

KINDRED CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
3-1-2017

1. 7:00 MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Wanner called the meeting to order at 7:00pm with council members Johnson, Amerman, Spelhaug, and Stoddard present. Also present were PWS Darin Laverdure, City Engineer Brandon Oye, City Attorney Sarah Wear, Deputy Rufat Agayev, and City Auditor Twila Morrison. Guests: Matt Thompson w/CC Reporter, Mark Erickson, Mark Ottis, Barbara Rude, Ryan Johnson, Bob Clarke, Bob Young, Dale Mitchell, Larry Mitchell, Paul Kalibabky w/WM, Perry Morrison, Rodney Braaten

Mayor Wanner began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. APPROVE AGENDA

Ms. Morrison added a raffle permit for the Park Board to 5C; semi parking to 7A6; Water bills to 7A8; motion to authorize city auditor to be signer on CD to 7A7

MOTION, failed due to lack of second

Ms. Johnson moved to approve the amended agenda except for the order of the council reports.

MOTION, passed

Mr. Spelhaug moved and Mr. Stoddard seconded to approve the amended agenda. On a roll call vote, Ms. Johnson - no, Mr. Spelhaug – yes, Mr. Amerman – yes, Mr. Stoddard – yes.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION, passed

Mr. Amerman moved and Mr. Stoddard seconded to approve the minutes of 1-30-17 with addition of “asked if this would shut her up” and removing sentences about City Attorney’s opinion about cell phone recording; and 2-1-17 changing “complain” to “discussed”. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

MOTION, passed

Ms. Johnson moved and Mr. Amerman seconded to approve the financials with additions. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Johnson questioned the checks Mr. Laverdure gets for insurance and cell phone. Mayor Wanner responded that when Mr. Laverdure was offered the position of PWS, the former Mayor and himself – then President of the council – made an agreement with him to reimburse the health insurance premium at the same rate as the previous PWS. Also, because the previous PWS kept the city cell phone, it was agreed at hiring that the city would reimburse Mr. Laverdure for his cell phone at the same rate that the city spent previously on a cell phone.

MOTION, passed

Mr. Spelhaug moved and Mr. Stoddard seconded to approve the raffle permit requests for Kindred Park Board and ND Muzzleloaders. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

4. BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Special Assessment Commission: Bob Clarke, Ryan Johnson, Jim Parker and Ron Ness showed interest in the vacancy. Mr. Johnson said he has been thinking about getting more involved in the city business. Mr. Clarke said he put his name in the hat because he has a lengthy history with the city. Jim & Ron weren't able to make the meeting tonight. The decision will be made next month.

5. COUNCIL BUSINESS

a. Administration

The public hearing for the final plat of phase 3 is still open from the February meeting. No additional comments.

MOTION, passed

Mr. Spelhaug moved and Ms. Johnson seconded to close the public hearing. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

MOTION, passed

Mr. Spelhaug moved and Mr. Stoddard seconded to approve the final plat for Newport Ridge Phase 3. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Paul Kalibabky- WM: Mr. Kalibabky handed out a Second Amendment to the Solid Waste Disposal Agreement which provides for every-other-week recycling starting April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2022 & automatically renew for successive 3-year terms. Mr. Stoddard said he doesn't want to extend the current contract. Mr. Kalibabky countered to amend the amendment to 2019, increase the fee by \$1.75 and add the CPI increase to 2018. He indicated he would make the changes and present it to the council at the April meeting.

Aerial mosquito contract – The contract was reviewed.

MOTION, passed

Mr. Amerman moved and Mr. Stoddard seconded to approve the Airborne Custom Spraying mosquito contract. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Weed Management Plan: Cass County passed a Weed Management Plan for residential, commercial & industrial development sites and is urging cities to adopt a similar plan. Ms. Wear will review the plan.

Proclamation: Mayor Wanner declared April 7, 2017 Redhead Express Day and encouraged the community to enjoy the concert.

Semi parking: Ms. Morrison and Deputy Agayev have received complaints regarding semi-truck parking on 4th Ave across from the apartments and leaving the trucks running all night. It was suggested to Ms. Morrison to change our ordinances to restrict semi parking from 100' from a residential area to 300 feet, or put up a sign. Deputy Agayev said he spoke to both semi owners and they will no longer leave their trucks running. The council wanted to wait until there were other complaints.

