

MINUTES OF THE  
CITY OF KREBS  
COUNCIL MEETING  
KREBS CITY HALL  
July 19, 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 Wagon – 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 JUNE 21, 2016 CITY COUNCIL MEETING. Mayor Watkins asked for a motion. Daulfin Bennett made the motion. Jason Wagon seconded the motion. Mayor Watkins called for a vote. Daulfin Bennett – yes, Jason Wagon – yes, Connie Poole – yes, Tommy Walker - yes. Motion passes.
5. CONSIDER AND ACT TO APPROVE THE CLAIMS. 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, Jason Wagon – yes, Connie Poole – yes, Tommy Walker - yes. Motion passes.
6. REVIEW CITY OF KREBS FINANCIAL STATEMENT WITH MIKE KERN. Pages 6 & 7 are the General Fund. Year end financial statement - Revenues were \$1,657,774.48. Total Expenses were \$1,573,835.89. So the General Fund did have revenue in excess of expenses by \$83,938.59. The next page is the Street and Alley Fund with Revenues of \$90,945 which \$74,000 was Grant money reimbursements for the flooded streets in 2015. We did spend \$30,452.84 so we had income in excess of expenses by \$60,492.16. On page 9, that's the Motel – Revenues of \$37,168.04 and expenses of \$48,843.04 so we had Expenses in excess of Revenues by \$11,675. We have an Audit and Finance meeting next Tuesday. We have most of the numbers put together and from the finance committee stand point, we will come up with the final recommendations for the board for the next council meeting in August. I had to have these final numbers before I could make the budget. We were really close as far as estimation. The total budget within the General Fund, there might be a slight increase. We need to watch the Capital Expenditures part. We have monies that are allocated specifically for Capital Improvements. Any questions or comments from the council.
7. PUBLIC COMMENTS, QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS CONCERNING THE CITY OF KREBS BUSINESS. Tammy Massarello said she is a dog groomer by trade – wants to start a home business – behind Big V Feeds. Wants to renovate the garage into a workshop or put a small building on her property. Ed Klink stated he would get together with her before the Finance Committee meeting. Pat Layden, City Attorney, said the council should put it on the agenda next month and the council could put a variance for this if this something you would want to do. Peggy DeFrange wants to discuss the Dog Pound. PAWS and several people and businesses have donated supplies bleach, cleaning supplies, blankets and mats, dog food, treats, collars, leashes, bowls, anything you would need for the animals. PAWS just last month purchased an air conditioner for the building. Council members nor Mr. Klink were aware of the air conditioner being donated. In February, PAWS asked for an estimate of repairs needed to bring the building up to standards. We have never received the bid. In May, two people from PAWS, Mr. Klink, and Sam met at the City Hall to get things done out at the building. Estimate for windows, roof, outside fencing, and several things like that. Mr. Klink was supposed to get an estimate from Jeremy Thomas. Tommy Walker asked if Ms. DeFrange had been to the dog pound lately – Sam is painting it. It's looking better. Mayor Watkins asked Mrs. DeFrange if any money has exchanged hands. Mrs. DeFrange stated there has not. Mayor Watkins stated that nothing has ever been brought before the council to re-open the dog pound. It was closed and at the time we were using Pittsburg County solely as our animal control. Nothing has been brought before the council to re-open or to set aside money for this. Sam opened it back up without permission. Mr. Klink stated we have had several serious problems that have occurred over the last couple of months. Just recently, we had a dog that had been known to

