

**The City of Kurten  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
February 24, 2009**

**Regular City Council Meeting**

1. Mayor Vitulli called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Aldermen Lindahl, Estes, Bouse, Klintworth and West were present.
2. Citizen's Comments: None.
3. January 27, 2009 minutes were reviewed. Alderman Estes indicated a name correction for the Zion Church for Item #11. Instead of Zion United Church of Christ it should be Zion Church of Kurten. Another correction by Mayor Vitulli was Item 12c. Robert Upchurch is not a citizen of Kurten. Motion by Alderman West to approve minutes. Alderman Estes seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. January 27, 2009 Special Hearing minutes were reviewed. Again, the name of Zion Church in Item #5 should be corrected to read Zion Church of Kurten. Alderman Klintworth motioned to approved minutes. Alderman Bouse seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
5. February 3, 2009 Special City Council Meeting minutes were reviewed. Alderman Lindahl motioned to approve. Alderman Bouse seconded. February 13 Special Called Council Meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion by Alderman West to approve. Alderman Klintworth seconded. Both motions were passed unanimously.
6. Motion by Alderman Klintworth to approve financial report. Alderman West seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Mayor Vitulli requested an item be added to the financial report that would show lump sum deposits for the fiscal year.
7. Consider and take action on the following bills:

Ck #2068 Tucker Inspections (for Post Office inspection)	
\$300.00	
Ck #2069 Joy Ramsey (for secretarial services)	
\$150.00	
BTU Draft	\$
27.09	
BTU Draft	\$
7.45	
BTU Draft	\$
22.35	
- Alderman Bouse motioned to authorize Mayor Vitulli to pay these bills, seconded by Alderman Estes. Motion passed unanimously.
8. Speed Limit within City Limits on Business Hwy. 21 & Oak Lake Road. Nothing new.
9. Approval of Resolution to approve Brazos County Emergency District budget. Brazos County Emergency District budget was discussed. The City of Kurten

does not pay anything, but a Resolution is still required. Alderman West motioned to pass the Resolution for the 2008-2009 Brazos County Emergency District. Alderman Estes seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Communication Efforts to Citizens. Nothing new.
11. Discussion of Annexation. Mayor Vitulli indicated we were waiting to hear from the attorney and when we get new maps from the County, we will proceed.
12. Road Maintenance. Nothing new.
13. Planning and Zoning Commission. At scheduled meeting on February 3, 2009, the Commission agreed with the Zoning Ordinance that the land was annexed as residential/agricultural.
14. Kurten Post Office Report:
  - a. Alderman Klintworth has not been contacted from TXDoT. Mayor Vitulli would contact them and have them meet with Alderman Klintworth. Council discussed price to get culvert and asphalt and which way water should drain.
  - b. Alderman West has been in contact with the following:
    - i. Bo Burkhalter to obtain a bid to remove the awning and replace it with metal. Burkhalter estimated \$3,600.00. Check to see if awning can be smaller or what size it has to be.
    - ii. Mike Buttons would donate a beam.
    - iii. A contractor to obtain an estimate for the wood for repairs.
    - iv. A plumber to discuss upgrading the first floor bathroom for handicap, remove the upstairs bathtub and cap off everything else.
    - v. An electrician. They will meet on Wednesday, February 25.
    - vi. A septic system installer. Estimate to install an aerobic septic system is \$5,000.00
    - vii. Roofers for repairs or a new roof.
  - c. Other repairs:
    - i. West side of porch has raised section inside of porch that holds water. Check with engineer to see if pump could be used and what size.
    - ii. Check on expense to bust concrete around front of building.
  - d. Water and awning problems to be corrected right away and the other repairs can be done in phases.
  - e. Alderman West will try to obtain a final repair cost by the first of March.
  - f. Owner needs to sign an agreement with the City as soon as possible. Council agreed to consider all repairs along with purchase plan. Consensus of the Council is that it doesn't make sense to buy because of the condition of the building, but that the situation warrants it. Council agrees to obtain all estimates for repairs and then call another meeting to make final decision for owner. Council will have a range of price to offer Owner. If Owner agrees with Council then property can possibly be purchased before June.
  - g. Council discussed insurance on the building. Mayor Vitulli would contact TML to see if they offered anything.

15. Discuss FY 2008 audit report. Most of 2008 material has been gathered. Alderman West will check on some agendas and Alderman Lindahl will check on bank statements. Alderman West will get a committee together to review.
16. Discuss and approved Ordinance 29, Zoning Newly Annexed Land. Will be discussed at next meeting.
17. Future agenda items: Regular items and add:
  - a. Obtain information on sales tax.
  - b. Discuss with organization or individual about opening a store in Kurten.
  - c. Alderman Estes checked with Ann Kelbly about property the city could use. Ms. Kelbly will talk to her family. If they agree to donate or sell property to the City, then Council will need to check into matching grant money.
18. Set regular meeting for March 24, 2009, 7:00 p.m.
19. Motion to adjourn regular meeting at 7:55 p.m. made by Alderman Estes, seconded by Alderman West. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Joy Ramsey, City Secretary