

1. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME GUESTS/MOMENT OF SILENCE/ INVOCATION

2. Roll Call

- Confirmation of quorum

Agenda Items

1. Executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.074 (Personnel Matters) and 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) to deliberate resignation of City of Kress Fire Chief and ability of spending public funds and receive legal advice from counsel.
2. Consideration of Resolution 20251223 for Recognizing Doy Reidhead as Interim Fire Chief and Updating Bank Account Signatories

Background:

Doy Reidhead faithfully served the Kress Volunteer Fire Department as Assistant Chief. Considering current circumstances, it is proposed to recognize his leadership and appoint him to the role of Interim Fire Chief, effective immediately, until a permanent Chief is designated.

Additional Actions:

- Move operational and administrative authority to the Interim Chief.
- Provide the Interim Chief with Purchase Order (PO) authority for necessary department expenditures.
- Remove David Hughes as a signer on the Volunteer checking account.
- Add the current City Council members who are signers on the General Fund checking account as authorized signers on the Kress Volunteer Fire Department checking account.
- These signing privileges on the Kress Volunteer Fire Department checking account shall remain in effect until a permanent Chief is designated.

3. Approval of Funding for Purchase of Jackets for Kress Volunteer Fire Department Members

Background:

The City of Kress maintains a volunteer fire department that provides essential fire suppression, emergency medical response, and mutual aid services to the community and surrounding areas. These dedicated volunteers respond to calls without compensation, demonstrating exceptional commitment to public safety.

As an expression of gratitude for their selfless service and boosting morale among department members, staff recommends approving the expenditure on city funds for the purchase of 20 jackets (e.g., non-uniform style jackets suitable for department identification or casual wear) to be provided to active volunteer firefighters.

The City Council recognizes its responsibility in the stewardship of public funds. While no specific statute expressly authorizes the purchase of non-uniform apparel for volunteers, such expenditures are permissible under the Texas Constitution, Article III, Section 52(a), provided the Council determines that the expenditure serves a legitimate public purpose (e.g., enhancing volunteer retention, morale, and effectiveness in providing critical public safety services), with adequate controls to ensure the public purpose is accomplished. The Council further finds that this modest expenditure accomplishes a public purpose by supporting essential volunteer fire protection functions for the citizens of Kress.

4. Discussion of Use of Donated Funds for Construction of Volunteer Fire Department Facility

Purpose:

To discuss legal requirements and best practices for handling donated funds when most funding for a volunteer fire department facility is raised through private donations, in the context of a Type A general-law municipality.

Background:

The City is considering options for supporting the Kress volunteer fire department, including construction of a facility. Authority exists under **Local Government Code Chapter 342** to provide fire stations. Many volunteer fire departments in Texas rely heavily on private donations and fundraising for operations and capital projects, often organized as nonprofit entities.

Key Considerations for Donated Funds:

If Donations Made Directly to the City: Funds become public money upon acceptance. Expenditures must serve a public purpose (Tex. Const. Art. III, § 52) and follow procurement rules (Chapter 252 for contracts > \$100,000; Chapter 2254 for professional services). City retains ownership and control of the facility.

Notes:

- Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in this meeting should contact City Hall at (806) 684-2525 at least 48 hours in advance.

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Time: 03:30 pm

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