

Minutes

Kennedy City Council Meeting January 9, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Todd Truedson called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M. at the Kennedy City Office. Council Members present included Paul Larson, Kevin Hanson, Duane Peterson and Mary Ryden. Also present were Aaron Kirkeby, Mary Cooney and Greg Mitziga.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recited.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: MnDOT State Aid for Local Transportation

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: D. Peterson made a motion to approve the December 2011 minutes as presented. K. Hanson seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM: None.

CLERK'S REPORT: The Kittson Central School District invited area business owners and city government officials to a breakfast forum to discuss community needs for the future. P. Larson and M. Cooney will try to attend. MN Northwest Cooperative and Office Max provided the city with six cases of complimentary paper as a thank-you for participating in the service co-op. Flooding of the ice rink will continue, as the rink is being used and enjoyed even though it was off to a slow start. NKRW notified the city of a 3% water rate increase effective immediately. The council agreed to amend the Resolution Adopting a Rate Increase for the Water Enterprise Fund, passed on December 12, 2011, to include the 3% increase. The rate for the first 1000 gallons was changed from \$9.65 to \$10.00. And the amended resolution would change each additional 1000 gallons from \$7.55/1000 gallons to \$7.80/1000 gallons. P. Larson made a motion to accept the Clerk's Report as presented. M. Ryden seconded. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: City's Cash Balance Sheet, Unpaid Bills Detail, and Checks Issued in Month were reviewed. The city received \$29,957.28 as the second half of 2011 property taxes during the month of December. The city also received \$34,907.58 in Minnesota state aid in the forms of LGA, Market Value Credit and PERA aid. City was charged an \$18 Service Charge on the Capital Outlay account because it was below the minimum. City only receives that statement once a year and therefore was unaware of this issue. Clerk was directed to inquire about having the service charge waived. K. Hanson made a motion to transfer \$200 from General Checking into the Capital Outlay fund to bring balance above minimum and avoid service fees. M. Ryden seconded. Motion carried. D. Peterson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. M. Ryden seconded. Motion carried.

PAY BILLS: K. Hanson made motion to pay the bills as presented. D. Peterson seconded. Motion carried.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: G. Mitziga added hasps to the cold storage doors at the school. The school's waterlines were blown out on December 20, 2011. The water shut-down process went better than expected and while it was estimated to cost \$6500, the cost was actually only \$1200 because everything went so smoothly. G. Mitziga went through building and disposed of soap containers and cleaning supplies. Cleaned out junk, put anti-freeze in the toilets and padlocked the bathroom doors. All smaller items the City may want to keep or sell were moved to storage rooms and the rooms have been locked. Chris Swenson helped take down Christmas lights on New Year's Day. P. Larson made a motion to accept the Maintenance Report as presented. K. Hanson seconded. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Fire Chief Aaron Kirkeby reported the Fire Dept. has had a couple of practice burns including one on Sunday, January 8, 2012, at Cat Fish Haven. The rescue van is in the works, using a \$59,000 loan and \$31,000 grant. He is looking for a used Snap-On Van and then will retrofit with rescue gear, including generator, lights and cascade system. Whatever money the Fire Dept. doesn't use for the rescue van can be used for breathing apparatus (SBA) or other needed gear. The city will explore means of a bridge loan for the Fire Department so they can buy a vehicle quickly if one becomes available and then the Fire Department will reimburse the city when the grant and loan money becomes available to them. P. Larson made a motion to accept the Fire Dept. Report as presented. M. Ryden seconded. Motion carried.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT: Northstar asked for rental pricing on the school shop. Their contents would be covered under their own insurance rider. Electricity usage would be monitored and paid by city unless it became an issue. K. Hanson made a motion that school shop be rented to Northstar for \$1200/month for any lease period under 3 years and \$1000/month for any lease period three years or longer. P. Larson seconded. Motion carried. How to proceed with the contents of the building was tabled until next month's council meeting. No vote was taken. Clerk was directed to advertise school cold storage space in Enterprise. D. Peterson made a motion to accept the School

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Committee Report as presented. K. Hanson seconded. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The outstanding long-time delinquent city water bills have been attached to the 2012 Real Estate Property Taxes. The city attorney is in the process of writing letters to eight local property owners that have properties that constitute local fire, safety and/or health hazards and must be repaired or removed. Clerk was directed to find out about taking Shane Martin and RexWinger to small claims court for their outstanding water bills. Remember the Special Council Meeting scheduled for January 16, 2012, at 7:00 P.M., at the City Office. Meeting has been called for the purposes of completing Federal EDA Go-Green Grant paperwork.

NEW BUSINESS: The Minnesota DOT is soliciting counties, cities, townships and other local agencies to submit projects for funding under The Routes of Regional Significance Account of the Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP). The window is narrow and the clerk was directed to contact the county engineer to discuss the feasibility of (1) any Kennedy roads qualifying as “regionally significant”, and (2) meeting the February 3, 2012 submission deadline. The 2012 Kennedy Fee Schedule was reviewed and all fees will remain the same with the exception of the following three: Dog Licenses will be raised to \$15; Building Permits will be raised to \$25.00; and Cold Storage will be raised to \$350.00. K. Hanson made motion to set the 2012 fees as agreed upon. D. Peterson seconded. Motion carried.

FEBRUARY MEETING DATE: The February meeting will be held on Monday, 2/6/2012, at 7 PM in the City Office.

There being no further business brought forward for the council’s attention, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM by motion of D. Peterson, seconded by K. Hanson. Motion carried.

Signed 03/08/2012

Mary Cooney, Clerk (Attest)

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Todd Truedson, Mayor