

SPECIAL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 21, 2012

Meeting called to order by Mayor Tammy Konz at 6:05pm

Council members present: Tammy Konz, Paula Capes, Joe Krippner, Eric Loewen and Nate Osmundson

Councilmember Osmundson added the following addendums to the agenda: snow plowing and radon gas

Councilmember Osmundson updated the Council on information he had been made aware of regarding radon gas testing.

The City Clerk updated the Council on the Lincoln Mutual Life, ADD, LTD and STD benefit for City employees. Kelvin Nelson from MN Benefit Advisors contacted Lincoln Mutual to start the process of switching to Hartford. Lincoln Mutual did not have knowledge of a letter being sent from a third party administrator regarding not renewing policies; thus the City will not lose coverage. The Council would like to remain with Lincoln Mutual and not change to Hartford.

Motion made by Nate Osmundson and seconded by Eric Loewen to have the City Clerk send in the interim financing paperwork to Minnesota Rural Water Association; motion carried

Councilmember Krippner discussed the 2013 Fire Department budget with the Council. Training grants were not budgeted for as they are not guaranteed; the contribution towards capital outlay was increased from \$6,000 to \$7,500 and the retirement fund contribution increased from \$5,000 to \$6,500 in 2012 (not including the additional \$1,000 from the State) thus \$7,500 was budgeted in 2013. The final budget compared to the preliminary budget decreased by \$165. Contract amounts for each entity will be: City of Kimball \$29,218.52; Maine Prairie Township \$45,436.41; Kingston Township \$23,178.51 and Fairhaven Township \$4,054.42.

Motion made by Eric Loewen and seconded by Paula Capes to set the 2013 Fire Department Budget at \$101,887.86; motion carried

The Council discussed the complaint process: complaints regarding the City Clerk or Chief of Police are forwarded on to the County and complaints regarding other City workers should go to the Personnel Committee and Mayor. Councilmember Loewen stated the whole Council should be made aware either via e-mail or a letter. The Personnel Committee will then take action and if any Councilmember feels the complaint is significant enough that a special meeting be called they will contact the City Clerk.

The Police Chief discussed hiring a part-time officer with the Council.

Motion made by Paula Capes and seconded by Joe Krippner to hire Greg Reiter as a part-time officer for the Police Department; motion carried

Motion made by Paula Capes and seconded by Joe Krippner to set the pay rate at \$14.50/hr. and do a 6-month evaluation; motion carried

The throttle body needs to be replaced on the Durango. Tim Ellis from Kimball Garage said the part should be about \$600. The City Clerk asked if Bob Erickson (from the Fire Department) could possibly fix it to save money on labor. The Police Department acquired a Chevy Lumina from a DWI forfeit.

The Council discussed having a meeting with property owners regarding easements for the upcoming utility project at 6pm on March 6. The City Clerk will check with the engineer and attorney.

The Council discussed snow plowing that did/did not occur in the City that day. Mayor Konz did not think 2 inches fell and stated the roads were fine when she did her bus route. Councilmembers stated not all of the developments were done. Councilmember Loewen stated he observed Magnus Johnson St was cleared along with Hazel Ave and the State Highways. His concern is that the snow will be turning to ice and more snow is in the forecast which will create hazardous driving conditions in the City. Mayor Konz will speak with the Public Works Department tomorrow.

The Council discussed ordinance recodification. Among the items discussed were: updating the noxious weed listing in the nuisance ordinance and possibly adding verbiage regarding natural landscapes; adding verbiage to the sidewalk maintenance ordinance regarding street provisions and obstructing use; creating a new animal ordinance that addresses all animals and not just dogs and updating the public dance ordinance to exempt schools from having to obtain a permit, security measures and disorderly conduct.

Those present discussed Sewer Services 810.05 - A surcharge shall be charged to all users whose sewer discharge exceeds the normal concentrations for BOD (300 ppm) and SS (300 ppm). The surcharge shall be based on usage as recorded by water or sewer meters. The rates of surcharges for BOD and SS shall be applied on a unit basis equal to the cost of transporting and treatment of the sewer. The concentration of waste used for computing surcharges shall be established by waste sampling. Waste sampling shall be performed as often as may be deemed necessary by the City and shall be binding as a basis for surcharges.

The Council stated this is a charge that should be applied to Knaus Meat Market as they have added wastes to the City sewer system. The City Clerk does not think this has ever been charged but will check into it.

Other items of discussion were: the charges for utilities ordinance states a 6% interest rate for garbage certification with property taxes, but not water or sewer service, Council stated it should be 6% for all; the Council would like to have an ordinance regulating peddlers, fireworks and firearms; adding verbiage regarding having house numbers on the outside of all residences; setting construction hours from 7am-9pm; add verbiage regarding charging for billable charges on fire and rescue calls (i.e. excavator, accident victim not in fire district); not to add regulations for sandwich board signs placed on sidewalks and repeal the golf cart and recreational vehicle ordinance. Discussion was also had regarding repealing the rental ordinance.

The City Clerk will compile information together for the City attorney.

Motion made by Eric Loewen and seconded by Joe Krippner to adjourn at 8:13pm; motion carried

Respectfully submitted by Nicole Pilarski