

**KIESTER CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2011**

The Kiester City council held a regular meeting on Monday, January 10, 2011. Members present were Mayor Jeanne Brooks, council members Dean Johnson, Monty Flaskerud, Don Jensen, Clerk Kari Jacobson, and Marlin Albers. Members from the public in attendance were Dale Drescher, Jan Engebretson, Jack Moon, Tina Estle, Brandon Hagenson (Fire Chief), and Cindy Matson.

Clerk Jacobson swore incoming Mayor Jeanne Brooks into office. Mayor Brooks swore the incoming council members into their new office positions.

Mayor Brooks called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Letters of interest for the vacant council position were shared. Discussion followed regarding the process of filling the vacant position. The new council members spoke directly to Dale Drescher, and Jan Engebretson. Flaskerud indicated that Drescher had run for a council position and should be appointed to fill the vacancy. Jacobson read the resolution appointing Jan Engebretson to fill the vacant position. Jensen made a motion that was seconded by Johnson to appoint Jan Engebretson to fill the two year vacancy. Carried 3-1. Flaskerud opposed. Mayor Brooks swore Jan Engebretson into office.

Jacobson read the minutes from the previous meeting. Jensen made a motion that was seconded by Johnson to approve the minutes as read. Carried 5-0.

Brandon Hagenson indicated that Lance Tviet is retiring from the fire department and Michelle Knutson will be training to take his place. Hagenson indicated the fire department officers for 2011 are Chief-Brandon Hagenson, Assts.-Jerry Alphas and Wayne Johnson, Captains-Jason Kluender and Dan Willaby, Training Officers-Adam Suhr and Josh Halverson, Secretary-Tim Engebretson, Fire Marshall-Jim Schroader. The Relief Association officers are President-Brian Haroldson, Vice President-Les Bloomingdale, Secretary-Mike Hamson, and Treasurer-Larry Wigern. Jensen made motions that were seconded by Johnson to approve the retirement of Lance Tviet, and approved Michelle Knutson as his replacement, and also to approve the 2011 officers. Carried 5-0. Hagenson also updated the council regarding the shared training programs that will be ongoing with Bricelyn, and Walters. Hagenson indicated that the department is considering the FEMA Grant process for a new pumper truck by 2015. Jacobson handed out the 2011 OSHA training class schedule, and advised the department, and other city employees to try and attend the sessions.

Jacobson shared the 2011 appointments as followed: Official Depository-First State Bank of Kiester, Official Bank Guarantor-United Banker's Bank, Official Newspaper-The Courier-Sentinel, EDA Investment Banker-Northland Securities, Clerk-Treasurer-Kari Jacobson, and City Council Vice President-Donald Jensen. Flaskerud made a motion that was seconded by Engebretson to approve the 2011 appointments. Carried 5-0. Jacobson provided a list of the committees for 2011. Volunteers were sought to fill out

the committee assignments. Flaskerud made a motion that was seconded by Jensen to approve the 2011 committee assignments. Carried 5-0.

Park-Don Jensen & Jan Engebretson

Police-Dean Johnson & Monty Flaskerud

Dogs-(Nuisance/Animal Control)-Don Jensen & Jan Engebretson

Liquor Store-Dean Johnson & Jan Engebretson

Clinic-Don Jensen & Jan Engebretson

Community Center-Don Jensen & Monty Flaskerud

Grocery Store-Dean Johnson & Don Jensen

Fire Department Liaison-Monty Flaskerud

EDA Board-Jeanne Brooks, Roger Oldfather, Al Bauman, Larry Hummer, Doug Trytten, & Mary Heaney.

Emergency Radio Meetings-Brandon Hagenson, Lee Schumann, & Marly Albers.

Other miscellaneous 2011 information duly noted by council members:

Council Meeting Schedule-2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month

Mayor & Council Per Diems-Remain the same

2011 Mileage Rate-IRS .51 per mile

Election Judge pay-Minimum wage rate.

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

Jacobson provided a budget update to the new council. She explained the budget process and the shared the city financial reports.

Albers provided a maintenance update to the council. He indicated he will be stepping down as the Civil Defense Director and recommended Brian Haroldson for the position. Engebretson made a motion that was seconded by Jensen to approve Brian Haroldson as the new Civil Defense Director for the City of Kiester. Carried 5-0.

Mayor Brooks and Clerk Jacobson shared miscellaneous correspondence that has been received. Mayor Brooks shared information from Region 9 Development indicating that she would be willing to put her name on the ballot to replace Roger Oldfather on the board. Jensen made a motion that was seconded by Flaskerud to approve. Carried 5-0. Mayor Brooks indicated that delinquent water bills were a problem, and would like the council to consider other ways in dealing with shutting off the water for non-timely payments. Jacobson shared upcoming meeting and training opportunities.

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

Submitted by

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City Clerk/Treasurer