

**The City of Kurten
City Council Meeting Minutes
August 23, 2011**

Regular City Council Meeting

1. Mayor Vitulli called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Aldermen Lindahl, Estes, and Adams were present. Aldermen Klintworth and Bouse did not attend. Joe Trowbridge also in attendance.
2. Citizen's Comments: None
3. July 26, 2011 City Council minutes were reviewed. Motion by Alderman Adams to approve minutes. Alderman Estes seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Review and approve financial report. No financial report to review. Tabled until September, 2011 meeting. July and August financial reports will be reviewed and approved at that time.
5. Consider and take action on the following bills:

Ck #2138 Joy Ramsey (Secretarial Services)	\$ 200.00
BTU Draft	\$ 18.52
BTU Draft	\$ 7.45
BTU Draft	\$ 22.35

Alderman Adams motioned to authorize Mayor Vitulli to pay these bills, seconded by Alderman Lindahl. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Discuss Road Maintenance.
 - a. No rain. Roads not bad at this time.
7. Discuss report from Planning and Zoning Commission on amendments to Zoning Ordinance and other zoning matters.
 - a. The Planning and Zoning Commission met August 16, 2011 to discuss a modification to Article III of the Zoning Ordinance regarding non-conforming mobile homes.
 - b. The Commission discussed changing the condition in which a mobile home would have to be removed and when a mobile home could be replaced with another mobile home.
 - c. A modification has not been finalized and they will meet again in October for more discussion.
 - d. Mayor Vitulli would like the Commission to also discuss the same situation for houses and abandoned vehicles.
8. Discuss and take action on Article III of the Zoning Ordinance.
 - a. Article III has not been modified and requires more discussion. The Planning and Zoning Commission will meet again in October to discuss.
9. Discuss Officers for FY 11-12.
 - a. Mayor Vitulli asked if more members are needed for the Planning and Zoning Commission. At this time no more are needed and Mayor Vitulli will be notified if more need to be added.
 - b. The Board of Adjustments members will remain the same as in FY 2011.
10. Discuss and take action on FY 2012 annual budget.
 - a. The city is given the option of two tax rates:
 - a. If the city wants the same revenue as the previous year, the rate would be \$0.14.
 - b. If the city wants the roll-back rate, the rate would be \$0.1350.

- c. Mayor Vitulli recommends the city go with the \$0.1350 rate.
 - b. Alderman Lindahl asked if the cost of placement of fire hydrants should be put in the budget. The estimated cost of a fire hydrant is \$3,500.00 and could potentially save homeowners \$200-\$300 on homeowner's insurance. Mayor Vitulli will conduct more research on placing fire hydrants and will talk with Wickson Water and the Fire Department. It was suggested to start with two; one on each end of the city. At this time, the cost of fire hydrants will not be added in the budget. If some are placed in the city, the cost will come out of the reserves.
 - c. Alderman Estes motioned to propose a tax rate of \$0.1350 for FY 2012. Alderman Adams seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The Council unanimously approved a proposed tax rate of \$0.1350.
 - d. Mayor Vitulli has also included an estimated amount in the FY 2012 budget for website construction and maintenance and would like to get bids for this service.
11. Discussion of future agenda items.
- a. Public Hearing will be held for the proposed tax rate and budget at 6:45 on Tuesday, September 27.
 - b. Add Approve budget and tax rate to September 27 agenda.
 - c. Add Discuss and take action on election date.
12. The date for the next regular meeting will be 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 27, 2011.
13. Motion to adjourn regular meeting at 8:00 p.m. made by Alderman Estes, seconded by Alderman Lindahl. Motion passed unanimously.

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