

**KIESTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2009**

The Kiester City council held a regular meeting on Monday, September 14, 2009. Members present were Mayor Roger Oldfather, council members Jack Moon, Don Jensen, Ted Mattick, Marcus Elvebak, Clerk Kari Jacobson, and Marlin Albers. Members from the public in attendance were Rick Goemann, Katy Wortel (Region Nine Renewable Energy Task Force), Sarah Reichwald-Beiswanger (Region Nine Development Comm.), Rich Huelskamp (Southern MN Initiative Foundation), and Paul Lindfors (Region Nine Renewable Energy Task Force).

Mayor Oldfather called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members of the Region Nine Renewable Energy Task Force presented information regarding the possibility of a wind study for this area. The group and the council had a brief question and answer period. Jacobson will talk to other area local officials to meet sometime in November to see if there would be any interest in the area, or to set up a possible community meeting.

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, a list of bills paid for August, and a list of bills paid to date for September. 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.

Jacobson presented building permit for Marlin Fendrich. Elvebak made a motion that was seconded by Jensen to approve his building permit. Carried 5-0.

Jacobson indicated she will continue finalizing the numbers for the budget for 2010. Moon made a motion that was seconded by Jensen to approve the 3% increase to the tax levy for taxes payable in 2010. Carried 5-0.

Jacobson provided bids for the audit for the year ending December 31, 2009. Jensen made a motion that was seconded by Moon to approve the bid for \$7450.00 from Larson Allen. Carried 5-0.

Jacobson shared heating bids for 2009/2010 heating season. Elvebak made a motion that was seconded by Jensen to approve the bid from WFS. Carried 5-0. Jacobson will contact Farmer's Coop. to work with their costs for 2009/2010.

Jacobson shared a water/sewer bill situation with the council. Mayor Oldfather and Clerk Jacobson will visit with the parties involved to determine exactly what it is they wish to do.

Jacobson shared a loss control recommendation letter follow-up from the League of Minnesota Cities Loss Control Division. A brief discussion followed regarding policies that should be in place.

Albers provided a maintenance update to the council. He indicated that they were ready to dig on County Road 2 to repair a water drainage issue. He also shared information regarding the storm water bio retention basin that will be installed at the athletic field. Mattick made a motion that was seconded by Moon to go ahead with the storm water project based on the estimates. Carried 5-0. Albers also updated the council that he has taken care of some of the wiring and outlet changes that were addressed during the mock OSHA audit.

Jack Moon provided a Police meeting update to the council. A brief discussion followed regarding the recent spray painting vandalism. Residents are encouraged to call the sheriff's department if they witness suspicious activity.

Mayor Oldfather and Clerk Jacobson shared miscellaneous correspondence that has been received by the city. Mayor Oldfather shared information from the Go Minnesota meeting he recently attended. Jacobson shared a thank you to the community from the Scheler family and a donation to the library. Mayor Oldfather shared a letter from Faribault county Human Services. Jacobson shared upcoming training and meeting dates.

Jacobson provided estimates for a new cash register and camera system for the Liquor Store. Jensen made a motion that was seconded by Moon to approve the purchase of said items. Carried 5-0. Jensen suggested future water permits for residents with swimming pools. He also indicated that he will obtain a bid for the tuck pointing and repairs to the recycling center.

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

Submitted by
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