

The City of Kurten
City Council Meeting Minutes
July 23, 2013

Regular City Council Meeting

1. Mayor Vitulli called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Aldermen Hodge, Lindahl, and Estes were present. Aldermen Adams and Klintworth were absent. Visitors present were: Mr. & Mrs. Joe Trowbridge, Precinct 2 Volunteer Fire Department Chief, Merrie Noak, and department members, Jason Morton, Russell Noak, and Danny Harvell.
2. Citizen's Comments:
 - a. Mayor Vitulli invited members of the Precinct 2 Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) to the council meeting to discuss what the City of Kurten could do to help the fire department.
 - b. Chief, Merrie Noak, presented the following information on the fire department:
 - a. Precinct 2 VFD is the second largest volunteer fire department in Brazos County and has the lowest tax rate. EMS based medical emergencies are 60%-70% of the departments calls, 15% annually are fire related, and the remainder are wrecks, hazmat calls, downed power lines, etc.
 - b. The department has no extra money in the budget (House Bill 2604 repurposed volunteer fire department money) to upgrade the vehicles and purchase another set of tools. Chief Noak indicated a big problem also is a lack of volunteers, but that there were other ways to volunteer for the fire department besides being on the end of the hose and fighting the fires.
 - c. Chief Noak and Mayor Vitulli would like to form a subcommittee with at least one person from the fire department and surrounding communities (Wixon Valley, Tabor, Kurten, and Edge) with the mission to advance recruitment for the Precinct 2 Volunteer Fire Department. Incentives for recruitment that Chief Noak has entertained are to offer pensions and/or to reimburse fuel costs for EMS calls as personnel use their personal vehicles. Mayor Vitulli and Chief Noak will meet again to discuss the subcommittee.
3. June 25, 2013 City Council minutes were reviewed. Motion by Alderman Hodge to approve minutes. Alderman Estes seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Review and approve financial report. Beginning balance October 1, 2012 was \$84,714.33. Balance as of July 23, 2013 was \$98,308.66. Deposits for June were \$31,269.79 and expenses were \$17,675.46 for a June total of \$13,594.33. Motion by Alderman Hodge to approve financial report. Alderman Estes seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Consider and take action on the following bills:

Ck#2193 Joy Ramsey (Secretarial Services)	\$ 225.00
BTU Draft	\$ 12.61
BTU Draft	\$ 21.23
BTU Draft	\$ 37.83

Alderman Estes motioned to authorize Mayor Vitulli to pay these bills, seconded by Alderman Lindahl. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Discuss Road Maintenance.
 - a. Mayor Vitulli looked at the Ponce land. Mr. Ponce had cleaned out the ditch, but there were no other improvements noted. Mr. Trowbridge had talked to Mr. Ponce and showed him what was happening with his land. Mayor Vitulli, Commissioner Catalena, the Brazos County engineer and Mr. Ponce will meet to discuss the situation, but a meeting is not on the calendar at this time. Mayor Vitulli will call Commissioner Catalena to report what Mr. Ponce has accomplished.

- b. Bill Adams contacted Mayor Vitulli to discuss a tree sap road base that the county has put on Carter Lane to see if that could be used for North and South Oakland. Mayor Vitulli checked with the county and was told that the roads will not be able to be graded after this base is applied. Mayor Vitulli will ask Commissioner Catalena about the history of this base before it is considered for North and South Oakland.
7. Discuss report from Planning and Zoning Commission on amendments to Zoning Ordinance and other zoning matters. None.
8. Discuss and develop a plan for issues on North and South Oakland.
 - a. In response to Mayor Vitulli's request, the Brazos County Health Department has inspected everyone's septic systems on North and South Oakland. There are issues on some properties that need to be addressed and the city needs to find out what they are able to do to resolve the issues.
9. Discuss fire department appreciation.
 - a. Mayor Vitulli has not gone forward with this at this time.
10. Discuss and take action on an Investment Policy Resolution.
 - a. Mayor Vitulli contacted Bedis Bank in Kurten to discuss investing the city's money. His recommendations from discussions with the bank are:
 - a. To invest \$25,000 in a CD for 6 months at 0.03% to earn \$62.50/month;
 - b. To invest \$25,000 in a CD for 12 months at 0.45% to earn \$93.75/month;
 - c. And to put the remainder in a money market account to earn \$83.00/month in interest. This would bring a total of about \$230.00/month to the city's account.
 - d. Alderman Estes motioned to allow Mayor Vitulli to set up CD's and a money market account at Bedias Bank in Kurten for the city or to go with whatever the bank recommends. Alderman Lindahl seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
11. Discuss and take action on future annexation.
 - a. Tabled until the August meeting.
12. Discussion of future agenda items.
 - a. Review FY 2014 budget.
13. The date for the next regular meeting will be 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 27, 2013.
14. Motion to adjourn regular meeting at 8:50 p.m. made by Alderman Lindahl, seconded by Alderman Estes. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted. Signed: _____
Joy Ramsey, City Secretary