

**CITY OF KOSSE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY JULY 13, 2020- 7:00 P.M.**

Council Members Present:

Cullen Freeman          Ronnie Funderburk          Harley Leazer          Jimmy Pate          Kelli Eno

Council Members Absent:

None

Mayor Brooks Valls opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance. Sue Mills led with a prayer. A quorum was present with all members present. Proper posting of the meeting was confirmed.

Consent Items: Minutes from the last meeting, accounts payable, and current general ledgers were reviewed. A motion by Ronnie Funderburk was made to approve. Harley Leazer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Update on Shady Grove. Mayor Valls gave the update that we are waiting for new field notes. Should be done soon and then we will get the land out to bid.

Update on Yancy Street Project. Mayor Valls gave the update that Jerry Herrin from the Limestone County Road and Bridge came down and looked at the project and is going to get some figures on how much it will cost. Charles is working on getting the material to build up the road. The earliest to start the project is October.

Discussion and take action on Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Audit Presented by Anderson, Marx, & Bohls. Frank Steele was present and went over the audit. He stated for a small town we are doing pretty good, taking on the water well project will benefit the City. He gave a great report. Ronnie Funderburk made a motion to accept the audit. Harley Leazer seconded. Motion carried. Mayor Valls stated there are copies available at the City Office.

Discussion and take action on Amending General Fund Budget for Audit Payment. Jimmy Pate made a motion to amend the budget \$3,000 to pay for additional one-time costs in the audit this year. Kelli Eno seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion and take action on Water Conservation Plan. This has to be done every 5 years. Cullen Freeman made a motion to approve the Water Conservation Plan. Jimmy Pate seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion and take action on Drought Contingency Plan Updated Contact. Public Works Director explained this plan needs a contact update anytime the Mayor or Public Works Director changes. With Brooks taking office in Mayor this update was necessary. Cullen Freeman made a motion to accept the Drought Contingency Plan with the amendment to Section VIII Stage 5 Triggers, to add *upon termination of Stage 5, Stage 4 becomes operative*. Harley Leazer seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion and take action on New Debt Service Checking Accounts for Water/Sewer Fund. City Secretary Christina Lockhart explained there needs to be two checking accounts set up for the debt service loans, 2016 and 2019. These two accounts will be set with Farmers State Bank and the authorized signers are Mayor Brooks Valls, Mayor ProTem Ronnie Funderburk, and City Secretary Christina Lockhart. Harley Leazer made a motion to open the two new accounts. Ronnie Funderburk seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion and take action on Fireworks Ordinance. Citizen Sandra Baldwin requested to speak. She explained the fireworks being shot of a week before the holidays is disrupting people’s dogs (she has to drug her dogs when the fireworks are going off 9 days this holiday), kids, elderly, and people going to work the next day. Just wish people were being neighborly. She suggested the ordinance be looked and maybe designate a few days before the holiday. Mayor Valls explained we do not have to decide anything tonight on the ordinance but can set up an ordinance workshop to look at the ordinance. Jimmy Pate stated he did not want the change the ordinance. Trish Roy stated she loved the fireworks but the ones that are big and loud in the street/neighborhood are a problem. Lena Smith stated it scares her dogs every time. Jarrod Eno stated restricting fireworks in the City is taking away freedom. Jarrod Eno stated the fireworks stand made \$15,000, \$1,500 sales tax and \$1,500 donation to the Fire Department and if you outlaw them it will affect the stand. Cullen mentioned there is nowhere in the ordinance that states you can pop fireworks after 10:30pm on the holiday being celebrated, which we have been allowing people to do. He stated he wanted to have an ordinance workshop to look at adding that in. Cullen made a motion to table and schedule an ordinance workshop. Jimmy Pate seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion and take action on Bank Services for the City. Mayor Valls explained that every 5 years the city can change banks. Next year will be 5 years being with Farmers State Bank. We are required to bank with the bank in your city unless you pass a resolution to entertain out of city bank services. Ronnie Funderburk made a motion to wait until next year to put out for bank service bids. Jimmy Pate seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion and take action on Out-of-City Depository Banks Policy- RESOLUTION NO. 07132020. To entertain out-of-city Depository next year, this resolution needs to be in place. Jimmy Pate made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 07132020. Harley Leazer seconded. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 07132020

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A WRITTEN POLICY TO EXPRESSLY PERMIT THE CITY TO CONTRACT WITH AN OUT-OF-CITY DEPOSITORY.

