

**KIESTER CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2012**

The Kiester City council held a regular meeting on Monday, January 9, 2012. Members present were Mayor Jeanne Brooks, council members Dean Johnson, Monty Flaskerud, Don Jensen, Jan Engebretson, Clerk Kari Jacobson, and Marlin Albers. Members from the public in attendance were Dan Meyers, Machele Steinke, Zelda Kinder, Tony Acosta (Faribault County Register), Tim Bowers, Gary & Jason Oskerson, Katina Estle, Bob & Malinda Erickson, Joe Teply, Jason Kluender, Faribault County Officer Steve Linde, Ken & Mary Hood, Greg, Dawn, and Kristi Flaskerud, Cindy Matson (Courier-Sentinel), Verla Troll, and Brandon Hagenson (Kiester Fire Department).

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

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 Johnson, and seconded by Engebretson to approve the claims to be paid, and the financial report as presented. Carried 5-0.

Brandon 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, Treasurer-Larry Wigern, Auditors Sal Gonzales, and Adam Suhr, and Kari Jacobson & Jeanne Brooks are authorized members. Jensen made a motion that was seconded by Johnson to approve the 2012 officers. Carried 5-0. Hagenson indicated that the department has responded to 14 fire calls in 2011. Hagenson also updated the council regarding the shared training programs that will be ongoing with Bricelyn, and Walters. He also indicated that the department has installed new motion sensor lights to the exterior of the Fire Hall. He also requested from the council permission to send 11 firefighters to training in Mankato on March 3 & 4. Jensen made a motion that was seconded by Engebretson to approve the training. Carried 5-0. Hagenson also provided an update to the council on the new emergency radios, the cost of the radios is approx. \$67000.00 and the city will be required to pay 5% of the cost, and indicated that they will be selling the old frequency portables, and truck radios to Lake Mills, and Scarville fire departments.

Council member Jensen posed a question to the council if they were still thinking about installing snow jams on the roof of the Community Center/Fire Department. Council member Johnson indicated that he would donate two 60 foot electric frost tapes to the city to install. The council indicated that they would accept the donation, and the maintenance employees could install them.

Jacobson shared the 2012 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 2012 appointments & committees. 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-Jeanne Brooks
Ambulance Department Liaison-Dean Johnson
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 2012 information duly noted by council members:

Council Meeting Schedule-2nd Monday of each month.
Mayor & Council Per Diems-Remain the same.
2012 Mileage Rate-IRS .555 per mile.
Election Judge pay-Minimum wage rate.

Jacobson shared information regarding a change to the Liquor Store Security monitoring company from Heartland Security to Total Security of Southern Minnesota. She indicated a small savings of approximately \$80.00 per year. Johnson made a motion that was seconded by Jensen to approve the change of companies. Carried 5-0.

Jacobson provided an updated tax levy/budget report. She indicated that by refinancing the current bond issue the payment for 2012 would be just an interest payment, and recommended the capital note for the grocery store inventory be paid off early in February. Johnson made a motion that was seconded by Engebretson to pay off the capital note for the grocery store inventory in February. Carried 5-0.

Jacobson indicated that she had a conversation with Tim Penny (CEO) from Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation regarding the investment program/services offered. Clerk Jacobson will invite a representative to one of the next council meetings.

Albers provided a maintenance update to the council. He indicated that the water tower will be cleaned in the spring. He also indicated that future street work is needed from Hwy. 22 on Center Street to the Main Street, will need Sanitary Sewer/Water/ and at least 6 inch streets. He indicated that he is done discharging for the season. Albers indicated that the city will have some expense in the spring for rip/rap, and excavating for repairs to the north side of the stabilization pond. He also updated the council on requirement

for the licensing for Pollution Control (Sanitary Sewer) is one year and Minnesota Department of Health (Water) is three years. An individual is required to work under a licensed operator during the required timeframe to be eligible to take the license tests.

Public Input: Machelie Steinke requested a temporary liquor license for February 18th, for the Kiestler for a Cure fundraiser to be held at Kee Town and Country Centre. Engebretson made a motion that was seconded by Flaskerud to grant the temporary liquor license to Machelie Steinke/Forever Bermas. Carried 5-0.

Mayor Brooks opened up the Kee Lanes liquor license discussion. No additional comments were provided by the public. Mayor Brooks shared the survey results with the council. Mayor Brooks also read a letter from Nathan Bye (Osage) regarding free enterprise. Oskerson handed in the request for a liquor license & insurance certificate prior to the beginning of the meeting. Jacobson indicated that that was the wrong liquor license form, and provided the correct copy to Oskerson. A brief discussion followed with Jensen making a motion that was seconded by Engebretson to uphold the original decision to issue the license to Kee Lanes-Jason Oskerson. Carried 3-2. Johnson and Flaskerud voted against the motion. Oskerson will fill out the proper liquor license forms and Clerk Jacobson will start the process of the pre-license investigation.

Mayor Brooks had a meeting with Larry Hummer from the Kee Theatre group, and indicated the group will be working to obtain funds for upgrading the theatre with digital movie equipment, for the fall of 2012. Mayor Brooks indicated the importance for support for the theatre, and will follow up with Lindsey Warmka from Faribault County Development Corp., regarding possible grant funds.

Mayor Brooks opened the discussion regarding The Store. Estimates were shared for the repairs on coolers, and a list of items that need attention in the near future. Marlin Albers explained the work in more detail to the council. Jensen made a motion to approve the estimate provided by Cory Refrigeration for the repairs, and Johnson seconded the motion. Carried 5-0. The Store will remain on the agenda for February, for further discussion on repairs.

Mayor Brooks read a letter from Rick Goemann indicating that he is interested in the electronic scoreboard for Kee Town & Country Centre. His request letter also indicated the need for winter mix for the property. Albers will check on the status of the scoreboard, and visit with Rick regarding patching material for the Kee Town & Country Centre.

Mayor Brooks and Clerk Jacobson shared miscellaneous correspondence and future training schedules with the council. Jacobson shared a concern regarding the revenues/expenses, fundraising, and fund balances for the Fire Department. No action taken.

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

Submitted by
Kari L. Jacobson
City Clerk/Treasurer