CDs: Bremer Bank needs to see documentation which would give the auditor the authority to be a signer for the CD.

MOTION, passed

Ms. Johnson moved and Mr. Amerman seconded to authorize the city auditor to sign for CDs at Bremer Bank. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Water bills: Ms. Johnson reported she has received a few complaints about higher than usual water usage readings. She asked Larry & Dale Mitchell to talk about their situation. Mr. Laverdure responded that the situation had been taken care of months ago, Mayor Wanner also responded that he took part in the resolution to their complaints several months ago. Ms. Johnson wanted to know why these issues weren't brought to the council. Mayor Wanner responded that Mr. Laverdure is the Public Works Supervisor and is fully capable of handling any situations that arise on his own. Mr. Amerman expressed his concern about the month that readings were estimated. He felt there should never be an excuse for estimating readings. Mr. Laverdure replied that he has only estimated twice in the 5 years he has been doing this. There can be weather or equipment issues that prevent him from reading meters. Ms. Morrison suggested we contact the software company to see if the program is estimating high when this scenario occurs.

b. Police Report: Deputy Agayev presented the February report. There were 10 calls for service as follows: 4-suspicious activity; 1-welfare check; 1-traffic complaint; 1-domestic; 1-loud party/people; 1-alarm; 1-vandalism.

c. Engineering

2014-2 – Mr. Oye reported he met with KPH and they accepted 1 repair. He said that he & Ms. Morrison talked about the costs that have accumulated since the completion date of 8-23-15.

Clause 13.06 of the contract states that KPH can be billed for engineering and attorney fees since given notice of corrections. Mr. Amerman wants Mr. Oye to send KPH a letter with a deadline of the end of May to finish the work or face penalty charges.

Water tower – Mr. Oye presented a few logo options for the water tower. Mr. Spelhaug and Ms. Johnson will form a committee to recommend which logo to present to the council for approval. The BOR has reviewed the plans & specs and provided comments.

d. Pool

Ms. Wear made the 3 changes from the Park Board.

MOTION, passed

Mr. Stoddard moved and Mr. Amerman seconded to approve the Pool Sub-Lease Agreement for 2017. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

e. PWS

Mr. Laverdure reported he has been busy chopping ice, working in the shop and mentioned he hurt his shoulder and is getting physical therapy. Mr. Amerman asked if the street sweeper was ready to go. He replied it was. Ms. Johnson talked about timecards vs logged hours. She wondered if he needs another helper. She was concerned about his overtime hours. He said he only has overtime in the winter due to snow removal.

f. P&Z

Mark Erickson said they approved the phase 3 final plat and possible street names. Mr. Ottis was at the meeting and said that Verizon's tower will go up either this summer or next summer. Mr. Ottis also updated them on his work trying to get natural gas to Kindred.

g. Council Reports

Ms. Johnson commented that she did not want to put Ms. Morrison on probation. She then proceeded to comment at length on several topics that she feels Ms. Morrison is not performing adequately regarding record requests, altering her job description, and her attitude. She read a letter from a resident who felt she wasn't getting the proper follow-up on an issue involving a neighbor. Ms. Morrison was allowed a rebuttal. She played about 2 minutes of the recording that occurred in the city office on 1-30-17. Mr. Amerman immediately interrupted and asked what transpired before she started to record. Ms. Morrison explained the previous Friday's confrontation that also occurred in the city office. After the recording, she had a few words to say and concluded that Ms. Johnson either resigns or she walks. Ms. Johnson's reply was she was not going to resign. At this point, Ms. Morrison left the meeting. Mr. Spelhaug took over the minutes.

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION, passed

On a motion by Mr. Stoddard and seconded by Ms. Johnson the meeting was adjourned. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Next regular meeting will be held on 3-1-17 at 7pm.

(Minutes subject to council approval.)

(Agenda deadline is noon Wednesday the week before the meeting.)

Twila Morrison, City Auditor

Jeff Wanner – Mayor