

**KIESTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2009**

The Kiester City council held a regular meeting on Monday, March 9, 2009. Members present were Mayor Roger Oldfather (arrived at 7:10), council members Jack Moon, Marcus Elvebak, Don Jensen, Ted Mattick, Clerk Kari Jacobson, and Marlin Albers. Members from the public in attendance were David Piggott from Go Minnesota (Faribault County Development), Judy Meyer, and Rick Goemann.

Council Member Moon 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 Elvebak. Carried 4-0.

David Piggott Executive Director from Go Minnesota gave a presentation to the council regarding the new Faribault County Development organization.

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

Judy Meyer updated the council on the recent computer problems at the Library. She requested to upgrade the computer and acquire high speed internet service from Bevcomm. Jensen made a motion that was seconded by Mattick to pay for maintenance for the clerk's old computer and relocate to the library, and contract with Bevcomm for high speed internet service. Carried 5-0.

Rick Goemann provided an update to council regarding the activities of Kee Town and Country Centre. He requested that the council review the bus storage agreement. A brief discussion followed regarding possible usage for that building, and other maintenance issues that the building needs.

Jacobson provided an overview of the audit. She explained a couple of legal compliance issues that needed to be addressed. She also indicated that Douglas Blanshan from Larson Allen will be on hand at a future meeting to address the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2008.

Jacobson also shared the sample resolutions and series of events that need to be completed for the establishment for a rural/urban tax district by request of the Orville Wigern family. The council will look over the paper work and set a date for the public hearing at the April council meeting.

Albers provided a maintenance update to the council. He provided the council with an update on the progress of acquiring a truck for the Street Department. He also shared a concern regarding the damage to 3<sup>rd</sup> street from the recent house fire. Albers also shared upcoming training opportunities for water/sanitary sewer operators. Jensen made a

motion that was seconded by Moon to pay wages and registration fees for the upcoming training sessions. Carried 5-0.

Mayor Oldfather shared a request from the Kiester Legion to obtain a one day liquor license for the sale of liquor at the Kee Town and Country Centre on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Elvebak made a motion that was seconded by Mattick to issue them a one day temporary license at no charge. Carried 5-0.

Jacobson proved information to the council regarding cuts and possible adjustments to the cities budget for 2009. Moon advised the council of reduced police fees for 2009. The city will see a reduction in fees of \$5000.00 for 2009. That savings combined with the possible savings of \$10,000 that Jacobson has made will reduce the cuts that will need to be made for 2009. A brief discussion followed regarding other possible savings and fee increases that will need to be addressed at a future meeting. Elvebak made a motion that was seconded by Mattick to change some of the salary percentage allocations for city employees, to better align with actual work performed. Carried 5-0.

Jacobson shared a memo from Ken Hood discontinuing his office lease in the retail center effective March 31, 2009. Jacobson also provided to the council the first reading of the AWARE & RIGHT TO KNOW, OSHA training manual. Approval will be needed at the April meeting. The AWARE & RIGHT TO KNOW training session will be April 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00-11:00 a.m. or 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Frost Fire Department and all city employees are required attend one of the sessions.

Mayor Oldfather and Clerk Jacobson shared miscellaneous correspondence that has been received by the city. Upcoming meetings were discussed and Jacobson will RSVP for all interested in attending any of the meetings. Mayor Oldfather also shared information regarding the 2010 census and will be establishing a committee in the future to help with the process. He indicated the importance of getting accurate information.

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

Submitted by  
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