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A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM MAYOR HARRISON

Welcome to our CURRENT issue of *Candidly Krum*: created to keep our community informed, connected, and engaged. Our goal is to communicate with honesty and transparency so that facts are shared clearly and our community stays informed together. The mayor welcomes your comments, ideas, and suggestions for future editions.

CITY STAFF AND ELECTED OFFICIALS COLLABORATE ON BUILDING KRUM'S BUDGET

One of the most important responsibilities of your City Council and city staff each year is to develop a balanced budget. While budget discussions may not always make headlines, they shape nearly every service our residents rely on, from public safety and street maintenance to water infrastructure and planning for Krum's future growth.

This year's budget process comes with some challenges. Property values have declined, while the cost of providing city services continues to rise. Just like families are paying more for groceries, fuel, and health insurance, cities are experiencing those same increases. Rising fuel prices and employee health insurance costs, along with inflation affecting many everyday operating expenses, require us to carefully evaluate every dollar we spend.

At the same time, we have worked hard recently to make meaningful investments in the people who serve our community. Fire, Police, and Public Works employees have received significant salary increases to bring their compensation more in line

with surrounding communities. Recruiting and retaining qualified employees is essential to maintaining the high level of service our citizens expect, and investing in our workforce today helps reduce costly turnover tomorrow.

Despite these challenges, our commitment remains the same: to be responsible stewards of taxpayer dollars. Our goal is to provide the essential services our community depends on while living within our means, protecting our financial reserves for unforeseen circumstances, and minimizing the impact on taxpayers whenever possible.

To help accomplish this, the City already plans to shift one cent of the property tax rate from the debt service portion to the maintenance and operations portion of the budget. This allows more revenue to be used for the day-to-day services residents depend on while still meeting our debt obligations. As budget discussions continue, the Council will carefully evaluate whether any additional adjustments are necessary to maintain the services and infrastructure our growing community requires.

This year's budget priorities include:

- Supporting public safety services
- Maintaining and improving our streets

- Investing in water and wastewater infrastructure
- Continuing preparations for our future police and fire facility
- Protecting the long-term financial health of our City

Creating a budget is much like managing a household budget. It requires balancing immediate needs with future goals, making thoughtful decisions about priorities, and ensuring resources are available not only for today but also for unexpected challenges tomorrow.

Throughout August, the Mayor, City Council, and staff will meet during a series of public budget work sessions to carefully review each department's budget, ask questions, and discuss priorities before the final budget is adopted. These meetings will be held at 6:00 p.m. at the Fire Station on August 3, 11, 18, and 25. Residents are always welcome to attend in person or watch the meetings online.

Our goal is not simply to balance a budget; it is to make thoughtful decisions that preserve the quality of life our residents enjoy today while preparing Krum for continued growth in the years ahead. Thank you for your interest in the process and for allowing us the privilege of serving this wonderful community.

KRUM POLICE DEPARTMENT OPENS NEW PUBLIC ENTRANCE

The City of Krum is pleased to share a change designed to make the Krum Police Department easier for residents to locate and access.

The Police Department now has a dedicated public entrance on McCart Street, utilizing the doors that previously served as the entrance to the City Council Chambers. This provides a more visible and convenient point of access for residents who need to speak with an officer, ask a question, file a report, or conduct other Police Department business. For the safety and security of our officers and staff, the entrance will remain locked. Visitors should simply press the buzzer located at the entrance, which will alert Police Department personnel that someone is requesting assistance. An officer or staff member will then respond to provide access.

While this is a relatively small change, it is an important one. Residents should know where to go and feel comfortable accessing their local Police Department when assistance is needed.

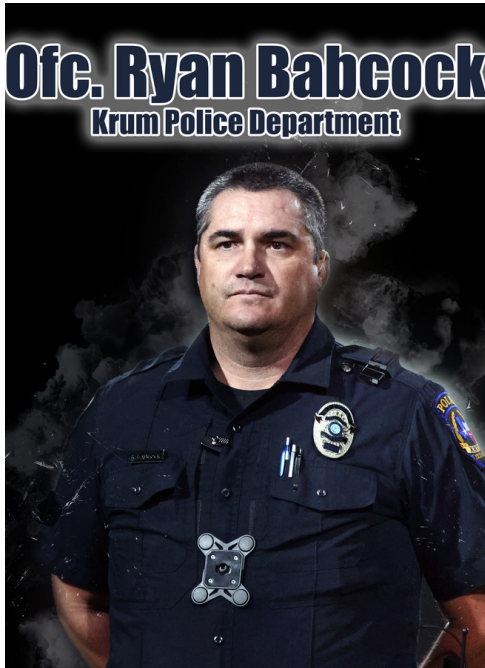
Look for the Police Department entrance on McCart Street, and simply ring the buzzer when you arrive.



