

Minutes

Kennedy City Council Meeting
July 9, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Truedson called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 June minutes as presented. D. Peterson seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM: Margie Newman stated she is currently waiting for the availability of a friend's truck to continue removing garbage from her property. M. Newman agreed to request NW Community Action's Pete Christianson call the city of Kennedy and bring the city up-to-date on the help his agency is providing M. Newman. Newman left the chambers after the public forum.

CLERK'S REPORT: Kittson Co. Emergency Plan, due back to the county Emergency Management Direction by 7/20/12, was discussed. The Kennedy VFW was suggested as the primary location and Maria Lutheran Church was suggested as the secondary location. Clerk Cooney was directed to contact both locations and get approval before moving forward. The appointment of the local Emergency Manager was also discussed. No decisions were made.

Celebrate Kennedy is set to go, with the exception of two required resolutions, one to allow liquor in the park and one to allow the closing of the street for a street dance. P. Larson made a motion to approve a one day liquor license to the VFW for alcohol in the ballpark on July 20. M. Ryden seconded. Motion carried. T. Truedson made a motion to approve the closure of East 5th Street for the purposes of a street dance for one day on July 21. K. Hanson seconded. Motion carried.

The MN Pollution Control Agency notified the City that the Gateway Super Service had a petroleum release from a storage tank. The property owner, Robert Totleben, is required to take steps to investigate and clean-up. As of the date of the Agency's letter, R. Totleben has taken no action.

Clerk Cooney attended local election training on Monday, June 25, 2012, at the Kittson County Courthouse.

MaryAnn Petersburg filed a complaint with the city for the removal and disposal of items from her property without her permission. T. Truedson said he would stop by and speak with her.

The city has received a complaint about the weeds at the R. Mortenson property, located on the dirt pile near their fruit trees. P. Larson said he would speak to Mortenson.

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 and reviewed with council. D. Peterson made a motion to accept the Treasurer Report as presented. K. Hanson seconded. Motion carried.

PAY BILLS: D. Peterson made a motion to pay bills as presented. K. Hanson seconded. Motion carried.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: G. Mitziga presented the Maintenance Report as follows: Household hazardous waste was collected at the school parking lot on June 13. Condemned lots are getting cleaned up, including the 66 station and the yellow building behind it, the Coke house and the Lindgren property. Storm drains have been cleaned. The railroad lot has been cleaned up including removal of the large container and stones have been picked out of the grass area. Weeds have been cut around the storage bins near the Farmer's elevator. Trees have been trimmed around the Kennedy welcome signs. Someone set the burn pile on fire on June 28. David Danielson purchased \$20 worth of pots and pans from the school, as well as one of the wooden benches for \$25.00. He offered \$40 for a wooden table but the council agreed to wait until after the King of Trails sale before reducing the price on those tables lower than the \$100 originally agreed upon. D. Peterson made motion to accept Maintenance Report as presented. M. Ryden seconded. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: G. Mitziga presented the Fire Department Report. On July 1 a fire call was received for a ditch fire one mile north of Donaldson. The fire was out by the time the department arrived. On July 6 a fire call was received for electrical line sparking at Janice Hanson's farm, 10 miles west of Kennedy. PKM

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took care of the lines. Decals have been added to the department's brush fire pickup and tanker truck. M. Ryden 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 continued to work on turf restoration at the loop field area at the school. Truedson asked council when they would like him to plant grass. No decision was made. Pricing on grass seed is still outstanding.

Andy Kirkeby has not responded to the city requiring school kitchen contents counter offer.

Clerk Cooney questioned whether or not we should push or advertise remaining rooms in school for cold storage. Council agreed to see where we were after King of Trails sale.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: City received ½ of the McClintic outstanding water bill from the county with the county taxes. Clerk will notify Jason Olson and Shayne Martin to encourage them to arrange a payment schedule they can live with and keep to avoid legal action. They will also be informed of the city's intention to seek payment of their outstanding water bills through any and all legal means possible, including garnishment of wages if necessary. The next steps for the condemned properties will be tabled until next month.

NEW BUSINESS: T. Truedson will start working on the bid requirements for the Kennedy Camp Site project. All other items were tabled at this time.

AUGUST MEETING DATE: The August council meeting will be held on August 6, 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 9:00 PM by motion of P. Larson, seconded by M. Ryden. All in favor, motion carried.

August 6, 2012

Mary Cooney, Clerk (Attest)

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Paul Larson, Deputy Mayor