



# City of Kosse

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### Water Well Project

The new water system has been online since the end of January. We have had several leaks which we expected with the aged infrastructure in town. Hopefully, there will not be too many moving forward. The Water Department has been working hard to mitigate leaks in a timely manner. If you have Facebook, please follow the City of Kosse page to get updates on water leaks and other happenings around town. A big thanks to the Water Department guys for doing such a great job during this transition.

### City Park

According to Texas Parks and Wildlife, a fishing license is required of anyone, unless under 17 years of age, who fishes in the public waters of Texas. This includes the City pond. There is a sign posted at the City Park Pond that has all the rules. Please pay attention to the rules so everyone can enjoy the park and the fishing opportunity. Please keep the park clean!

### Kosse Economic Development

"Duck Mud Coffee" has opened in Kosse, located at 208 South Mignonette, next to "V & J Boutique". They serve a variety of treats and coffees and currently offer curb service at this time. Follow their Facebook Page or call 254-275-4080. The owner of "Duck Mud Coffee" is local Elizabeth Montgomery & family.

### Kosse Community Center

The following press release went out on April 22, 2020.

The Kosse Community Center/Chamber of Commerce and the City of Kosse announced, "Due to continued uncertainties and concerns with the COVID-19 crisis and out of concern for the public and the impact on local businesses and sponsors, the decision has been made to CANCEL this year's Kosse Homecoming Weekend celebration and activities scheduled for June 12-13.

We look forward to the renewal of over 90 years of Homecoming celebrations in Kosse on June 11-12, 2021. Details of next year's Homecoming activities will be published as they become available. We urge everyone to remain safe and to support one another as our nation and the world work to emerge from this disaster."

Other News: In March, the Community Center also acquired a freezer to accommodate needs during events and rentals. The Community Center also recently completed the installation of a 30K generator as a backup for emergencies and use by the Kosse Police Department when using the building as a community command center. A special thank you to Chief Morris for supervising the installation. Also, in April, a new basketball goal, which was donated, was installed replacing the one that was damaged. Thanks to Charles Dickerson for the installation.

As of this writing, the Community Center remains closed to rentals and events due to the COVID-19 crisis. We will open again as soon as governmental restrictions are lifted. With no source of income for the Community Center in the foreseeable future, we ask that you consider making a donation, as you are able, either via the Make a Donation Now button on [www.KosseCC.org](http://www.KosseCC.org), at the city office, or by mail to P.O. Box 116, Kosse, TX 76653.

### Yard Maintenance

With all the rains we have been blessed with, a lot of yards are growing at great speed. Please make sure to keep your yards cut and cleaned up. Snakes are out and about, so keeping a tidy place will help us all to stay safe!

### Outdoor Burning Practices

Burning is a great tool to eradicate a lot of unwanted debris, but...let's try to be courteous of our neighbors, perhaps advise or talk with your neighbors about burning piles together. Make sure weather conditions are such that the smoke will dissipate (winds of at least 6mph). No burning of hazardous waste, try to burn when the wind is in your favor.

### Kosse Living

Home sales are up in Kosse with quite a few inquiries on building codes for new homes. Kosse is a great place to live with more people learning to enjoy the rural lifestyle. The City does have ordinances in place for newly constructed homes, and move-in ordinances. Call the city office for more information.

### Passing of a Beloved Council Member

On March 25, 2020 we lost one of our City Council Members Reverend LB Perry. Mr. Perry has been a long-time resident in Kosse along with his wife Dovie Perry. Mr. Perry proudly served on the Kosse city council for several years. In his time on the council he worked on the new Water-Well Project, the Medical Clinic, getting the City roads fixed and many other improvements throughout the city. Mr. Perry always was happy to come to meetings and lead the meeting with a prayer. He always prayed that all decisions made in a council meeting would be the best and benefit everyone in the City.

Mr. Perry preached at the Antioch Baptist Church just outside of Kosse. Mr. Perry was known for preaching about Love, as it related to our lives and community. Love is the way, love your neighbors and friends, love your enemies and love your partner with everything you have. He lived his sermons and loved our community immensely. He also loved his wife Dovie with an unmatched passion and gave his last measure of devotion to her as he passed.

Mr. Perry left a legacy of Love on this earth and an example for us all. He never strived for money or material things, he strived to teach us all by living a life of love and family above all else. Mr. Perry will be missed greatly, but his teachings and example will live on in the hearts of those who loved him. God Bless Reverend LB Perry for the life of service, the friendship and the love he had for us all. God Bless the Perry family in their time of mourning.

### Election 2020

The Mayor and three council seats were up for re-election this election. The only candidates that filed for the three council member positions were the incumbents, Ronnie Funderburk, Harley Leazar and L.B. Perry. Current Mayor Jarrod Eno, did not file for re-election. Brooks Valls filed to run for Mayor and since he was unopposed, he will be sworn in as Mayor at the May 12<sup>th</sup> council meeting. That night a vacancy will be declared for the L.B. Perry council position and someone will be appointed to his seat. At the meeting on April 24<sup>th</sup>, Brooks Valls resigned from his seat and Cullen Freeman was appointed to finish out the rest of the term, which is one year.

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