

**1. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME GUESTS/MOMENT OF SILENCE/ INVOCATION**

**2. Public Comments: Patron Input**

- Thirty minutes dedicated to citizen comments. Each citizen will have three minutes to speak, must give their name and address when speaking to the Council, and may only speak once to the Council. Any citizen wishing to speak shall sign up on the citizen comment sheet on the day of the Council Meeting. The Council shall follow the order of citizens wishing to speak as listed on the agenda followed by the order on the sign-up sheet. The City Council is not permitted to respond to comments or questions from the public on items not listed on the Regular Agenda. Responses are limited to a statement of specific factual information, a recitation of existing policy, or directions to staff to place the subject on the agenda for a future City Council meeting. The use of vulgar, profane, inflammatory, or defamatory language is not permitted. Speakers shall not make personal, impertinent, profane, or slanderous remarks.

**3. Roll Call**

- Confirmation of quorum

**4. Consent Agenda**

- Approval of the minutes of Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> and Oct 21, 2025, regular Kress City Council meeting.
- Approval of Sept, Oct and November 2025 monthly departmental financial reports.
- Presentation of report from the Kress Volunteer Fire Department.

**5. Reports**

- Mayor's Report

Great things happening in Kress.

**6. Agenda Items**

**Item 1:** Move to approve a non-budgeted expenditure in the amount of \$11,367.90 for the replacement of the well pump at Well #5. This expense is necessary to restore proper operation and ensure continued reliability of the city's water supply system.

**Item 2:** Move to approve an interlocal agreement with the City of Olton for the use of equipment and assistance in installing the valves required for the new fire hydrants within the city. Olton and Floydada assisted with the installation work for a non-budgeted cost of \$800, and this agreement formalizes the cooperation between the cities for this project.

**Item 3:** Move to approve a non-budgeted expenditure in the amount of \$19,396.00 for the material wholesale cost of four valves required for the installation of the new fire hydrants funded through the recent grant. This approval covers the material cost necessary to complete the hydrant installation project.

**Item 4:** Consider the suspension of Ordinance # 20250923C that was previously approved water bill credit due to unanticipated utility expenses:

**City of Kress- Regular City Council Meeting Agenda Kress Senior Citizen Center, 304 Skipworth St, Kress, TX 79052  
6:30 P.M. – Wednesday – December 17, 2025**

**Recommendation:**

That the City Council suspend the application of the previously approved water bill credit and direct staff to withhold the credit from all customer bills until further Council review, in light of significant unanticipated expenses recently incurred by Water Utility, including:

- The emergency replacement of the Well #5 water well pump and related components; and
- Additional costs associated with the installation of required isolation valves on fire hydrants funded through the recent grant project.

Consider directing staff to prepare a fiscal impact analysis of these unexpected expenditures and return to Council at a future meeting with options for either reinstating, modifying, or permanently removing the water bill credit based on the Utility Fund's current financial position. No credits shall appear on customer bills pending Council's final direction on this matter.

**Item 5:** Move to approve the Fire Department's application for a Fire Rescue Equipment Grant in the amount of \$25,000, with the required 5% local match to be funded from the [General Fund / Public Safety Fund / other fund as appropriate]. Approval of the grant does not authorize the purchase of specific equipment at this time. Upon grant award, the Fire Department will return to the City Council with a list of pre-approved equipment items and request final authorization for the specific purchases.

**Item 6:** Consider approving Fire Dept grant for Dry Hydrant equipment that is \$3,600 with a 0% match. After approval, the Fire Dept will get bids on equipment to verify the money allotted will cover all costs the present the findings to City Council for further approvals.

**Item 7:** Consider items to be placed on the next City Council meeting Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025.

## **7. Adjournment**

**Notes:**

- The City Council reserves the right to adjourn into closed session at any time during the meeting to discuss matters listed on the agenda, as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act.
- Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in this meeting should contact City Hall at (806) 684-2525 at least 48 hours in advance.

Posted: 12/11/2025

Time: 3:30 PM

By: Johnny Taylor