

Minutes

Kennedy City Council Meeting
June 10, 2013

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor T. Truedson called the meeting to order at 5:10 P.M. Council members present included Kevin Hanson, Justin Osowski, Cindy Urbaniak and P. Larson. Also present were City employees Greg Mitziga and Mary Cooney.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recited.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Delayed until next month.

PUBLIC FORUM: Chris and Pam Swenson were here to discuss the condemnation and demolition of Barb Swenson's antique store. Swenson asked the council if the council could work with them on the price. Council stated the price came directly from the party completing the demolition, so the council had no authority to reduce the price. Swenson asked the council if the City could price share the demolition cost with them. Council stated that they had a budget for some incentive pricing during 2012, however, in 2013 that money was no longer available. Council also stated that there have been parties within the City of Kennedy that have removed condemned buildings during 2013 and these parties have absorbed the complete cost themselves. Swenson asked if the building was removed, would the City accept the lot if it was gifted to them. Council said they would.

CLERK'S REPORT: Gerald Carlson is seeking reimbursement for a flowering crab tree that he claims was damaged by the City snow plow. P. Larson made a motion to reimburse G. Carlson the cost of a new tree. J. Osowski seconded. K. Hanson objected. Motion carried.

Celebrate Kennedy 2013 was discussed. K. Hanson had objections to the schedule. Too late to change, as all advertising goes out one month in advance. Events are planned, scheduled, and have volunteers in place.

125th Anniversary committees haven't made much progress. Steering Committee co-chairs C. Urbaniak and P. Larson decided a 125th planning meeting will be held at the VFW at 5:00 on Monday, June 24. This is not a council meeting and therefore public notice, as required by Minnesota state statute for council meetings, is not necessary.

C. Urbaniak made a motion to accept the Clerk's Report as presented. J. Osowski seconded. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The City's financial report was presented, including Checks Issued in May, 2013; Unpaid Bills Detail as of June 10, 2013; June 10, 2013, Cash Balance Sheet; and 05/29/2013 Bank Statements. Large expenses this month include \$1216 to Brink, Sobolik...for condemnation assistance, \$5790 to Drees, Risky & Vallager for 2012 audit, \$884 to Kittson Co. Auditor for second half of water bond interest, and, \$1760 to Weleske for spring ditch cleaning.

P. Larson made a motion to accept the Treasurer Report as presented. J. Osowski seconded. Motion carried.

PAY BILLS: P. Larson made a motion to pay all bills, totaling \$14,538.82, as presented. J. Osowski seconded. Motion carried.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Attached.

K. Hanson made a motion to accept Maintenance Report as presented. C. Urbaniak seconded. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Attached.

K. Hanson made a motion to accept Fire Department Report as presented. C. Urbaniak seconded. Motion carried.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT: The turbine continues to run inconsistently.

B. Field room has been rented out to new tenant but Field rent remains outstanding.

Turf restoration work from the 2010 geothermal loop field installation continues to be outstanding.

A bid from Upper Midwest Athletic construction for tennis court resurfacing was reviewed. \$14,000, with 1 year standard warranty, 3 year Armor coat warranty with 10 years use expected. The cost of a new court is around \$70,000. Council indicated the City did not have the money for this project at this time and directed the clerk to research grants.

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K. Hanson left council chambers for the evening.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Sheriff served one individual with long-term delinquent water bill on May 30, 2013. He now has 180 days to set-up payment schedule. The City is waiting for an update from the sheriff on other party.

Regarding condemnation of Halbert and Newman properties, demolition bids were received from Anderson Brothers Construction. Legally, we are waiting for next step from J. Hane, after the July 2, 2013, court date.

NEW BUSINESS: Clerk and Maintenance Director will work on getting bids for painting shop.

P. Larson has requested research on new "Welcome to Kennedy" signs.

Clerk is working with two engineering firms, getting quotes on office repair and restoration. By working with engineering firms, the City will qualify for long-term, low interest, USDA Rural Development funds.

Clerk is working with Hane on next set of demolition properties.

JULY MEETING DATE: The July council meeting will be held on Monday, July 15, 2013, 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 7:40 PM by motion made by C. Urbaniak and seconded by P. Larson. All in favor and the motion carried.

Signed July 15, 2013
Mary Cooney, Clerk (Attest)

Signed July 15, 2013
Todd Truedson, Mayor

City of Kennedy

Maintenance Report

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1. May 7, 2013 – Skywarn class at Kittson County court house, 6:30 p.m.
2. May 8, 2013 – Took out lockers at school and delivered to T. Truedson and P. Larson.
3. May 9, 2013 – City clean-up. Hauled junk to landfill.
4. May 15, 2013 – Glenn Anderson and Son's tore down JoAnn Winger's house and hauled away.
5. May 22-31, 2013 – Mow throughout town and at ponds.
6. May 22-31, 2013 – Sprayed for dandelions.
7. May 27, 2013 – Mowing at ball diamond. 3 hours overtime.
8. June 4 – Pet Clinic at City shop from 5:30 to 7:30. Well attended
9. June 6, 2013 – Put up new banners along Hwy 75.
10. Pumped water from ball field.
11. Items to get done before Celebrate Kennedy include gravel on alleys and street cleaning. Street cleaning was scheduled for last month but postponed due to rain.
12. Does council want dirt filled in on empty lots, e.g., coke lot? NO
13. Does council want to buy more dandelion spray so spraying throughout City can be completed this year and dandelions should be pretty much under control for next year?
P. Larson made a motion to buy and apply more dandelion spray this year. J. Osowski seconded. Motion carried.
14. A bid for a 1993 John Deere 7800 from Hanson's Auto and Implement Inc. was presented for the amount of \$49000, less \$8000 trade-in on the City's 4430, with 5 year financing, interest around 4%, and no payment the first 12 months.
John Deere did not have anything competitive to offer.
C. Urbaniak made a motion to make purchase agreement with Hanson's, provided price does **not** exceed the \$41000. K. Hanson seconded. Motion carried.

City of Kennedy Fire Dept. Report

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1. June 4 – Monthly meeting with 5 department members in attendance.
2. No fire calls last month.