

Documents regarding Dallas Crown horse slaughter plant in Kaufman, Texas.

(The Cave documents were recently found on 04/06/2012)

The Cave documents are a **timeline** and **journal entries** from the time soon after Dallas Crown was allowed to reopen in 1986. The journal describes police advising that "several thousand gallons of blood had run," "blood running down the road," an attempt to cover up blood with a bulldozer & sand, and that everything from the plant flows down to the creek to Ft. Worth's water supply.

The short, 7 month long timeline documents a variety of problems including a horse's leg by the side of the road, a dead horse left out for almost 24 hours, green flies and disturbing sounds and odors.

The **1991 newspaper account** notes Dallas Crown's "improper practices" regarding waste disposal and the denial of the plant's request to put in a septic system (!)

By **2005 newspaper** reporting described Dallas Crown as a 'supplier' while describing violations as "claims" by the City, citing a total of 7 violations when Dallas Crown had amassed several hundred violations.

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nothing had happened. The following night they must have had another blood spill, for they worked away in the night with back hoes. When daylight came they had it dug up again all over the place. Also it looked like lime had been sprinkled on the ground. I believe with all the digging (which took them all day) they have done with the back hoe that they have it fixed now where no one can tell when it runs again. Anything that falls on the ground from the packing house has to go down hill to the Kings Creek and Kings Creek flows to Cedar Creek where Ft. Worth gets their drinking water. When the wind comes from the direction of the packing house we can smell the awful odors and we cannot eat outside because of flies. There is occasionally several piles of manure several feet high outside the horse pens and we can smell the odor from them too.

Also, sometimes after midnight trucks and trailers loaded with horses pass by our house and wake us and ruin our nights of sleep and rest. The city put up signs saying NO THRU TRUCKS, but some come by anyway. The signs are small and the city does not enforce the law. Some of the vehicles are eighteen wheelers. ~~The~~ The enclosed pictures were taken soon after the night mentioned.

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Packing plant request denied by city council

KAUFMAN — A packing company that has come under attack by neighbors and others for alleged improper practices in disposing of refuse from its plant has received a setback from the Kaufman City Council.

Dallas Crown Packing Co. "requested the city make an exception to its ordinance which prohibits installation of septic systems," City Manager John Trayhan said.

Citing Section 23.01 of the City Code, the council denied the request, he said.

The packing company is located at 2000 Fair Road, which is atop a hill a short distance south of U.S. 175 and less than half a mile from Presbyterian Hospital of Kaufman.

A neighbor protested to the Texas Health Department and other officials concerning the disposal of wastes from its plant, but was told no evidence of violations of state regulations were found during inspections.

In other action, the council sold a number of surplus items to high bidders.

They included a 1983 Ford F250 pickup, Hill Top Auto & Body Shop,

Expected to set election districts at stake on May 4 city ballot

According to the ordinance, voting for Place 3 will be conducted at the First Baptist Church at 416 Dixie. Balloting for Place 5 will be at the Missionary Baptist Church on Road.

Balloting will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until 7 p.m.

Candidates for the position must file an application for a place on the ballot with the city secretary no later than 5 p.m. on March 20.

Only registered voters residing within the two districts will be eligible to vote for two council positions. Candidates for the positions must reside within the district they seek to represent.

City Manager Lanny Lambert noted during the Feb. 5 meeting that the city council district lines must be redrawn as soon as the census count is official.

City Attorney Mary Gayle Ramsey

has been researching redistricting requirements.

Under an agreement that resulted from a lawsuit settled several years ago, the council is selected on a single-member district basis with only the mayor elected at large.

That agreement stipulated that council districts must be redrawn after each census.

All council members serve two-year terms.

Council backs construction of racetrack

KAUFMAN — A resolution supporting construction of a racetrack west of Kaufman has been passed by the Kaufman City Council.

About two weeks ago, Race Circuit Management Inc. of Texas announced it would construct a multi-racing facility which would facilitate three types of motor sport racing. With a drag strip, road course, and oval race track, it will be the only racing facility in the world encompassing all three systems in one complex. It will be built on a site of approximately 610 acres on U. S. 175 between Kaufman and Crandall in the Gastonia community.

The resolution cited an expected cost of \$20 million, plus \$15 million in additional ancillary costs, and the creation of hundreds of jobs which the racetrack represents.

"The City of Kaufman with great enthusiasm supports the location of the DFW International Raceway in Kaufman County," the council resolution says in part.



Thursday, August 18, 2005

The Kaufman Herald

Council takes step to 'discontinue' Dallas Crown as non-con-

By JEANIE ALLEN DAVIS

Kaufman city council voted unanimously Monday to direct Board of Adjustments to begin proceedings to discontinue Dallas Crown as a non-conforming use.

The local packing plant supplies horse meat for human consumption for people in Asia and Europe. The city claims the plant has not been in compliance with city ordinance since it opened

business in Kaufman.

Dallas Crown became non-conforming in 1999 when city council adopted "the Zoning Ordinance," addressing non-conforming uses in the city.

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for compliance of health and sanitation ordinances.

The report showed that Dallas Crown did not provide a covered enclosure for trailers waiting to be loaded. Significant foul odors were also detected during daily monitoring of the area.

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mons to Dallas Crown for seven total violations.

Most recently, three summons were issued for three separate wastewater violations on July 20 and Aug. 1.

The city is also involved in a lawsuit with Dallas Crown after cutting off utility service to the plant last summer.

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suit is resolved.

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worried about Dallas Crown. I am worried about the city," he said.

City attorney David Dodd said, according to city ordinance, a non-conforming use can continue unless it becomes a public nuisance.

Dodd said those requirements have been met with the filing of complaints by residents, monitoring by the city and the required number of names on the petition presented by Robert Eldridge and other residents.

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