

**KIESTER CITY COUNCIL TAX WORK SESSION & REGULAR CITY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 9, 2011**

The Kiester City council held a Work Session and regular City Council meeting on Monday, May 9, 2011. Members present for the work session were Mayor Jeanne Brooks, council members Jan Engebretson, Dean Johnson, Don Jensen, and Monty Flaskerud. Clerk Kari Jacobson and Marlin Albers were in attendance for the regular meeting. Members of the public in attendance were Jason Kluender and Cindy Matson (Kee Theatre).

Mayor Brooks called the work session to order at 5:30 p.m. The topic of discussion was the contract language of the contract with Brad Gohla (BNMJ Enterprises). Mayor Brooks set a final work session for 5:30 p.m. on June 13th prior to the regular city council meeting to formulate the final recommendation regarding the contract language. Brad Gohla will be in attendance at the June 13th meeting. Work session adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Mayor Brooks call the regular city council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Cindy Matson updated the council on a possible project for the Kee Theatre in the upcoming summer months. She requested support from the council to serve hotdogs prior to the movies in June and July. Mayor Brooks thought it was a good idea and indicated that the council would be willing to help with the project.

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

Jacobson prepared a list of claims to be paid, a list of bills paid for April, and a list of bills paid to date for May. 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.

The next item on the agenda was to review the current lease/bills unpaid to date. Mayor Brooks shared information she obtained from RDS for the license fee for the grocery store. Johnson made a motion that was seconded by Jensen to deny the payment of city funds for that service. Carried 5-0.

Mayor Brooks asked for any committee updates. Mayor Brooks and Flaskerud indicated they had been in attendance at the last Fire Department meeting.

Mayor Brooks asked for any additional information on the carpet cleaning bids. The information was shared, and painting will need to be completed prior to cleaning carpets. Albers will work with the Faribault STS to schedule that group to paint the bathrooms at city hall, the retail center offices and interior spaces, and the community center/fire hall.

Albers provided a maintenance update to the council. He indicated that he would be picking up winter mix for the potholes, and indicated that the South 3rd, and South 5th

streets would need to be replaced. He also indicated that the infrastructure under the streets should also be replaced at that time. Jensen made a motion that was seconded by Engebretson to advertise for bids for those two street replacements. Carried 5-0. He also indicated that he had photos of some street sweepers for sale in the cities. No action.

Jacobson updated the council of the lack of participation of the dog licensing opportunity this year. Residents need to license all dogs, every year, and licenses can be obtained at the clerk's office. Need to provide proof of current rabies shot, pay the fee, and clerk will issue the license. Owners of unlicensed dogs can be fined. Jacobson also provided an update of the progress of the excess garbage complaint. Letters have been sent and sheriff's department notified, and citation has been issued for immediate clean-up. She also indicated that the newsletter, and Bio Retention pond brochures have either been mailed out or hand delivered. Jensen also indicated that the parking problem on Main Street still exists and he suggested having an officer on hand in the morning to issue citations to offenders.

Mayor Brooks indicated she had called the EDA group together for a meeting Tuesday night at 5:00 p.m.

Jensen indicated the need to repair the bunkers at the city shop. Johnson questioned when Gary and Jason would be attending water/sewer training sessions. Albers indicated that they would be attending classes in June in New Ulm. Johnson also wanted the status of unpaid water bills, and indicated we needed to press forward with the shutting off for unpaid bills. Jensen provided an estimate from Electric Solutions for \$2094.00 to take down the electric poles at the athletic fields. Albers and Flaskerud have been working on the project and have something already worked out with minimal cost to the city.

Jacobson provided the council with a list of upcoming meeting/training opportunities.

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

Submitted by
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