attack people, get out of the compound that the owner owned and the dog was taken back. That policy has been amended and I talked with Mr. Hart, our Animal Control Officer, and told him that anytime we have a dog that is aggressive enough to run after a child, that that dog does not go to our pound, it goes directly to McAlester. Mrs. DeFrange and Connie Poole agreed that an aggressive dog needs to be put down. Mr. Klink stated I did talk to you in May and we have had several other problems since that time. We have one problem that we will try to address on Thursday, which is pulling the water pump at the lake. I'm sure that PAWS is a very credible organization, there are some problems here in the city that we need to solve and we need to keep some money on hand. We do have to meet Federal mandate in October, FEMA will come back and look at the streets that we have repaired and I want to make sure those streets are 100% repaired so that the money we have been given will stay within the City of Krebs. The next important thing we have to do is do something with our water pump (sic – at Lake Eufaula). Our pump is only pumping 1/3 of the capacity that it ought to be. We still need to get that fixed in the event we start a dry spell in the summer. It is imperative that we have that pump or otherwise we will run out of water in Krebs Lake. To prevent that from happening, we have focused on projects of that nature instead of on PAWS. We have to be very cautious, our financial situation, while it is not grave, it simply would not be prudent to attempt to renovate a dog pound when we have streets that need attention and we will be audited in October of this year to make sure that the money was well spent.

Mrs. DeFrange agreed that the streets attention and water is important, but PAWS did not ask Krebs to renovate the building (sic – dog pound). PAWS has already spent thousands of dollars on the building. Krebs has a problem with dogs and stray cats running around. PAWS is paying for the feral cats to be spayed and neutered, several thousand dollars.

Mayor Watkins stated we have to put this on the agenda to see if the City of Krebs would be willing to re-open the dog pound. It is commendable for Sam to be helping the animals. Asked Mr. Layden if he was correct. Mr. Layden stated it is a policy decision that Krebs would have to make. Connie Poole said Mr. Klink maybe in October when we get everything taken care of that we can talk about this and get it opened. Mr. Klink stated that as far as the infrastructure. We have never received an amount that PAWS is willing to put toward the renovation of the building. Explained that we have spent a considerable amount of time to shuffle animals to the veterinary and back. It is not quite as simple as the animal shelter will run itself. Our animal control officer was spending a considerable amount of time there cleaning out the building, making sure the dogs were exercised, etc. Those are more or less hidden costs that you really don't consider much about it until you add up all the man hours spent/demanded by PAWS. Mrs. DeFrange stated no one is demanding anything from Sam or the City of Krebs. She wants to go on record that PAWS has not demanded anything, we asked, but did not demand. She is a concerned citizen, as a tax payer, friend. As far as a monetary amount to put into that building, we were waiting on you to give us an estimate.

Mayor Watkins stated let's start off on the right foot. On the next month's agenda, to re-open the dog pound. We have to take the right steps. Pittsburg County encouraged us to use their new building to take a burden off of us. Our building is in such bad condition. There is liability with him operating the dog pen without the City's consent.

8. BUSINESS PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED. None

9. BUSINESS NOT PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED.

A. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON THE PASSAGE OF A CITY "WORKPLACE WELLNESS POLICY". THIS POLICY IS THE SECOND (2<sup>ND</sup>) STEP INTO THE INTRODUCTION OF HEALTHY LIFESTYLE PROGRAM WHICH PRECEDES THE EVENTUAL GOAL OF APPLYING FOR A \$20,000 TSET GRANT FOR A SPLASH PAD. Mr. Klink stated that we have explored avenues to gain monetary support to have a splash pad installed. This particular item has an added benefit because we would not only be a Tobacco Free city but we would also encourage a healthy lifestyle. If you approve this, we are talking to the people at McAlester Regional at the Wellness Center and we would engage them in a policy, much like we have for the police force now. The police force is able to go at a reduced rate and use the different types of facilities they have at the Wellness Center and we would expand that to include all of our employees. We have made a tentative exploration. Nothing has been signed. Mr. Layden was asked 'Can the council members and part-time employees be included?' 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.

