

Minutes

Kennedy City Council Meeting
May 8, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Todd Truedson called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Council members present included Jon Pietruszewski, Cindy Urbaniak, and Matt Casper. Council member Kevin Hanson was absent. City employee Kevin Balstad was present and City Clerk/Treasurer Mary Cooney was absent. Irene Wynne, from Wynne Consulting, was also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recited.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: J. Pietruszewski made a motion to approve the May 8, 2017, monthly council meeting minutes as presented. C. Urbaniak seconded. All in favor and the motion carried.

SMALL CITIES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM: Irene Wynne of Wynne Consulting was present to discuss Kennedy's participation and status in the Small Cities Development Program for owner occupied homes. Kennedy participated with the City of Karlstad in a joint application and between the two cities funds for six more applicants remains available. Wynne wants all known applicants paperwork in at this time so that contractor bids may be completed by July. If funds are still available in July, she may go door to door in Kennedy to discuss the program and try to get the applicants we need. She will e-mail language about the upcoming equal opportunity hearing to be posted on the city's website.

CLERK'S REPORT: The written Clerk's Report was reviewed.

J. Pietruszewski made a motion to accept the Clerk's Report as presented. M. Casper seconded. All in favor and the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The written Treasurer's Report was reviewed.

J. Pietruszewski made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, and to pay the bills, as presented, totaling \$11,907.61. M. Casper seconded. All in favor and the motion carried.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: K. Balstad's written maintenance report was reviewed.

M. Casper will again help with mosquito spraying this summer.

True North charged \$1,800 to work on the tractor and K. Balstad says he is still having problems with it. Balstad was instructed to talk with John, the service manager, at TrueNorth.

Tanner Olson will be starting on Tuesday, May 30 as the city's summer maintenance worker. A second worker from one of the county programs is not available.

The rail road's sand is washing into the west ditch along Highway 75 between 1st and 2nd Street East. There are also drainage issues with the ditch along the coulee between 5th Street and County Road 7. M. Casper will contact Jamie Osowski at the Kittson County's Soil and Water Conservation District. Who owns the ditches and who is responsible for maintaining them? K. Balstad will get some estimates for cleaning the ditches.

K. Balstad will purchase red paint and paint the city's fire hydrants this summer.

M. Casper made a motion to accept the Maintenance Report as presented. J. Pietruszewski seconded. All in favor and the motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: The quote for the hose for the new pumper truck has been obtained.

J. Pietruszewski made a motion to accept the Fire Department Report as presented. C. Urbaniak seconded. All in favor and the motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

School Report. The fans for the school hallways were finally ordered and installed.

Parks, Recreation & Celebrate Kennedy Report. Celebrate Kennedy 2017 will begin Friday night at the ball park, including a meal. Saturday noon meal will be served at the Community Center with bingo to follow. Saturday

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events discussed include kid games and fire truck rides, triathlon, run, and volleyball. The Fire Department will serve the Saturday evening meal and the band has been booked for a Saturday night dance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Urie EDA Loan. Ben Urie sold the old lumber yard but is still thinking about using EDA money to fix up his remaining building. The council would like him to attend a council meeting to discuss.

City Parcel 220262380 Rental Agreement. Land rent has not been received. J. Pietruszewski made a motion to reduce the requested rent from \$500/year to \$250/year. M. Casper seconded. All in favor and the motion carried. The tenant is also responsible for the property taxes.

City Ordinance 60 Violations. 401 Manila Avenue has been cleaned up and is no longer in violation of Kennedy Ordinance #60. However, these owners have purchased additional property in Kennedy that is also in violation of Ordinance 60 and will need to be addressed.

304 Atlantic Avenue has been partially cleaned up. Additional letter needed.

308 West 4th Street remains in violation. Serve legal order to repair or remove hazardous conditions.

NEW BUSINESS/NEXT MEETING DATE: Casey Langen purchased land Parcel 360002600, located in Kennedy, from Alerus Financial Property Ops (Zeigler). That parcel had a \$500 unpaid code enforcement fee assessed for collection with the payable 2016 property taxes. C. Langen inquired whether the council would authorize the cancellation of the assessment, since he now owns and maintains the property. M. Casper made a motion to cancel the levied unpaid code enforcement fees in the sum of FIVE HUNDRED AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$500.00) remaining on Parcel 360002600. J. Pietruszewski seconded. All in favor and the motion carried.

Glen Brazier wants to buy the remaining bleachers in the school and also the glass doors from the south wings. They would close the door openings with tin. Council agreed to negotiate with him on this request with the city's first offer being as follows: All items requested will be available to Brazier for free in exchange for the installation of a 12' X 14' garage door on the school's gym north wall. M. Casper will talk to Brazier tomorrow, May 9th. The city's intention with this negotiation is to convert the gymnasium to boat and camper storage.

The June monthly council meeting will be held on Monday, June 12, 2017, at 7:00 P.M., at the City Office.

ADJOURN: There being no further business brought forward for the Council's attention, the meeting was adjourned with a motion made by J. Pietruszewski and second by M. Casper. All in favor and the motion carried.

June 12, 2017

Mary Cooney, Clerk (Attest)

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Todd Truedson, Mayor