**RING THE
BUZZER!**



CANDID CONVERSATIONS: MEET THE TEAM



Officer Ryan Babcock has been with the City of Krum Police Department for just over a year. His family includes his wife, two teenagers, and three dogs. When asked where he sees himself in ten years, he was quick to say that he sees retirement and golf every day in his future.

His hobbies and pastimes include golfing with his family, shooting sports and hunting, as well as teaching firearms and tactical training.

Officer Babcock said he truly enjoys working with the team at the PD and stated that it's a good group of people that work well together.

We appreciate you, Officer Babcock, and we thank you for choosing the City of Krum to serve and protect!

AUGUST COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Recognition of Santos Hernandez for obtaining his Class B Wastewater license
- Recognition of Tanner Bridges for obtaining his Class C Wastewater license
- Recognition of Lt. Gary McCraw for graduation from Leadership Command College
- Recognition of Lisa Cabrera for receiving the Texas Municipal Clerk Award of Excellence
- Recognition of Anjel Trevino for completing requirements to become a Texas Registered Municipal Clerk
- Authorized acquisition of easements for relocation of utilities for expansion of FM 1173
- Held a public hearing for the proposed CCPD budget
- Approved leave of absence for Councilmember Jesse Vasquez through December 31, 2026
- Established an irrigation ordinance
- Discussed future permitting fees and charges for construction related costs for the Krum Independent School District; council will enter into an agreement once the attorney has created one which will outline a cost-recovery-only method instead of charging normal permitting fees from the adopted fee schedule
- Accepted the offer from Krum ISD in the amount of \$600,000 as the school district's water impact fee for the new middle school
- Approved a contract for reconstruction of Jagoe, Second, North, South, and Jackson Streets that were damaged from the Radecke Lift Station and Force Main Project.
- Approved a resolution to create the Finley Crossing Municipal Utility District No. 1 of Denton County
- Received a financial overview in preparation for the city's 2026-2027 fiscal year budget
- Set the proposed tax rate and set dates for the public hearing and adoption of the budget (see info on pages 4 and 5 of this newsletter for more information)

IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL TIME - SLOW DOWN & STAY ALERT!



School is back in session! Krum ISD students returned to class on Wednesday, August 12, which means our streets are once again busier with school buses, parents dropping off and picking up, and students walking to and from school.

This year also brings a new traffic pattern with the opening of Krum Middle School, located on FM 2450 past Gregg Road and serving students in grades 6–8. Krum High School will still serve grades 9–12, while Blanche Dodd, Dixie Hansel, and Hattie Dyer elementary schools continue serving our Pre-K through fifth-grade students.

As everyone settles into the new school year, please slow down, watch carefully for school-zone signs and flashing lights, and be especially alert for students walking or crossing streets. Drivers should also be aware of the additional stop signs recently installed along East Sixth Street as part of the City's efforts to reduce speeding and improve safety in that area.

A few extra minutes of patience can make a big difference. Please put the phones down, watch your speed, stop for school buses when required, and keep an eye out for our youngest pedestrians.

Let's all do our part to make it a safe school year in Krum!



UNDERSTANDING YOUR PROPERTY TAX RATE



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★ FY25-26 CITY M&O TAX RATE COMPARISON ★

CITY	M&O RATE	I&S RATE	TOTAL RATE	TOTAL OF PROP & SALES TAX	POPULATION
KRUM	0.472090	0.189275	0.661365	\$4,725,621.00	7,000
SANGER	0.573485	0.116252	0.689735	\$10,028,661.00	9,000
JUSTIN	0.524420	0.145580	0.670000	\$10,633,963.00	5,500
PONDER	0.475042	0.219337	0.694379	\$2,124,880.00	3,000
PILOT POINT	0.316688	0.295898	0.604970	\$4,910,000.00	5,500

*Rates are expressed per \$100 of assessed value.



HOW YOUR PROPERTY TAX RATE WORKS



DID YOU KNOW?

