

**The City of Kurten
City Council Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2012**

Regular City Council Meeting

1. Mayor Vitulli called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Aldermen Lindahl, Estes, Adams, Klintworth and Hodge were present. Joe Trowbridge and Mary Noak were also in attendance.
2. Citizen's Comments: Due to recent rains, North and South Oakland need grading again.
3. November 22, 2011 City Council minutes were reviewed. Motion by Alderman Lindahl to approve minutes. Alderman Estes seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. December 20, 2011 City Council minutes were reviewed. Motion by Alderman Estes to approve minutes. Alderman Lindahl seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Review and approve financial report. Beginning balance 10/1/2011 was \$84,162.52. Balance as of January 24, 2012 was \$97,745.94. Deposits for December and January were \$17,086.34 and expenses were \$3,502.92 for a January total of \$13,583.42. Motion by Alderman Estes to approve financial report. Alderman Adams seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Consider and take action on the following bills:

Ck #2147 VOID (Check was not used)	\$ 0.00
Ck #2148 Joy Ramsey (December Secretarial Services)	\$ 225.00
Ck #2149 Joy Ramsey (January Secretarial Services & Off. Supplies)	\$ 247.27
BTU Draft (December)	\$ 9.69
BTU Draft (December)	\$ 22.41
BTU Draft (December)	\$ 29.07
BTU Draft (January)	\$ 9.69
BTU Draft (January)	\$ 24.56
BTU Draft (January)	\$ 29.07

Alderman Lindahl motioned to authorize Mayor Vitulli to pay these bills, seconded by Alderman Klintworth. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Discuss Road Maintenance.
 - a. Due to recent rains, North and South Oakland need grading. Mayor Vitulli will call Brazos County to request grading.
8. Discuss report from Planning and Zoning Commission on amendments to Zoning Ordinance and other zoning matters.
 - a. Planning and Zoning Commission met and discussed the action to be taken to change the text of Article III of the Zoning Ordinance and to change the zoning map.
9. Discuss and take action on Article III of the Zoning Ordinance.
 - a. The City Council will hold a public hearing to consider a change in the text of the Zoning Ordinance section 3.02.05 concerning existing Mobile Homes in the A-R and CC zones. The hearing will be held at the Kurten Community Center at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21, 2012.
10. Discuss and take action on request to change the zoning map.
 - a. Mayor Vitulli emailed Sammy Catalena requesting plans or drawings to be viewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission for his request to rezone acreage currently residential to commercial.
 - b. Having received the information requested, the Planning and Zoning Commission met and began the process for a change of the zoning map as Mr. Catalena requested.

- c. The first step was to draft and send letters to all property owners adjacent to Mr. Catalena's property of 9.748 acres located at 6456 S. FM 2038, notifying them of Mr. Catalena's request. Having completed that step, the next step is a notice in the newspaper of a public hearing of the Planning and Zoning Commission for discussion of Mr. Catalena's request which will be held at the Kurten Community Center at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 13, 2012.
 - d. The Planning and Zoning Commission will vote on this request and give their recommendations to the City Council. The City Council will then hold a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 to consider Mr. Catalena's request and will vote on the Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation at their scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21, 2012.
11. Discuss and take action on the installation of fire hydrants on the north and south sides of the city.
- a. Mary Noak of the Kurten Volunteer Fire Department was in attendance to discuss the council's desire to purchase and install fire hydrants at areas in the city that would be most beneficial to the fire department.
 - b. Mary has looked at structures within the City of Kurten that are considered high risks and that would benefit from a fire hydrant close by such as the Kurten Community Center, Zion Church and to the south of the city along Oaklake Rd. and FM 2038. Other areas that could benefit would be Business SH 21, near the First State Bank of Bédias, the northern city limits of Kurten, and at the intersection of Dilly Shaw Tap Road and FM 2038.
 - c. Residents can also reap a benefit on their homeowners insurance if their home is located within 1000 ft. of a fire hydrant or within 5 miles of a fire station.
 - d. The approximate cost of the purchase and installation of a fire hydrant is \$3,500.00. Mayor Vitulli will discuss this with the Wickson Creek Special Utility District and will also approach the Kurten Community Center board to request sharing the cost of a hydrant located at the center.
 - e. Motion by Alderman Estes to purchase and have installed four fire hydrants at locations within the City of Kurten to be determined. Alderman Klintworth seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
12. Discuss importance to attend meetings or notify the council.
- a. Importance of attending meetings or notifying the council was discussed. A contact list of email addresses and phone numbers for each council member was generated and will be shared with all.
13. Discussion of future agenda items.
- a. Vote on request to rezone from agricultural to commercial the 9.748 acre property owned by Sammy Catalena at 6456 S. FM 2038.
 - b. Vote to change the text of the Zoning Ordinance section 3.02.05 concerning existing mobile homes in the A-R and CC zones.
 - c. Discuss and approve auditors for FY 2011.
14. The date for the next regular meeting will be 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 21, 2011.
15. Motion to adjourn regular meeting at 8:05 p.m. made by Alderman Estes, seconded by Alderman Lindahl. Motion passed unanimously.

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