



**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2015 at 6:30 P.M.
KRUM CITY HALL – 146 W. McCART STREET**

Ronald G. Harris, Jr., Mayor
Nick Vincent, Councilmember - PI.1
Justin Diviney, Councilmember - PI.3
Lance Vanzant, City Attorney

Rhonda Harrison, Councilmember - PI.2
Cindy Daughhete, Councilmember – PI. 4
Larry Lamonica, Councilmember - PI.5
Andrea Dzioba, City Secretary

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ronald G. Harris, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

B. QUORUM PRESENT

Those present were Mayor Ronald G. Harris, Jr. and Councilmembers Rhonda Harrison, Justin Diviney and Nick Vincent. Councilmembers Cindy Daughhete and Larry Lamonica were absent. Also present were Finance Director Shelly Neckar, Police Chief Terry Hargis, Fire Chief Ken Swindle, Public Works Director Mark Patterson, City Planner Tom Elgin, Library Director Donna Pierce, Assistant City Attorney Trey Sargent and City Secretary Andrea Dzioba.

Due to not having an appropriate quorum for a special meeting, no action was taken on any item and only discussion was held.

C. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ronald G. Harris, Jr. led the pledges to the United States Flag and the Texas Flag.

After reading a statement about government, the invocation was given by Pastor Carl Lane of the Plainview Baptist Church.

D. CITIZEN'S AGENDA: In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Council is prohibited from acting on or discussing (other than factual responses to specific questions) any items brought before them at this time. Per City of Krum Ordinance #0034-09-2006 each and every citizen who wishes to address the council shall be afforded three (3) minutes.

Mr. Wayne Hussey, 603 E. 6th Street, discussed lack of mowing at the parks, how herbicides were being used instead of weedeating, workers not doing their jobs, fencelines being overgrown at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and direction of the Public Works Department. He also spoke positively about the Krum Police Department.

E. CONSENT AGENDA – None

F. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

Due to the lack of quorum, Mayor Harris stated that he would read a statement that he prepared and then they would adjourn. The statement is attached to the minutes and is incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

- 1. Discuss and review the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2015–2016.**

2. Discuss, consider and take action on an Ordinance adopting the 2015–2016 Budget and appropriating resources for the budget year beginning October 1, 2015.
3. Discuss, consider and take action on an Ordinance levying and adopting the tax rate at a rate of \$0.647489 per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) assessed valuation on all taxable property within the corporate limits of the City for the 2015–2016 Fiscal Year.
4. Discuss, consider and take action on an Ordinance approving the 2015 Tax Rolls and accepting the anticipated collection rate of 100 percent for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2015 and ending September 30, 2016.
5. Discuss, consider and take action on a vote to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the City's annual budget for Fiscal Year 2015–2016.

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations Regarding Real Property), 551.074 (Deliberations Regarding the Appointment, Duties, Discipline or Termination of Personnel) and 551.087 (Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations). Executive Session may be held under these exceptions and at any time during the meeting that a need arises for the City Council to seek advice from the City Attorney as to the posted subject matter of this City Council Meeting.

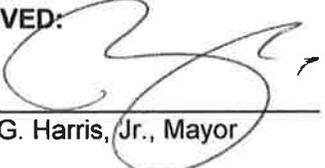
I. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No discussion was held.

J. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

APPROVED:



Ronald G. Harris, Jr., Mayor



Andrea Dzioba, City Secretary

I want to commend those on the council that have offered meaningful discussion and thoughtful, intelligent insight into our budget to make it something we can all be proud of. It was with your help that we turned what appeared to be a deficit into a surplus and with continued dedication to our positions entrusted to us by the voters, we will strive to maintain a conservative approach to spending while working to fund projects that will benefit our city infrastructure.

Regarding the member of council that is absent tonight for yet another unexcused reason, it should be noted by all in attendance at this meeting that this is intentional just as it was last Monday and he has made it clear that his intent is to sabotage **our** hard work because **he** doesn't like my budget. He says this without offering explanation nor providing input on the budget other than we should fire firemen and policemen and he even suggested closing the library to make up shortfalls. This directly contradicts his position when he ran for council that city employees shouldn't have to fear for their jobs. I ask you how a budget that two weeks ago would have been a \$98,000.00 deficit being turned into a positive \$33,000.00 balance through additional cuts in spending and the hard work of council can be faulted? I think those of you in attendance tonight would agree we have done our due diligence.

Making any decision that affects our community on the whims of an individual instead of benefitting us all is egregious behavior that truly disrespects those that voted for you, is contrary to the sworn oath of office, is a willful disregard for upholding your duties as a council member, and shows such a lack of moral fiber that is unconscionable in my opinion. The attempt of one individual to use rhetoric and threats to in his own words "shut this city down" show the clear lack of respect he has for everyone in our town regardless of what he says to the contrary.

Mathew 23 v. 28 says "Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto me, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity." I take it personally that one man can act to cause so much harm to so many without regard for their welfare, while claiming he is doing right in the next breath. All he is actually doing is attempting to have attention focused on himself for unexplained reasons and this small man is using his public office to make himself feel important. His despicable actions if they succeed will negatively affect every individual in Krum and will result in no choice but to increase taxes for each and every one of us to get the money for the city to minimally function, and will not provide any funding for infrastructure improvements as he sits back and laughs blaming his actions on others.

I will tell you tonight that dishonor and chaos are not in the makeup of an individual that leads others with integrity. I take my position very seriously and in my short time as Mayor I have developed the utmost respect of each council member that places city above self and works tirelessly for the good of Krum instead of on their own personal destructive agenda. All of you here tonight are outwardly and inwardly righteous in your service to our community and that is a blessing for us all. I look forward to continuing to work with you united in the single cause of placing community above ourselves and doing what is right, because **that** is the only way to do our jobs.