

City of Kress

Meeting Minutes

MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Amparo Becerra called the meeting to order at 5:58 P.M.

ROLL CALL

- Mayor Amparo Becerra
- Heidi Tiffin (City Secretary)
- Michelle Stidham (Mayor Pro Tem)
- Deelane Buske
- Galen Owen
- Lupe Reyes
- Kenny Hughes (Public Works Supervisor & Chief of Police)
- Ben Rojas (Kress Fire Rescue Chief)

GUEST

- Leonard Trevino

2. Leonard Trevino

Leonard Trevino came and addressed the council to request help on tearing down his cellar and filling it in due to it being deemed a health hazard. Michelle Stidham made a motion to tear down Leonard Trevino's cellar due to it being a health hazard; a second was made by Deelane Buske. The motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lupe Reyes made a motion to approve the minutes; a second was made by Galen Owen. The motion carried.

4. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

5. FIRE DEPT UPDATES

Chief Ben Rojas advised City Council that the Fire Department calls consisted of 8 medicals, 3 Grass Fires, and Gas Leak 20inch line. The new truck is at the school. Advised that he put in for a 100% Training Aid Grant. The department received a 80/20 Gear Grant for wildland gear.

6. ATMOS

Michelle Stidham made a motion to accept the negotiation of the rate proposal; a second was made by Deelane Buske. The motion carried. This will be adopted as ordinance no. 081621.

7. **TAX RATE**

Deelane Buske made a motion to set this coming year's tax rate at .528600; a second was made by Lupe Reyes. The motion carried.

8. **MAYOR REPORT**

Mayor Amparo Becerra advised that the rate increase letter went out and would go in effect on the bill that will be received in October. Advised that we had 9 disconnects for the month of July. Advised that the clean up is going well. Mayor Amparo Becerra advised that Benjamin Rojas would be attending the Panhandle Regional Law Enforcement Academy through Amarillo College Criminal Justice Programs starting October 5, 2021 and will be employed by the City of Kress. Advised Benjamin would graduate the Academy in March 2022. Advised that Kress ISD had agreed to pay \$1000 a month on his insurance. Advised that Police Chief Kenny Hughes would stay on as Police Chief until November of 2022 to get Benjamin trained, then after that Kenny Hughes would still hold his position as Public Work Supervisor.

9. **NEXT MEETING**

Mayor Amparo Becerra advised that our next Council Meeting will be held on Monday, September 20, at 6:00 pm. This meeting was cancelled due to a family emergency.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Michelle Stidham made a motion to adjourn; a second was made by Deelane Buske. The meeting adjourned at 6:43 PM.

City Secretary