

**KIESTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2009**

The Kiester City council held a regular meeting on Monday, January 26, 2009. Members present were Mayor Roger Oldfather, council members Jack Moon, Marcus Elvebak, Don Jensen, Ted Mattick, Clerk Kari Jacobson, and Marlin Albers.

Mayor Oldfather called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Jacobson read the minutes from the previous meeting. A motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting as read was made by Jensen and seconded by Mattick. Carried 5-0.

Jacobson prepared a list of claims to be paid, and a list of bills paid to date for January. A motion was made by Moon, and seconded by Jensen to approve the claims to be paid, and the financial report as presented. Carried 5-0.

Jacobson updated the council with the information she obtained from other area cities and their financial statement auditor and costs. The council will wait and see the cost savings of the audit for 2008, and decide whether to change auditors for the year ending December 31, 2009.

Jacobson shared a letter from Christian & Peterson, P.A. regarding a request from the Orville Wigern family for detachment of land from the city. A brief discussion followed with Moon making a motion that was seconded by Elvebak to allow Jacobson to proceed forward by contacting the attorney. Carried 5-0.

Albers provided a maintenance update to the council. A brief discussion followed regarding the condition of the current trucks. Elvebak made a motion that was seconded by Mattick to allow Albers to proceed with equipping the Tanker Truck with a box, and working with Brad Gohla on an agreement to purchase the white truck and convert it also to a dump box truck. Carried 5-0. Elvebak also thanked the fire department for their donation of the tanker truck to the city.

Jacobson provided information to the council regarding a Minnesota Department of Revenue (Revenue Recapture) program which allows cities the power to place a tax levy on Minnesota income tax and Minnesota property tax refunds for debts owed to the city. Jensen made a motion that was seconded by Mattick to allow Jacobson to proceed with this program and collect past due accounts, bad checks, and past due EDA loans. Carried 5-0.

Jacobson presented the revised 2009 salary proposal for all city employees. Mattick made a motion that was seconded by Jensen to approve the proposal for 2009. Carried 5-0. The council also brainstormed possible action items for upcoming meetings. Parking on the street during snow removal, and no parking signs on Highway 2 were also set as a priority.

Jacobson provided a legislative update. Mayor Oldfather, Don Jensen and Clerk-Treas. Kari Jacobson will be attending a meeting in Mankato Thursday evening with other elected officials, and other representatives for a presentation and discussion on the state's fiscal woes, the impacts on all local units of government, and possible ideas for moving forward during tough times. Jacobson also shared information regarding the possible federal stimulus package which if passed could provide federal monies for infrastructure needs of cities, counties, and schools. Jacobson asked for the cities support in helping to obtain funds if they become available for the USC school district.

Jacobson shared dates for the 2009 elected officials meeting which will be March 18th, June 17th, and September 16th. Times and locations will be determined at a later date.

Mayor Oldfather and Clerk Jacobson shared miscellaneous correspondence that has been received by the city. Jacobson shared a letter regarding the upcoming breast cancer fundraiser. Cities are not allowed to spend public funds on donations, but council members and staff will do their part to support the effort. Mayor Oldfather suggested investing some money into a short term CD. Discussion and possible action at next meeting.

Elvebak made a motion that was seconded by Moon to adjourn the meeting. Carried 5-0.

Submitted by
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