

**The City of Kurten**  
**City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**August 26, 2014**

**Regular City Council Meeting**

1. Mayor Vitulli called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Aldermen Hodge, Lindahl, Klintworth, and Estes were present. Citizens Joe Trowbridge and Marilyn and Larry King were also in attendance. Brad King was sworn in taking Alderman Adams Place 4 seat.
2. Citizen's Comments: None
3. July 29, 2014 City Council minutes were reviewed. Motion by Alderman Lindahl to approve minutes. Alderman Estes seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Review and approve financial report. The City's bank accounts (regular bank account, three CD's, and one money market checking account) are as follows:
  - a. Savings 1628 – Beginning Deposits were \$25,000.00; interest paid for July 2014 was \$18.59 for an August 26, 2014 balance of \$25,148.13. This CD matured 1/29/14 and was rolled into a 24 month CD with a maturity date of 1/29/16.
  - b. Savings 1629 – Beginning Deposits were \$25,000.00; interest paid for July 2014 was \$10.21 for an August 26, 2014 balance of \$25,113.04.
  - c. Savings 1630 – Beginning Deposits were \$25,000.00; interest paid for July 2014 was \$18.66 for an August 26, 2014 balance of \$25,224.77.
  - d. Money Market Checking 0137 – Beginning Deposits were \$18,371.78; interest paid for July 2014 was \$3.13 for an August 26, 2014 balance of \$18,408.84.
  - e. Regular checking account beginning balance October 1, 2013 was \$5,849.44. Deposits added \$31,102.12; Expenses paid \$12,607.83 for an August 26, 2014 balance of \$24,343.73.
  - f. Total Savings/Money Market Checking \$93,894.78. Regular checking account \$24,343.73. Total Bedia Bank Accounts \$118,238.51 with interest earned from October through July of \$414.77.

Motion made by Alderman Hodge to approve financial report. Alderman Estes seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Consider and take action on the following bills:

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| Ck#2225 Joy Ramsey (Secretarial Services) | \$ 225.00 |
| BTU Draft                                 | \$ 12.61  |
| BTU Draft                                 | \$ 23.10  |
| BTU Draft                                 | \$ 37.83  |

Alderman Estes motioned to authorize Mayor Vitulli to pay these bills as stated, seconded by Alderman Hodge. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Discuss Road Maintenance.
  - a. Mayor Vitulli met with Brazos County to discuss the ditch draining problems on South Oakland. The county recommended the removal of one large Post Oak tree, all brush removed from the road to the property lines, and the replacement of 11 culverts. Mayor Vitulli will request a bid from the county and Kelly Burt for this work. Alderman King recommended doing all the work at one time to avoid having to do parts over.
  - b. Mayor Vitulli has not received a return call from Mr. Ponce about his drainage issues.
  - c. Mayor Vitulli also discussed hiring a lawn service on a quarterly basis to keep vegetation out of the ditch.
7. Discuss report from Planning and Zoning Commission on amendments to Zoning Ordinance and other zoning matters.
  - a. Nothing to report.

8. Discuss and take action on Preliminary Plan for Kurten Business Park.
  - a. The council has received a revised plat of the business park. Mayor Vitulli contacted Brazos County to see if they have approved of the revision. According to the county, everything looked good with the plat. The county indicated they would take over the roads in the business park if their specifications were met.
9. Discuss and approve proposed tax rate for 2014.
  - a. The current tax rate is \$.13 per \$100 with the effective rate of about \$.12 per \$100. Mayor Vitulli proposes lowering the tax rate to \$.11 per \$100. After discussion, the council would like for Mayor Vitulli to run a scenario for lowering the tax rate to \$.12 and also \$.11 for their consideration. A public meeting will be set for September to set the tax rate.
10. Discuss FY2015 Budget.
  - a. Mayor Vitulli reported that the city was below budget on everything last year, thus the reason for proposing a lower tax rate. He will provide documentation of the actual and proposed with the tax rate to support to the council to review. A public meeting will be set in September to approve the budget.
11. Discuss fire department funding.
  - a. No new news. Mayor Vitulli will contact Larry West, Sr. to ask about attending a fire department meeting. Tabled until September.
12. Discuss and take action on future annexation.
  - a. Mayor Vitulli visited with Carol Wood and George Batten who are both interested in annexation. He will provide them information to review.
13. Discussion of future agenda items.
  - a. Interview candidates for replacing Alderman Place 5, Jeff Hodge.
14. The date for the next regular meeting will be 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 23, 2014.
15. Motion to adjourn regular meeting at 8:17 p.m. made by Alderman Klintworth, seconded by Alderman Estes. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted. Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Joy Ramsey, City Secretary