

Minutes

Kennedy City Council Meeting
June 11, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Truedson called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M. Council Members present were Duane Peterson, Paul Larson, Kevin Hanson and Mary Ryden. Also present were Mary Cooney, Greg Mitziga, and Margie Newman.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recited.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Margie Newman regarding the condemnation of her property.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: P. Larson made a motion to approve the April and May minutes as presented. D. Peterson seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM: Margie Newman stated she is still interested in getting a building permit so that repairs can be made to her house and she and her pets may remain living there. Newman stated all “old” garbage has been removed. Newman inquired what the City meant when it referred to a “partial” building permit. T. Truedson stated that the partial permit would be issued initially for water and sewer connections, followed by a structural permit for foundation, structure and window repairs, with a permit for aesthetics being issued only once all other conditions have been met. Truedson stated the City is looking for NW Community Action to approve the condition of the house prior to the City issuing any of the building permits. Newman left the chambers after the public forum.

CLERK’S REPORT: Celebrate Kennedy was discussed. A. Kirkeby and the Kennedy Crew will be serving pulled pork at the V for a Kennedy Fire Department fund raiser on Friday night. K. Hanson and P. Larson will be responsible for the Friday night games at the ball park. M. Cooney will work with Kim and Keith Dziengel on the Friday night horse activities in the park. Saturday 5K will be coordinated by K. Hanson with Jon Turn helping. M. Ryden and D. Peterson will be at the registration table. M. Cooney will be in charge of water, bananas and granola bars. K. Hanson will get the big time clock from the hospital Jami Hanson has volunteered to help where needed. The Bowman women and Lynn Mattson will be approached to do the Saturday kid games. M. Cooney asked T. Truedson if we could also have fire truck rides on Saturday afternoon. T. Truedson said he could arrange the rides. The school contents sale will be postponed until September when the King of Trails sales are held.

City council vacancies will be posted in the Kittson County Enterprise and the Kennedy Klips. Mary Ryden’s and Duane Peterson’s terms are up.

City of Hallock is seeking a contribution to Hallock’s summer rec program from the City of Kennedy. As Kennedy kids are participating in Hallock’s programs this year, P. Larson made a motion to contribute \$1,250 to Hallock’s 2012 summer rec program. M. Ryden seconded. Motion carried.

M. Cooney asked council to consider donating \$500 to the Kennedy Community Garden & Summer Youth Jobs Program from the unused remaining \$1,250 that was budgeted for Kennedy’s summer rec. K. Hanson made a motion for the City to contribute \$500 to Kennedy’s Community Garden & Summer Youth Jobs Program. D. Peterson seconded. Motion carried.

Council discussed payment to Bonnie Johnson for time spent in office during clerk’s vacation. Payment of \$100 was agreed upon.

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

TREASURER’S REPORT: City’s financials were presented to council via hand delivery on Thursday, 6/14/2012. By the act of review and signature approval, K. Hanson made a motion to accept the Treasurer Report as presented. Upon review and as indicated by his initials, D. Peterson seconded. Motion carried.

PAY BILLS: M. Ryden made a motion for the Finance Committee to review and approve the payment of bills. T. Truedson seconded. Motion carried. By the act of review and signature approval, K. Hanson made a motion to accept the Treasurer Report as presented. Upon review, and as indicated by his initials, D. Peterson seconded. Motion carried.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: G. Mitziga presented the Maintenance Report as follows: City streets were cleaned May 9. Dirt pile at turbine has been moved to burn pile by Weleske. Week of June 4th, B. Hultgren started his summer job with the city, and the concrete slabs that had been stock piled behind city shop were moved to Hallock. Tuesday, June 5, the small pet clinic was held at the City Shop, and was very well attended. June 6th water shut-off valves were repaired at the residences of A. Christian and R. Truedson. June 8th scrap metal was hauled to Bronson.

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Robin McEnelly filed a complaint about the concrete and debris M. Casper has piled next door to McEnelly's house. K. Hanson will speak with M. Casper. Dead tree removal is happening around town. D. Peterson made motion to accept Maintenance Report as presented. K. Hanson seconded. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: G. Mitziga presented the Fire Department Report. A false alarm at Kittson Central School in Hallock on June 5 was the only call this month. Custom Strips will decal the new Enbridge pick-up and the tanker truck sometime this month. A Kirkeby, T. Truedson, M. Cooney, and Andrew Gag of U.S.D.A. Rural Development met with City Attorney J. Hane at Hane's office in Hallock to sign the Fire Rescue Van loan paperwork on May 30th. The City is looking for the rescue van to be picked up before the end of June, 2012, and for the retro-fit to be completed before September 1, 2012, which is within 90 days from the loan paperwork signing. P. Larson made a motion to accept the Fire Dept. Report as presented. D. Peterson seconded. Motion carried.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT: The turbine was last fixed on 4/20/2012, and is still running as of this date.

T. Truedson has leveled the loop field area at the school. G. Mitziga stated it is very rough when going over with the mower and needs to be cultivated and leveled again. Need pricing on grass seed.

Andy Kirkeby offered \$1000 for itemized list of kitchen items (list attached). Based on bids received from vendors and kitchen professionals, the council has determined the value at around \$2,420 and therefore rejected Kirkeby's offer. However, did council agreed they would accept \$2,000. M. Cooney will pass the pricing information onto Kirkeby.

On June 5, 2012, M. Cooney met with U.S. Department of Commerce EDA Project Manager Mohammed Saeed for a GoGreen project site visit. No council members were present. Saeed was disappointed with the state of the project, specifically with regards to only part of the school being heated, no heat in the entry way bathrooms or any of the men's bathrooms, propane heat in the gym, the number and capacity of the existing heaters only designed to heat the building to 55°, and the absence of tenants. Saeed will get back to the City of Kennedy with the next step. If he recommends we shut the project down and sell the assets, his agency will get 50% of sales, the State of Minnesota would get approximately 30%, and the City of Kennedy would get approximately 20%.

Council agreed to research the cost of gym floors in preparation of selling ours; call Kittson Central to find out cost on new gym floor; call TerWee to get info on grade school gym floor.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Coke house was discussed, as the County thinks Twamley's demolition price is too high. After discussion, it was agreed that M. Cooney would approach Twamley with a request for a better price and then go back to the County with Twamley's best price, and a \$500 contribution from City of Kennedy.

Council directed M. Cooney to send bill to Jason Olson for his yard clean-up and garbage pick-up.

NEW BUSINESS: What are the bid requirements for the Kennedy Camp Site project?

JULY MEETING DATE: The July council meeting will be held on July 9, 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 of P. Larson, seconded by M. Ryden. All in favor, motion carried.

Signed July 9, 2012
Mary Cooney, Clerk (Attest)

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Todd Truedson, Mayor