

Minutes

Kennedy City Council Meeting
January 10, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Todd Truedson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Kennedy City Office. Council Members present were Duane Peterson, Paul Larson, Kevin Hanson and Mary Ryden. Also present were Mary Cooney and Greg Mitziga.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recited.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS: The swearing-in of new mayor, Todd Truedson, and of the new council members, Kevin Hanson and Mary Ryden.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Get new flags for office. Clerk to see if VFW will donate.

APPROVAL/CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES: The Kennedy City Council Meeting Minutes for December 6, 2010, were reviewed. Motion was made by Ryden, and seconded by Larson, to approve the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM: None.

CLERK'S REPORT: Clerk will check with Citizens State Bank if City can use the bank's depository drop box as a city water bill drop box location.

Motion was made by Larson, and seconded by Ryden, to approve the Clerk's Report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mitziga has 4 hours snow removal overtime on December 31, 2010, and 7 hours on January 1, 2011. The Unpaid Bills Detail was reviewed. The Cash Balance Sheet was reviewed. Larson reviewed the received bills, December bank statement and the reconciliation statement. Discussion about the large amount of propane the school gym is using ensued. Signs will be put up to return heat to 50 degrees when done in the gym. Motion was made by Larson, and seconded by Ryden, to pay the bills as presented. All in favor, motion carried. Motion was made by Ryden, and seconded by Hanson, to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Three big snow storms this month. 11 hours overtime submitted. Also, 3 hours approved for C. Swenson helping with Christmas lights. Tractor/snow blower needs work. G. Mitziga will take to John Deere. Motion was made by Ryden, and seconded by Hanson, to accept the Maintenance Report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chimney fire at Larson residence in Donaldson. Motion was made by Ryden, and seconded by Peterson, to accept the Fire Department Report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS: School report. John Deere came to look at lockers with the possibility of buying them. Clerk will look up price on lockers sold to Newfolden. Fan in gym is noisy and needs attention, possibly new bearing. Also, check out new switch, so once new bearing is in the fans can run at a slower speed to reduce wear and tear. Josh Pietruszewski hours for school cleaning were approved and will be paid out of the EDA fund.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Warming House: There was trouble with heater but it's working now and the meter is in and set to off-peak.

Snow In Front of School: K. Hanson will shovel in front of school if he gets to it before G. Mitziga.

Newman House: Clerk will call Kittson County Public Health Nurse, Cindy Urbaniak, to see if there is an avenue here to address the issues of no running water, no sewer, and possible public health risk.

NEW BUSINESS

Committee Appointments: Will stand as established in September, 2010.

Sealed Bids for 412 North Atlantic: Two bids were received, one from Gary Bostad for \$550 and one from Greg Snare for \$1,255. Motion was made by P. Larson, and seconded by D. Peterson, to accept the bid of Greg Snare. All in favor, motion carried.

Citizen Charge Policy for Garbage Bags: The City will no longer allow private citizens to charge their garbage bags. With the exception of churches and businesses, garbage bags must be paid for at the time of purchase. Also, the City will now pay for the bags upon receipt from Anderson Sanitation and no longer track and store money on Anderson's behalf. Motion was made by M. Ryden, and seconded by K. Hanson, to accept the new terms for garbage bags policy. All in favor, motion carried.

Emergency Snow Removal Rate: A. Christian no longer agrees to work in this capacity for \$12/hour. P. Larson and K. Hanson volunteered to ride with G. Mitziga and serve as backup if necessary, until further notice.

Kittson County Municipal Rep. for NWDC: T. Truedson agreed to have his name put forward for this position. Motion was made by P. Larson, and seconded by D. Peterson, to accept T. Truedson as the Kennedy representative for the NWDC. All in favor, motion carried.

Audit Confirmation: Motion was made by D. Peterson, and seconded by P. Larson, to use the CPA firm of Dress, Risky & Vallanger, Ltd. for the City of Kennedy's 2010 Audit. All in favor, motion carried.

NWCAA Small Cities Joint Participation Agreement: Through participation in this agreement, monies will be made available to a small number of Kennedy residents for home improvements. Motion was made by D. Peterson, and seconded by P. Larson, for City of Kennedy to participate in the aforementioned agreement. All in favor, motion carried.

February Meeting Date: The meeting will be held on Monday, February 7 at 7 PM in the City Office.

There being no further business brought forward for the council's attention, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 PM by motion of Hanson, seconded by Peterson. All in favor, motion carried.

Mary Cooney, Clerk (Attest)

Todd Truedson, Mayor