



**MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
FOR THE TOWN OF CROSS ROADS
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.**

LOCATION: VIRTUAL and IN PERSON

1. Roll Call: **Mayor Tompkins, Council Members Phillips, Meek, King, White-Stevens, and Gaalema**
2. Invocation – Karen Black
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Council Member Announcements and Updates.
5. Mayor Announcements and Updates.
6. Committee and Commissions Announcements and Updates.
7. Citizens Input (Items on the agenda and not on the agenda)
Virtual: Tammy Sweeney
In-Person: Cody Clark, Ella Welch, Collette Olivieri, Kelly Berry, Ron Conrad, Bob Gorton, Gary Daniels, Janet Conrad, Bill Berry, John Knox, Karen Potter, Randy Wicker, Herman Oosterwijk, Garrett Smith, Sharon Baca
Email: Johanna Oosterwijk, Carolyn Drahos, Elva and Virden Seybold, Debbie McKenna, Laurel Wallace
8. Updates; Discussion of Same.
 - Town Administrator Announcements and Updates – Kristi Gilbert
 - Building Permits and Development
 - Finance Director – Susan Zambrano
 - Law Enforcement – Chief Edland
9. Receive a presentation and consider the hiring process for the Cross Roads Police Chief.
Motion to appoint Max Westbrook, Bruce Mills, Meredith, Steven Zuczek, and Bobby Phillips to the interview panel for Cross Roads Police Chief with Kristi Gilbert as a non-scoring member made by White-Stevens;
Second by King;
Roll Call Vote:
Phillips - Yes
Meek - Yes
King - Yes
White-Stevens - Yes
Gaalema - Yes
Passed unanimously.

Recess from 9:28 to 9:41 P.M.

Mayor Tompkins asked for reconsideration of appointed member, Meredith, as it had just been made known that her last name was Westbrook.

Motion to appoint Max Westbrook, Bruce Mills, Steven Zuczek, and Bobby Phillips, and Kristi Gilbert to the interview panel for Cross Roads Police Chief with Meredith Westbrook as a non-scoring member made by Gaalema;
Second – there was none;
Motion failed.

Motion to appoint Max Westbrook, Bruce Mills, Bobby Phillips, and Virginia Nichols to the interview panel for Cross Roads Police Chief with Kristi Gilbert as a non-scoring member made by Phillips;
Second by King;
Roll Call Vote:
Phillips - Yes
Meek - Yes
King - Yes
White-Stevens - Yes
Gaalema - Yes
Passed unanimously.

10. Discuss and consider an appeal to a civil penalty in the amount of \$53,550 assessed on Mr. Margarito Espinoza and Imperial Products Supply, LLC. For removing protected trees without a permit on property located at 8801 E US 380.

Motion to reduce the penalty to the amount of \$23,025.00 and that money be attributed to the Park Fund made by Meek;
Second by White-Stevens;
Roll Call Vote:
Phillips - Yes
Meek - Yes
King - Yes
White-Stevens - Yes
Gaalema - Yes
Passed unanimously.

11. Discuss and consider approval of a resolution designating signatories for the Town of Cross Roads and authorizing the creation of a new Special Projects Account.

Motion to approve a separate account for Covid-19 grant funds made by Phillips;
Amendment by motioner to eliminate the existing account for Fishtrap Road Improvements and remove Kristi Gilbert as a signatory;
Second by Gaalema;
Roll Call Vote:
Phillips - Yes
Meek - Yes
King - Yes
White-Stevens - Yes
Gaalema - Yes
Passed unanimously.

12. Discuss and consider approval of a resolution establishing a Purchasing Policy for the Town of Cross Roads.

Motion to approve with replacing Mayor and Town Administrator from the middle tier with Town Council, and making the dollar amount of \$5,001.00 and above for

Budgeted Items and \$3,001.00 and above for Non-Budgeted Items made by White-Stevens;
Second by Meek;
Roll Call Vote:
Phillips - No
Meek - Yes
King - No
White-Stevens - Yes
Gaalema - No
Failed 3 to 2.

13. Discuss and consider a request by Sharon Baca, the Connectivity Committee and NextLink to construct and maintain a fiber tower on property owned by the Town of Cross Roads located at 1404 FM 424.

No action taken.

14. Discuss and consider the FY 2021 Budget and Council priorities for the FY 2022 Proposed Budget including staffing needs.

No action taken.

15. Discuss and consider the minutes from the May 17, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

Motion to approve made by Gaalema;

Second by Phillips;

Roll Call Vote:

Phillips - Yes

Meek - Yes

King - Yes

White-Stevens - Yes

Gaalema - Yes

Passed unanimously.

16. The Town Council will convene into Executive Session pursuant to the following:

- a. Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Town Attorney) to consult and receive legal advice from the Town Attorney relating to
 1. The Northeast Police Department Interlocal Agreement with the City of Krugerville and associated items; and
 2. The Texas Open Meetings Act
- b. Texas Government Code, Section 551.072 - Deliberation Regarding Real Property; to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person.
- c. Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 (Personnel) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, resignation and duties of:
 1. Town Administrator
 2. Cross Roads Police Chief

No action taken in Executive Session.

17. Take action as may be necessary or appropriate on matters discussed in Executive session.

**Motion to approve employment contract with Kristi Gilbert made by Gaalema;
Second by Meek;**

Roll Call Vote:

Phillips - Yes

Meek - Yes

King - Yes

White-Stevens - Yes

Gaalema - Yes

Passed unanimously.

18. Staff Update on Current Projects.

19. Council requests for future agenda items.

White-Stevens

Adjourn – **June 8, 2021 at 1:28 A.M.**

T. Lynn Tompkins, Jr., Town Secretary

Donna Butler, Town Secretary