- B. CONSIDER AND ACT TO APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF FOUR (4) 12" X 24' CULVERTS ALONG THE NORTH SIDE OF FILLMORE STREET BETWEEN NW 2<sup>ND</sup> AND NW 5<sup>TH</sup> STREETS. THE REASON THE CULVERTS WERE NOT INSTALLED AND ARE NOT A PART OF THE DRAINAGE SYSTEM IS UNKNOWN BUT THEY SHOULD PROVIDE SOME RELIEF FROM FLOODING. Mr. Klink stated he wanted to keep the council informed. There is a section between Fillmore and 5<sup>th</sup> Street. There are no culverts/tin horns under any of the driveways. The elevation of the properties is part of the problem with the flooding. It is more than 18" below grade. Mr. Walker asked where would the water go? There are 2 drainage ditches that run to the north. One just before you get to Spurlock's then the other is down about 100 feet. Those 2 combine about Katy 5 and they become a single canal. Mike Kern asked what kind of estimate do you have on this? Mr. Klink stated about \$1,100. Mr. Kern stated the council needs to consider the funds coming out of the Street and Alley Fund. 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, Jason Wagnon – yes, Connie Poole – yes, Tommy Walker – yes. Motion passes.
- C. CONSIDER AND ACT TO APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF ONE (1) 12" x 24' CULVERT IN THE EASTERN CUL-DE-SAC WITHIN THE DEGIACOMO DEVELOPMENT. THE INSTALLATION WILL BE ACROSS PRIVATE PROPERTY APPROXIMATELY 75' BUT WILL ALLEVIATE PROBLEMS CAUSED BY FLOODING AND ALLOW DRAINAGE FOR THE ENTIRE AREA. Mr. Klink stated the cul-de-sac runs east to west and drains to the east. This gentlemen does work as a Custodian for the City of Krebs. This was already in the process before he was hired. This spring, I saw the water was running into his den. Everybody that lives in the DeGiacomo Development will benefit from this drainage. There is no drainage for this development. Mr. Walker asked where would this water go? Mr. Klink stated it would go to the east across a field. Ms. Poole asked what the cost of this one be? Mr. Klink stated about \$1,500. The resident has already signed a Hold Harmless Clause. 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.
- D. CONSIDER AND ACT TO APPROVE THE CONTRACTING OUT THE INSTALLATION OF THE CHIP SPREADER ON THE INTERNATIONAL DUMP TRUCK. CURRENTLY THE CITY LACKS THE RESOURCES TO EFFECTIVELY COMPLETE THE NECESSARY WORK ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INSTALLATION. INSTALLATION SHOULD FALL INTO THE \$1,500 TO \$2,000 RANGE AND WILL BE BID AS A FLAT RATE PROJECT. Mr. Klink explained to the council that this would be installed on the old International dump truck and doing it at a fixed rate would be better than by the hour. Street and Alley fund. 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.
- E. CONSIDER AND ACT TO OFFICIALLY DECLARE THE WEST SIDE OF BLOCK 20 LOTS 7, 8, 9, AND 10 AS COMMERCIAL BECAUSE LOTS 7, 8, AND 9 ARE BEING USED AND DEVELOPED AS COMMERCIAL PROPERTY. Mr. Klink addressed the council. State Legislature passed a bill last month that we have to become a member of 811 called OKIE. It is the company that flags gas lines, water lines, sewer lines, etc. We have to update our zoning map. Our current map does not reflect what it's actually used as. John Shields is using 3 of the lots mentioned as commercial. The property has always been used as commercial. Tommy Walker asked if Pam Baker is the only house there? Does she object to this? Mr. Klink stated no she doesn't. Mr. Layden stated that the council needs to declare the property as commercial because it has always been used as commercial. Mr. Walker asked if it needed to be put in the paper. Mr. Layden responded no. Mr. Walker asked how far did the council vote for the properties off of Hwy 270 and Hwy 31? Mayor Watkins stated 600 feet. Mayor Watkins asked for a motion. Connie Poole made the motion to approve. 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.

10. COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL.

Mr. Walker stated that there have been a lot of problems in Krebs that have been fixed in the last few months due to Ed. Mr. Klink stated that you have a very good work crew. They are knowledgeable and not afraid to get down and get with it. We have a very good relationship with our employees.

11. ADJOURN TO KUA. Mayor Watkins asked for a motion to adjourn to KUA. Daulfin Bennett 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. Adjourned to KUA.