

# Minutes

Kennedy City Council Meeting  
August 6, 2012

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Truedson called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. Council Members present were Duane Peterson, Paul Larson, Kevin Hanson and Mary Ryden. Also present were Mary Cooney, Greg Mitziga, Pastor Steve Grosz and Kittson Central School Superintendent Bob Jaszczak.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Recited.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:** Annual Threshing Worship Service and Kittson Central Kennedy Ball Park Lease Agreement.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** D. Peterson made a motion to approve the July minutes as presented. M. Ryden seconded. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** Pastor Steve Grosz requested the use of the school (gym and a second room for child care) for the Annual Threshing Service on September 23, 2012. He would also need access throughout the week prior for delivery of supplies. Folding chairs and a Port-a-Potty would be necessary. Airing out the building throughout the week prior was also requested. K. Hanson made a motion to rent the school, per Rev. Grosz's request and specifications, for the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00). Duane Peterson seconded the motion. The motion carried. Clerk Cooney was directed to work with Rev. Grosz to accommodate this activity. Rev. Grosz left the chambers.

Superintendent Bob Jaszczak reported that the District wanted to renegotiate the Kennedy Ball Park lease. He also informed the council that the City of Kennedy, as part of that lease, would no longer be billed for use of the Hallock Ice Arena. Discussion took place about the cost of the field to the city, as well as the benefit of the lease to both the city and the district. Once the council and Supt. Jaszczak were satisfied that all aspects of the lease had been discussed, the council informed Supt. Jaszczak that they would get back to him with a pricing quote and Supt. Jaszczak left the chambers.

K. Hanson made a motion to charge Kittson Central School district \$3,500/year for the lease of the Kennedy Ball Park. D. Peterson and M. Ryden opposed. The motion carried. K. Hanson agreed to inform Supt. Jaszczak of the \$3,500.00 fee.

**CLERK'S REPORT:** No one has filed for city council yet. Council encouraged those present to speak to city residents they think would make good council members and urge them to consider running. Tuesday, August 14 is the last date to file.

The fee schedule was discussed with regards council and city employee rental of tables and chairs. It was confirmed that, as in the past, council members and city employees may rent tables and chairs at the fee schedule rates.

Per Northwest Community Action Agency's Diane Hayes e-mail, "At this point Northwest Community Action has no active housing rehab activities going...on property located [at] 511 Prairie Avenue, Kennedy MN."

The City of Kennedy's Emergency Management plan was reviewed, recognizing the city clerk as the Local Municipal Emergency Manager. This person will coordinate emergency measures with the City Maintenance Director, the Commander of the VFW, the office or president at Maria Lutheran Church, and the residents of Kennedy. The VFW will serve as the primary shelter facility, with Maria Lutheran Church functioning as the secondary shelter.

Celebrate Kennedy 2012 was reviewed. All agreed it went well considering how few people were in town. Moving the date was discussed, as the third week-end in July conflicts with so many surrounding towns' celebrations. K. Hanson made a motion to move Celebrate Kennedy to the fourth week-end in July for the years 2013 and 2014. M. Ryden seconded. Motion carried. 2014 is Kennedy's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Clerk Cooney will begin getting a mailing list together and we will try to start forming committees by year-end.

M. Ryden made a motion to accept the Clerks Report as presented. D. Peterson seconded. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** City's financials were presented and reviewed. The city received the first half of the 2012 state aid to local governments in the amount of \$33,544. The Minnesota Revenue 2013 Local Government Aid Notice has been received and indicated no cut to the City of Kennedy's 2013 aid. M. Ryden made a motion to accept the Treasurer Report as presented. D. Peterson seconded. Motion carried.

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**PAY BILLS:** M. Ryden made a motion to pay bills as presented. D. Peterson seconded. Motion carried.

**MAINTENANCE REPORT:** G. Mitziga presented the Maintenance Report as follows: The city was mowed throughout, prior to Celebrate Kennedy. Two new picnic tables have been made. K. Hanson made a motion to make four more picnic tables. P. Larson seconded. Motion carried. Does the city want to spray for dandelions at \$52/gallon and about \$500 remaining in budget? P. Larson made a motion to spray for dandelions while staying within budget. K. Hanson seconded. Motion carried. The ball park grandstand was painted this past month and the hedge in Sorenson Park was cleaned-up, with dead wood being removed. Stump grinding was done in town with a total of 69 stumps being removed. The burn pile was set on fire again. It is believed that residents with burn barrels are dumping them at the burn pile, possibly before the barrel's fires are completely extinguished. We have also had some complaints about barking dogs. T. Truedson will speak to residents with burn barrels and barking dogs. P. Larson made motion to accept Maintenance Report as presented. K. Hanson seconded. Motion carried.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** G. Mitziga presented the Fire Department Report. Three calls came in during the past month. On July 11 a fire call was received for a ditch fire at G. Krogstad's. Fire was almost out when arrived and stayed about one hour. On July 11 a sensor went off at the Farmer's Elevator. Reset sensor and call was canceled. And, on August 5 a call came in from Hallock. Hallock Elevator sensor went off. Called about 2 miles out of town and told call was canceled. Fire department members G. Mitziga and T. Truedson do not know the status of the Fire Department's Rescue Van. K. Hanson made a motion to accept the Fire Dept. Report as presented. M. Ryden seconded. Motion carried.

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT:** The turbine was last fixed on 4/20/2012, and is still running as of this date, but did require resetting twice in the last month with no fault codes appearing on screen.

T. Truedson will purchase grass seed for his portion of the turf restoration project and he will seed it sometime this fall. Who will pay for the seed on the remaining portion? It was noted, turf restoration was part of the turbine contract, as well.

Entire council and city staff will participate in the sale of school contents at the Hwy 75 Marketplace Sale on Saturday, September 8, 2012, from 8:00 to 3:00, with each signing up for a shift. Some council members will also meet at the school on Thursday, September 6, at 7:00 p.m., to set prices on any unmarked items.

K. Hanson made a motion to accept the School Committee Report as presented. D. Peterson seconded. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Council has agreed to allow Jason Olson and Shayne Martin to pay outstanding water bills within three months from the date of a mailed notice to prevent legal action. Clerk has been unable to find current addresses for Olson and Martin. Council members agreed to help provide these addresses.

The next steps for the condemned properties will be to contact city attorney J. Hane about drafting a letter to the remaining eight property owners. Clerk Cooney was directed to work with Hane on the letter and to present it to the council for review and approval *prior to* mailing it to the property owners.

**NEW BUSINESS:** G. Mitziga was directed to contact Weleske about starting the Kennedy Camp Site project in September. Clerk Cooney was directed to look for grants for playground and tennis court updates.

**SEPTEMBER MEETING DATE:** The September council meeting will be held on September 10, 2012, at 7:00 P.M. at the City Office.

There being no further business brought forward for the council's attention, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM by motion made by M. Ryden, seconded by D. Peterson. All in favor, motion carried.

Signed 9/10/2012

Mary Cooney, Clerk (Attest)

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Todd Truedson, Mayor