Hauck, you jumped to the kids. The kids are everything. But why are you sitting there 1:15? You can't go pick your kid up until 3:15 and you're parking in her yard.

Rico Hauck, I put all kinds of signs up.

Connie Poole I can't answer that.

Rico Hauck, you did by saying we're protecting the kids not at 1:15.

Connie Poole I'm saying parents have to go and pick up the kids. Some of these parents have to go back

Rico Hauck At 1:5 and sit in somebody's yours. Yeah, see kids are fine picking up the kids, but you're in somebody's yard. 1:15, you're not picking up your kid, you're taking a nap in somebody's yard.

Mayor Walker Let's go ahead and have the police check more down through there, whoever's up there. And if that don't work, we're going to have put signs up the tow or whatever. If y'all have as much ride as they do at the school, in my opinion,

Rico Hauck We will never get in or out of our yard Between 2:30 and 3:30. That'll never ever happen. But you got people pulling up before it's even time to pick kid.

Mayor Walker Well, we will try one thing if it doesn't work, we'll try something else. Try to see if we can get done with it.

- F. PRESENTATION AND INFORMATION FROM PATRICK TURNER ON THE UPCOMING KREBS SCHOOL BOND ELECTION TO BE VOTED ON APRIL 1, 2025.

Patrick Turner gives 13.48-minute presentation on upcoming school bond election

- G. DISCUSS AND ACT TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE CONTINUED MEMBERSHIP IN THE MCALESTER DEFENSE SUPPORT ASSOCIATION FOR AN ANNUAL FEE OF \$500.

Dan Heathcock makes a motion to continue membership in the McAlester Defense

Support Association. Connie Poole seconds. Mayor Walker calls for a vote. Dan

Heathcock- yes, Connie Poole- yes, Chuck Nelms- yes, David Bailey- yes. **Motion passed.**

- H. DISCUSS AND ACT TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE FOR THE CITY OF KREBS TO HOLD ITS CITY-WIDE YARD SALE IN CONJUNCTION WITH CITY WIDE CLEAN UP ON APRIL 25-27, 2025.

David Bailey makes a motion to approve. Connie Poole seconds. Mayor Walker calls for a vote. Dan Heathcock- yes, Connie Poole- yes, Chuck Nelms-yes, David Bailey- yes.

Motion passed.

- I. DISCUSS AND ACT TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE HIRING AUSTIN WYATT PEUSLEE AS A NEW KREBS POLICE OFFICER EFFECTIVE 4/1/2025.

Connie Poole makes a motion to hire Austin Peuslee. Dan Heathcock seconds. Mayor Walker calls for a vote. Dan Heathcock- yes, Connie Poole- yes, Chuck Nelms- yes, David Bailey- yes, **Motion passed.**

- J. DISCUSS AND ACT TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE MOVING MONIES FROM THE TICKET ACCOUNT INTO THE RECENTLY CREATED PD VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND ACCOUNT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,256 AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2025. ORDINANCE 24-05

David Bailey, it says 46 on here and mine says 48 so what do we do?

Mayor Walker to the end of February is 46 I think they had a week or two of the next months in there.

David Bailey which one we going with

Cindy Cooper the 46. That is what he was talking about earlier when Mike was talking about **Mayor Walker** \$46,521 as of February the 28th

David Bailey makes a motion to approve Chuck Nelms seconds. Mayor Walker calls for a vote. Dan Heathcock- yes, Connie Poole- yes, Chuck Nelms -yes, David Bailey – yes.

Motion passed.

9. COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL AND/OR MAYOR

David Bailey Been a good four years. I'll be here till next to sign checks when I'm finished and Mr. Coxey can take my place. But I've enjoyed it and there's been some times I have not enjoyed it, but I thank the people of this town and the council for letting me work with them. And I love this town. I grew up here and I hope nothing but the best for it in the future. I really do. So anyway, I just like to say I thank everybody, grew up me be part of

10. ADJOURN TO KUA

Connie Poole makes a motion to adjourn. David Bailey seconds. Mayor Walker calls for a vote. Dan Heathcock – yes, Connie Poole- yes, Chuck Nelms- yes, David Bailey- yes.

Motion passed.