

**KIESTER CITY COUNCIL REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2011**

The Kiester City council held regular City Council meeting on Monday, September 12, 2011. Members present for the meeting were Mayor Jeanne Brooks, council members Jan Engebretson, Dean Johnson, Don Jensen, and Monty Flaskerud, Marlin Albers and Clerk Kari Jacobson. Members of the public in attendance were Greg & Dawn Flaskerud, Steve Nesje, and Lindsay Warmka from Faribault County Development Corp.

Mayor Brooks called the regular city council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Clerk Jacobson read the minutes from the previous meeting. Engebretson made a motion that was seconded by Flaskerud to approve the minutes as read, with the addition of Marlin and Kathy Anderson added to the approved building permit listing. 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 Jensen, and seconded by Flaskerud to approve the claims to be paid, and the financial report as presented. Carried 5-0. Jacobson indicated that she hasn't paid Arizona Cleaning & Dean Johnson hasn't got a call back from them as of yet.

Lindsay Warmka provided information to the council regarding a grant application that Lindsay will write for funds on behalf of Frost, Bricelyn, and Kiester if the council would be interested in it. It is a multiple activities grant that can be used for two activities. One being housing rehabilitation and another activity will have to have shared ownership between the cities involved and will be decided upon in the near future. A brief discussion followed with Jensen making a motion that was seconded by Engebretson to include Kiester in the grant application. Carried 5-0.

Jacobson shared a request from the Ambulance Department to invest \$10,000 into a CD. Flaskerud made a motion that was seconded by Johnson to allow Clerk Jacobson to purchase the CD for the Ambulance Department. Carried 5-0. Mayor Brooks questioned whether or not the back-up ambulance had been advertised for sale. Clerk Jacobson indicated that it is listed for sale on the League of Minnesota Cities website, and has also been advertised in the Courier-Sentinel.

Jacobson presented building permits for Karen Lamb, Dean Johnson, Alton Anderson, Verla Troll, Lisa Sunding, Ray Brubak, and Charlotte Wolfe. Engebretson made a motion that was seconded by Jensen to approve the building permits. Carried 5-0. Clerk Jacobson brought up a request to the council from Todd Seltun to install a temporary fence behind his property around newly planted trees. The cost is under \$500 so a permit is not necessary and the council had no opposition to his request. Jacobson also shared a concern regarding a Main Street building that could use some repair/windows. A brief discussion followed with no action taken.

Marlin Albers provided a maintenance update to the council. The new water mains, and street work has been completed on 3rd & 5th streets. He indicated that there was some

leftover blacktop and that was used to repair the alley behind the bank. He indicated that he would be attending water/waste water conference in Duluth in September. Albers also indicated that the lift station pumps have been serviced, and the water tower will be inspected yet this fall.

Mayor Brooks updated the council on the negotiations discussions she has had with Brad Gohla regarding the contract language changes. Discussion followed with the council agreeing to stay with the original motion from last month's meeting to leave current contract in place.

Recycling program was discussed at length, and options were brainstormed. Engebretson made a motion that was seconded by Jensen to set the recycling center hours beginning November 1st to be open on Wednesdays from 3:45 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., and on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. until noon. The doors will be locked on all other days. Residents will be encouraged to bring their recycling to the center and someone will be on hand to assist unloading. Flyers will be made up and be available at the center with details on the recycling process. They may also be mailed out with a fall newsletter. Residents are encouraged to watch for additional details as they are worked out.

Jacobson shared the 2011/2012 heating season fuel prices. Flaskerud made a motion that was seconded by Johnson to approve the prices from Farmer's Coop. Elevator, and Wantonwan Farm Service for the L.P. and fuel oil for the 2011/2012 heating season. Jacobson also shared and requested approval of the Joint Powers Garbage service agreement with Waste Management. Engebretson made a motion that was seconded by Flaskerud to approve the agreement. Carried 5-0.

Mayor Brooks advised the council of the acquisition of an additional computer for the library. A brief discussion followed regarding setting up the computers at the library with a wireless connection, and updating them with the proper equipment to be utilized by more visitors of the library. Flaskerud made a motion that was seconded by Johnson to upgrade the computers and set the library up with the wireless equipment for the computers. Carried 5-0.

Clerk Jacobson shared the proposed tax levy for 2012. She indicated that once the levy is set in September it can't be increased, it can only be reduced for the final levy approval in December. She indicated that the finances look pretty stable, and that the proposal of 6% increase could be reduced by levy approval in December, unless the council sees it necessary to keep it at 6%. Jensen made a motion that was seconded by Johnson to certify the 2012 levy at a 6% increase over last year's final levy.

Public input: Steve Nesje gave an update on the recycling program. He also inquired if the council would be interested in allowing him to purchase the aluminum cans from the city and sell them. Flaskerud made a motion that was seconded by Engebretson to allow Nesje to purchase the aluminum cans from the city. Carried 5-0.

Mayor Brooks indicated that the Kiester 4 a Cure organization has requested the possibility of acquiring a temporary 2 day liquor license for the next fundraising event in February. The license would be issued to the establishment (s) that would be selling liquor at the event. A brief discussion followed with no action taken at this time.

Committee Updates: Mayor Brooks indicated that she had attended the Fire Department meeting, and provided an update to the council on upcoming events relating to the Fire Department. Dean Johnson indicated that the police meeting would be held on Wednesday, September 14th.

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

Submitted by
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