Tax rates do not generate revenue on their own. Revenue is generated from the total assessed value of properties within the City.



CITY OF KRUM 10 YEAR TAX RATE HISTORY



— Proud Past, Bright Future —



ASSESSED VALUE

- The City received certified totals from the Denton County Appraisal District (DCAD) on July 24, 2026.
- Assessed values decreased by \$27,318,688 million or 3.28% for the 2026 tax year.



FISCAL YEAR	CERTIFIED VALUE	ARB VALUE	TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE	PROPERTIES IN REVIEW
FY 2026–27	\$795,154,729	\$9,227,872	\$804,382,601	26
FY 2025–26	\$831,701,289	\$0	\$831,701,289	0
FY 2024–25	\$811,367,649	\$3,460,940	\$814,828,589	15
FY 2023–24	\$747,064,111	\$17,667,196	\$764,731,306	49
FY 2022–23	\$602,039,717	\$8,546,295	\$610,586,012	41
FY 2021–22	\$510,500,113	\$5,125,029	\$515,625,142	15
FY 2020–21	\$427,844,978	\$5,624,418	\$433,469,396	31



TAX RATE DISCUSSION

DE MINIMIS



VOTER APPROVAL



NO NEW REVENUE

TAX RATES	M&O	I&S	TOTAL RATE	DESCRIPTION
 DE MINIMIS	\$0.553614	\$0.179984	\$0.733598	This rate was established to allow cities with populations smaller than 30,000 an opportunity to fund extraordinary costs that may not be possible under the voter approval rate. Mainly due to the minimal increase in total assessed values.
 VOTER APPROVAL	\$0.545232	\$0.179984	\$0.725216	The maximum tax rate a city with a population over 30,000 can approve without voter approval. This represents a 3.5% increase from the no new revenue tax rate.
 PROPOSED TAX RATE*	\$0.481381	\$0.179984	\$0.661365	Shifts \$0.01 (one cent) from I&S to M&O rate, maintains same overall tax rate.
 CURRENT RATE	\$0.472090	\$0.189275	\$0.661365	The current tax rate equals \$0.661365.
 NO NEW REVENUE	\$0.502974	\$0.179984	\$0.682958	The rate requires existing properties to collect the same tax levy as the previous year. This excludes new value.

**The proposed tax rate may change as we continue budget discussions and direction from the Krum City Council. Final rates could differ from those shown here.*

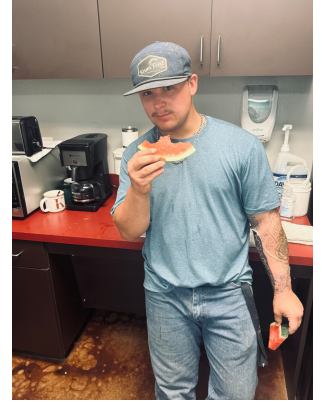


SERVING UP SOME SUMMER RELIEF

With the incredibly high temperatures we've been experiencing lately, our police officers and public works employees were happy to enjoy a cool and refreshing treat!

Thanks to a generous donation from Keaton Meyer, some ice-cold watermelon really hit the spot on a recent hot afternoon. Keaton's generosity doesn't stop there; he also regularly delivers plenty of watermelon and other fresh produce for our Fire Department to enjoy.

We certainly appreciate Keaton and the many ways he supports those who serve our community. Thank you, Keaton, for thinking of our City employees and helping make these hot Texas days a little more refreshing!



UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- MUNIIPAL COURT - SEPT. 8, 2026 @ 5:30 P.M. AT KRUM CITY HALL, 310 W. MCCART
- REGULARLY SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING - SEPT. 8, 2026 @ 6:30 P.M. AT KFD, 400 NORTH 1ST STREET
- KRUM EDC MEETING - SEPT. 14, 2026 @ 6:30 P.M. AT KRUM CITY HALL, 310 W. MCCART
- MUNIIPAL COURT - SEPT. 15, 2026 @ 5:30 P.M. AT KRUM CITY HALL, 310 W. MCCART
- KRUM PARKS BOARD MEETING - SEPT. 17, 2026 @ 6:30 P.M. AT KRUM CITY HALL, 310 W. MCCART
- KRUM PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEETING - SEPT. 21 2026 @ 6:00 P.M. AT KRUM CITY HALL, 310 W. MCCART