

**CITY OF KOSSE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY OCTOBER 9, 2018- 7:00 P.M.**

Council Members Present:

Trish Roy Harley Leazer Ronnie Funderburk Jimmy Pate LB Perry

Council Members Absent:

None

Mayor Jarrod Eno opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance. LB Perry led with the 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 bank statements were reviewed. A motion by Harley Leazer was made to approve. Jimmy Pate seconded the motion. Trish Roy abstained the passage of the minutes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET started at 7:08 p.m.

Janie Philmon asked why the payroll was being performed like it is, with the payroll all being paid out of the General Fund then the water fund reimbursing the General fund and why the water department reimburses salary for billing. It was explained that the CPA advised that it was the best way to complete the payroll and that the auditor did not have a problem with it as it has been done this way for 2 years.

Charles Ingram asked who is the Public Works Director, the W/S operator, the CPA? Answered with Charles Dickerson, Jacob Wills that lives in Thornton, and Pattillo, Brown and Hill. Asked what the Kosse EDC was and where the money from them came from? Answered their funds come from an ½ cent on the sales tax. Asked about getting a new police car? Explained the budget item for police car is monthly payments for a year.

Vicki Pate stated that she believed that City Secretary Christina Lockhart was doing a great job and the audience agreed.

PUBLIC HEARING ended at 7:19 p.m.

Visitor Janie Philmon mentioned the city office smells moldy and that something should be done about it. Mayor Eno explained that a new city office is being worked on.

Visitor Nora Ensminger stated that she saw a one-line agenda on the internet about a fire department loan) has since looked for it but could not find it again) then stated that she saw minutes where Mayor-Pro Tem Ronnie Funderburk (also firefighter) made a motion on that item. Ronnie explained he never makes motions on items that deal with the fire department as it is a conflict of interest. Nora stated that the minutes/agenda is official and legal documents.

Discuss and Take Action on Ratify Budget Adoption. Jimmy Pate made a motion to adopt the budget. LB Perry seconded. Motion carried.

Discuss and Take Action on Water Plant Bids. Engineer John Rusk on the water well project was present and explained where the City of Kosse is on the project. The Water Well Water Plant and Waterline bids were over budget by about \$316,000.00. The Mayor, Public Works director and Engineers have set down and removed items and dedicated some work to the City workers and got the deficit down to about \$125,000. There is currently enough money to go ahead a award funding for the Water Plant and get that project started. Jimmy Pate made a motion to award the contract to the lowest bidder Duplichain Contractors. Ronnie Funderburk seconded. Motion carried.

Discuss and Take Action on Waterline Bids. A motion was made by Harley Leazer to request additional funding through the Texas Water Development Board and award the contract at a later time for the Waterline. Jimmy Pate Seconded. Motion carried.

Discuss and Take Action on Award of Construction Contract for the Kosse Health Clinic TxCDBG #7216038. Mirenda and Rachel from Grant Works was present along with Bob Thurber from KSA Enigneers. Rachel explained that the Medical Clinic bids came in over budget again with the lowest bidder coming in at \$499,000. The amount of construction funds is \$403,500. There have been some talks about reducing the building and items that can be taken out. About \$51,000 can possibly be reduced with changes. To continue on with the project the City will need to commit additional funds toward the project. If the City does not want to continue with the project and commit additional funds, the City will need to pay back the money that the grant has already paid out which is about \$94,513.00. At this time, it looks like the additional funds would be around \$45,000.00. Discussion took place on options.

Janie Philmon stated that the town was dying to which the audience all disagreed. The Mayor explained there has been a 15% growth, increase in water customers, and increase in businesses.

Everyone agreed to wait and see what the lower bidder exact figures are and that the City does have the additional funds that will be needed. A one-year extension will also be asked for as for the project was to be completed by December 2018. A special meeting will be called if the information is received before the next council meeting.

Discuss and Take Action on Remove Dumpster- Submitted by Councilmember Harley Leazer. Harley Leazer made a motion to remove the dumpster and bring it back every 3 months. Trish Roy seconded. motion carried.

Discuss and Take Action on Roof on City Office. Jimmy Pate made a motion to replace the leaking roof for \$10,250 with Cen-Tex Roofing. Trish Roy seconded. Motion carried.

Discuss and Take Action on Updating Water Drought Contingency Plan. TABLED.

Charles Dickerson gave the water report. 1.3 million gallons used. Water usage is back to normal.

Court Clerk Christina Lockhart gave the municipal court report. 48 Convictions were turned into the state. Court will be held on the 18th and there is 15 pre-trials on the docket.

Police Chief Morris gave the police report. 37 tickets. 5 arrests.

