

Kennedy Klips

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Council Sets 2012 Tax Levy

At the September 12, 2011, City Council meeting, the tax levy was set for the upcoming 2012 tax year. Several considerations impacted the final levy amount, including the fact that the state aid to cities known as Market Value Homestead Credit (MVHC) has been completely eliminated in 2012, resulting in a \$2,670 revenue loss for Kennedy.

Additionally, with the significant reduction in the city's reserves since 2008, we will see approximately \$6,000 less in interest income.

The above losses total \$8,670, which is 13% of the approximately \$70,000 Kennedy is on track to receive in 2011 real estate taxes. It was evident to the council, expenses had to be cut. The first to go was \$3,700, 100% of mayoral and council salaries. Also eliminated was all new software, all performance awards, and all temporary staff. With these additional cuts the shortfall was reduced to \$3,970, or 6% of \$70,000. As the council feels strongly about protecting the remaining city reserves, they decided to build in a small cushion and voted to set Kennedy's 2012 real estate tax levy at a 7% increase.

Snowbird Utility Policy

On October 11, 2011, at the Kennedy City Council meeting, the following Snowbird Water and Sewer Utility Policy was put in place. The new policy gives resident snowbirds two choices, hopefully providing reasonable pricing options for both the resident and the city.

WATER TURNED-OFF AT CURB-STOP.

Upon the resident's advance request, the city will schedule a time to turn-off the resident's water at the curb-stop for a fee of \$20. And again, upon the resident's advance request, the city will schedule a time to turn the resident's water back on at the curb-stop, for a fee of \$20. Other than the total of \$40, the resident will not be billed for any utility services during the time the water remains off.

WATER REMAINS ON AT CURB-STOP.

If the resident chooses to keep the water on at the curb-stop, they will be billed monthly for city water and sewer services at their usual rates, including water based upon usage. In this case, no discounts will be offered during the resident's absence.

Calendar

City Office Closed

Monday, October 31, 2011
Tuesday, November 1, 2011
Tuesday, November 15, 2011
Wednesday-Friday, November 23-25
Tuesday, November 29, 2011

Thirsty Thursdays

Chicken and Beer
Every Thursday
5:00—7:30 p.m.
At the Kennedy Café.

Fish Fry Fridays

Pan Fried *or* Deep Fried Walleye
Choice of Potato, Salad Bar, French Bread
First Friday of Every Month
5:00—7:30 p.m.
At the Kennedy Café.

Halloween Party & Supper



October 31, 2011, Monday 5:00-6:30 p.m.
Treats and Door Prizes
At the Kennedy Café & VFW Middle Room.

Daylight Saving Time Ends

November 6, 2011, Sunday, 2 a.m.
Set your clocks *back* one hour.

City Council Meeting

November 7, 2011, Monday, 7 p.m.
At the City Office.
Public is encouraged to attend.

DELINQUENT OCT. WATER BILLS DUE

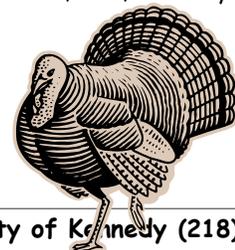
November 14, 2011, Monday, 2 p.m.
At the City Office.

WATER DISCONNECTION DAY

For All Delinquent October Accounts
November 15, 2011, Tuesday, 8 a.m.

Thanksgiving Holiday

City Office and Shop Closed
November 24, 2011, Thursday



City of Kennedy (218) 674-4142

Odds & Ends

Cold Storage Available. The City of Kennedy has cold storage in the Kennedy Center available immediately. Cost is \$300/year. Contact the City Office.

Snow Days Reminder. Get ready for the first snowfall now by moving all vehicles, boats, trailers, etc., off city streets and alleys, so the city plow can do its job. Also, when cleaning sidewalks and driveways, please DO NOT move snow onto city streets.

Kennedy Korv For Sale. Available at Kennedy's Citizens State Bank and the VFW.

Christmas Wreaths For Sale. 24" wreaths for \$15/each are now on sale. Put your name on the list at Citizens State Bank or speak to any member of the Kennedy Crew.

2011 Go-Green 5K Walk/Run T-Shirts for Sale... \$5 each. Many adult sizes available. They'll make great Christmas gifts. Get them while they last, at the City Office.

Thank You! Kevin Hanson and Chris Swenson, thank-you for donating dandelion chemical to the City of Kennedy. The City did not have to buy any dandelion chemical this fall, thanks to your generosity.

Thank You! The Kennedy Community Garden thanks Cindy & Keith Urbaniak, Doris & Peter Mortenson, Bev Lundberg, and Gloria & Pete Dziengel for their generous donations and continued support! This year we provided six summer jobs to Kennedy youth. However, we still need your help in meeting our 2011 expenses. Please consider making a donation today. Make checks payable to "The Kennedy Community Garden". Thank you!

City Office Hours: M-F 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.