

**CITY OF KOSSE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY AUGUST 11, 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. Mayor Brooks Valls 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 Harley Leazer was made to approve. Kelli Eno seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Visitor Lena Smith asked about the ordinance on loose dogs running around. She has had a problem with dogs in her yard and now her dogs have fleas. She just asks that people be told to put there dogs up.

Update on Shady Grove. Mayor Valls gave the update that we are waiting for new field notes. Should be done soon this week. Looks to be about 16 acres clear. As soon as the new field notes are in, the City Attorney Dixon will draw a clear title and put it out to bid. Ronnie Funderburk made a suggestion to dig out a tank on Shady Grove and us the dirt for fill for Yancey Street. Mayor Valls said we can look into that.

Update on Yancy Street Project. Mayor Valls gave the update. Still looking for 50 loads to build up the road.

Discussion and take action on Proposed Road Closure/Abandonment Request by the Smiths. The Smiths was not present. Jimmy Pate made a motion to table. Cullen Freeman seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion and take action on Amending General Fund Budget for Municipal Court Attorney. Court Clerk Christina Lockhart explained that the need for \$1,500 is needed to finish out the year using the Court Attorney (prosecutor). Ronnie made a motion to amend the budget adding \$1,500. Jimmy Pate seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion and take action on Water Tower. Ronnie Funderburk expressed that the inside to be fixed before the outside or both needs to be done to be put back in service. Talk took place about how to fix the water tower to get it back online. Mayor Valls explained that it can be paid for out of water funds we should be getting by the end of the year and that the water tower says something about the town and he believes it should look nice. Everyone is in agreement that something should be done sooner rather than later. Ronnie stated we should clean the inside and get a bid on fixing the inside and outside. Ronnie made a motion to approve \$2,500 to inspect

and see what it will take to fix the water tower to get it back in service. Harley Leazer seconded. Motion carried.

Discuss and Take Action on Propose Tax Rate for 2020-2021. Harley Leazer proposed the tax rate of \$0.5995 for 2020-2021. Ronnie Funderburk seconded. Motion carried. Mayor Valls explained that this is a tax rate decrease from last year because of the developments and growth of Kosse we have been able to lower the tax rate again as we have done the past years. Due to new laws, only one public hearing has to be held on the tax rate which will be at the beginning of the September 8th meeting.

Discussion and take action on Propose 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budgets - W/S and General Fund. Harley Leazer made a motion to propose both budgets. Cullen Freeman seconded. Motion carried. Public Hearing on the budget will be at the beginning of the September 8th meeting.

Discussion and take action on Firework Ordinance 08112020. Trish Roy asked if the council added in the ordinance the types of fireworks that can shot off in the City Limits. Mayor Valls told her yes, the ordinance says no commercial fireworks. Mayor Valls read the firework ordinance aloud. Kelli Eno made a motion to pass the Firework Ordinance 08112020. Ronnie Funderburk seconded. Motion carried. Will be published in the Groesbeck Journal.

ORDINANCE NO. 08112020

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KOSSE, TEXAS, REGARDING FIREWORKS IN THE CITY LIMITS OF KOSSE, REGULATIONS REGARDING LAWFUL HOURS, REPEALING ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING A PENALTY; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, adopting rules for use of fireworks in the City Limits is to be found necessary by the Council; **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF KOSSE, TEXAS:**

Section I.

Fireworks are allowed to be set off inside the city limits from 10:30 AM to 10:30 PM 10 days prior to the listed holidays and 1 day after the listed holidays.

Fireworks are allowed to be set off inside the city limits until 1:00 AM on the listed holiday.

Holidays Recognized are as follows: New Year’s Eve, Memorial Day, Kosse Homecoming Weekend, July 4th, Veterans Day and Christmas

All commercial fireworks are prohibited inside the city limits with the exception of city functions.

No firework debris is allowed on public property or roadway.

Section II.

Repealing Clause

That all Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict with the terms of the ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section III.

Penalty provision.

Any person, firm or corporation violating this Ordinance or any portion thereof shall upon conviction be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined no more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), and each day that such violation continues shall be considered a separate offense punishable accordingly.

Section IV.

Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage, approval and publication.

PASSED, APPROVED AND EFFECTIVE this 11th day of August, 2020.

s/Brooks Valls
Mayor
City of Kosse,

Texas

ATTEST:

s/Christina Lockhart
City Secretary

City Council Record Vote:

The members of the Governing Body voted on the adoption of Ordinance No. 08112020 – 11th of August, 2020:

SIGNATURE	AYE	NAY	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
Ronnie Funderburk, Mayor Pro Tem	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Harley Lezaer, Councilmember	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Cullen Freeman, Councilmember	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Jimmy Pate, Councilmember	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Kelli Eno, Councilmember	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____

Charles Dickerson gave the water report. The City produced 1.8 million gallons last months. A major leak will be repaired tomorrow night at 8 pm. The water may be off if the valves do not work. The waterlines are getting use to the pressure from the new water system.

Court Clerk Christina Lockhart gave the Municipal Court report. 50 Convictions Turned into the state. In person court has been postponed until we get the clear from the State to have in person court. Currently working to get as much worked out over the phone.

Interim Police Chief Brett New gave the PD report. 94 citations in July. There was a criminal burglary that was solved. A computer and 2 TVs were stolen. With tips and leads that were provide the Kosse Police department, the stolen items were recovered. Trying to obtain warrants on the subjects. They may have fled the area to Colorado. There was also a criminal mischief