WHEREAS, Chapter 105 of the Local Government Code provides that, before awarding a depository services contract to a depository, the governing body of a city shall receive applications for the performance of depository services from one or more banks, credit unions, or savings associations; and

WHEREAS, the governing body may consider the application of a bank, credit union, or savings association that is not doing business within the city if:

- (1) the bank, credit union, or savings association maintains a place of business within the state and offers within the state the services required by the depository services contract; and
- (2) the governing body has adopted a written policy expressly permitting the consideration of applications received by the city from a bank, credit union, or savings association that is not doing business within the city, after taking into consideration what is in the best interest of the city in establishing a depository.

WHEREAS, the designated officer has requested, received, and reviewed applications in accordance with Chapter 105 of the Local Government Code for the performance of depository services; and

WHEREAS, the designated officer has presented the specifications of each application to the governing body.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the city council of the City of Kosse that it is in the best interest of the city to contract with a depository that is outside of the city limits.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13th day of July, 2020

/s/Brooks Valls  
Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
/s/ Christina Lockhart  
City Secretary

Discussion and take action on Water Tower. Mayor Valls explained that something has to be done with the water tower and that he talked with Public Works Director Charles a bring it up to code to put it back online as a backup tank (which will be needed one day) and save the water tower. Discussion took place on if the inside would be coated. The proposal from Maguire Tank did not include the inside coated. Charles stated he did not know TECQ regulations and would need to look into it to see if that was needed. After discussion took place, Ronnie made a motion to Table the issue in till Charles can find out exactly what TCEQ requires. Kelli Eno seconded. Motion carried.

Charles Dickerson gave the water report. The City produced 1.7 million gallons last months. The major leaks have slowed down. Currently at 72 PSI. He thanked the Mayor and City Council for getting the new truck so fast. The amount approved was \$26,000, Charles was able to find a truck for \$17,000 and with TTL \$19,002. Harley asked what is going to happen to the old truck? Charles stated whatever the Council and Mayor decide.

Christina Lockhart gave the Municipal Court Report.

67 Convictions sent to the state.

We still have not been able to have in person court due to the State Guidelines.

I have sent over a COVID-19 Operating Plan for the Court to the State.

Once it is approved, we should be able to start having court with the strict guidelines put in place.

Police Chief Brett New gave the report. June tickets 80 tickets. 1 arrest. 1 arrest assist. The trucks are on a rotating schedule, the lights have been installed in the Crown Vic. No major crimes, a rock through a window on North Myrtle, might have been kids out playing.

Karen gave the EDC report. There were two grand openings on June 16<sup>th</sup> Alfredo's New Tire Shop and June 27<sup>th</sup> Duck Mud Coffee. They were successful. Received three bids on the ball park grant project, getting final details. Still negotiating terms on the 2 acres of land.

Brooks Valls gave the KCC report. Short meeting tonight. Fall festival will be October 10<sup>th</sup> mini street dance motioning the COVID. Getting a bid to upgrade the gas line. Doing good financially.

Fire Chief Jimmy Oneal gave the fire department report. Heat is rising so be careful with fire. They have seen a couple grass fires already. The county may be putting the Burn Ban on in the next couple weeks so watch for that.

Harley Leazer made a motion to adjourn. Ronnie Funderburk seconded. Motion carried.

s/Brooks Valls

08/11/2020

Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

s/Christina Lockhart

08/11/2020

City Secretary

Date