

KINDRED CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

1-30-2017

7:00 pm

Present: Mayor Wanner, Julie Johnson, Adam Spelhaug, David Amerman, Shad Stoddard. Also present were City Attorney Sarah Wear, PWS Darin Laverdure, and City Auditor Twila Morrison. Guests: Park Board, Bob Clarke, Dona Schock, Rodney Braaten, Stacey Fett, Mark Erickson, Brad Jenison, Brian Lammers, Perry Morrison, Kelly Laverdure.

1. MAYOR

MOTION, failed

Ms. Johnson moved and Mr. Amerman seconded to not approve the agenda as provided at the meeting. On a roll call vote, Mr. Spelhaug voted no, Mr. Stoddard voted no, Mr. Amerman voted yes, Ms. Johnson voted yes. Mayor Wanner voted no.

Mayor Wanner expressed his concern that the city is currently doing a \$1million water tower project, finished a \$1million pool, a new development is starting and Ms. Johnson calls a special meeting to nitpick the little things. He said through emails and phone calls she wanted a copy of all the bills. This information is already provided in the packet each month. She wanted a copy of the past due water bills with names and amounts. She knew that Ms. Morrison needed to make sure that she wouldn't be an exempt record. He said that he has done his best to please everyone and to try and get everyone to work together. He handed each councilman a piece of paper and said that he was turning the meeting over to Mr. Spelhaug and that they should decide on the paper before the meeting adjourns. Mayor Wanner left the meeting.

2. INCIDENTS

Ms. Johnson apologized for what happened saying she didn't mean for the Mayor to leave. She handed a packet to the councilmen explaining that she gathered information to show that Ms. Morrison is the cause for all the problems. The city auditor did not receive the packet. She proceeded to read each email, making comments and accusations for 1 ½ hours. She was asked by residents and Mr. Spelhaug why she needed the names on the past due water bills. She had no explanation for needing the names, she just wanted to track the accounts monthly. Ms. Morrison's argument was that the report she provided her with the names blackened out provided the account number so she could track it. Ms. Johnson asked if we should be trusting a city auditor who was in the hospital with a nervous breakdown and who has threatened to sue the city. Mr. Spelhaug asked her what she wanted out of all of this. She replied that one of three things are going to happen; Ms. Morrison won't be here, the Mayor won't be here, or she won't be here. Mr. Spelhaug explained that a decision like that wouldn't be happening tonight.

Ms. Morrison was allowed to speak. She wanted to assure everyone that she has not been in the hospital, has never had a nervous breakdown, nor has ever said anything about suing the city. She explained that she didn't provide the report until tonight because a) she didn't find out until Friday before 5:00 that it was considered an open record; b) she is allowed reasonable time to provide the document and because Ms. Johnson called a special meeting, she would provide it then; c) she felt that the residents who are behind in water bills have already worked out an arrangement with her and that the city collects the money in the end, even if it has to be added to their tax bill. She then provided the report to her and asked if this would shut her up. She said she has a recording from this morning when Ms. Johnson came into City Hall and proceeded to yell at and accuse her of lying. She has created a hostile work environment.

Several residents added their comments in either support of Ms. Morrison or Ms. Johnson.

Mr. Spelhaug and Mr. Stoddard voiced that they will not accept the Mayor's letter of resignation. Mr. Spelhaug indicated that they will all work together to come up with a solution.

3. ADJOURN

MOTION, passed

Mr. Amerman moved and Mr. Stoddard seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:52pm. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

City Auditor

Council President