

COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 15, 2011

Meeting called to order by Mayor Tammy Konz at 7:01pm

Pledge of Allegiance recited

Council members present: Tammy Konz, Nate Osmundson, Joe Krippner and Eric Loewen; Chris Jansky absent

Others present: Roger Doran, Maxine Doran, Dave Neiman, Sherry Donabauer, Chad Johnson, Jean Matua, Jim Frilstad, Jonathon Noles-Lyrek, Chris Langness, Rich Janski and Marlys Janski

Motion made by Eric Loewen and seconded by Joe Krippner to approve the March 1, 2011 minutes; motion carried

Council member Chris Jansky absent

Motion made by Joe Krippner and seconded by Nate Osmundson; motion carried

Council member Chris Jansky absent

Item #1 was removed from the Consent Agenda and Item #5 was pulled for further discussion

Motion made by Joe Krippner and seconded by Eric Loewen to approve the following Consent Agenda Items:

2. Transfer \$349.34 from Water Fund to General Fund for Tractor Lease Payment
3. Transfer \$349.34 from Sewer Fund to General Fund for Tractor Lease Payment
4. Order Late Utilities Shut of March 16, 2011
6. Chad Johnson to attend Spray Irrigation Training May 17, 2011 in Rochester

motion carried

Council member Chris Jansky absent

Jonathon Noles-Lyrek spoke with the Council regarding the fixing of the street and sidewalk in front of his house that he had failed to do last fall. He was unable to attend his first abatement hearing. He failed to fill in the hole in the road from digging to inspect his sewer line and did not replace his sidewalk panel that had been damaged. Mr. Lyrek will be putting down Class 5 gravel down this coming weekend and will also fill it in with crushed tar as soon as the plant has it available. Mayor Konz stated she had spoken with Todd Rohloff regarding that fact that the sidewalk panel he damaged needed to be replaced and not patched. Mr. Lyrek asked Mayor Konz to write down her conversation with Mr. Rohloff regarding the sidewalk panel so that he has proof of what happened as Mr. Rohloff is refusing to fix the sidewalk.

Roger and Maxine Doran spoke to the Council regarding their utility bill. Their meter showed usage of 372,400 gallons and their average usage is 1,600 gallons/month. Their meter reader had not been functioning correctly for some time and was just fixed thus resulting in the outside meter reader now matching with the inside meter and gallons not being billed for an extended period of time.

Motion made by Eric Loewen and seconded by Nate Osmundson to charge Roger and Maxine Doran the minimum usage for the month of February and waive the rest of the charges as there is no way of knowing if Dorans used the water or the property owner before them; motion carried

Council member Chris Jansky absent

Sherry Donabauer discussed the City's liability and auto insurance renewal with the Council

Motion made by Joe Krippner and seconded by Eric Loewen to waive the statutory limit; motion carried

Council member Chris Jansky absent

Motion made by Joe Krippner and seconded by Eric Loewen to not select no-fault sewer backup coverage; motion carried

Council member Chris Jansky absent

Sherry also spoke to the Council regarding the use of the City Ball field. If the Kimball Express Ball team wishes to continue using the City Ball field they must provide and Certificate of Insurance and should also be signing an injury waiver.

Dave Neiman from MRWA spoke to the Council about Part 1 of the Wellhead Protection Plan and the history of the Safe Water Drinking Act. He recommended putting together a wellhead protection team/committee of 4 - 5 people and hiring an independent consultant to write up the remaining part of the plan. This plan was supposed to have been completed by February 1, 2010 but the hydrologists from the State had another project to complete and a few Cities were not finalized by the deadline. Part 1 of the Wellhead Protection Plan included maps of the area along with soil information in relation to the water being pulled by the City wells. The maps contain data regarding how the City wells might be affected should a resident in the area drill a well. The Council inquired about John Adolph's current project of drilling a well right outside City limits and irrigating property he rents for agricultural purposes in City limits and whether this would have a detrimental effect to the Wellhead Protection Plan. Mr. Neiman said that he would check with the State Hydrologist and get back to the City. The Council decided to hold off on adopting Part 1 of the Wellhead Protection Plan until the next meeting on April 5, 2011 when we would have a response from the State Hydrologist.

Rich and Marlys Janski spoke to the Council regarding their lease of the Waste Water Treatment Pond irrigation property. They paid the property taxes in 2010 and had just received the proposed statements for 2011.

Motion made by Eric Loewen and seconded by Nate Osmundson to allow the Janski's to deduct the taxes against the rent owed; motion carried

Council member Chris Jansky absent

The Council inquired about crop rotation and the bid being for grass crop. Mr. Janski and the Council also discussed the lease ending in 2013, Janski's having the renewal option and how they would deal with the unyielded portion of hay crop if Janski's do not renew the lease.

The Council discussed Consent Agenda Item #5 with Chief Frilstad.

Motion made by Joe Krippner and seconded by Eric Loewen to approve the attendance of Chief Frilstad at the MN Police Chiefs Executive Training Institute April 4 – 7, 2011 in St. Cloud; motion carried

Council member Chris Jansky absent

Chief Frilstad spoke to the Council about having a tonneau cover added to the new police squad. They were okay with a soft side tonneau cover being added.

Chad Johnson from the Public Works Department discussed CenterPoint Energy relocating part of a gas main by the City ball field. The Council would like it moved further south so that it is not right in front of the bathroom doors. Chad also spoke about replacement of street signs. He will be getting prices and putting together a Sign Replacement and Retro-reflectivity Policy. Mayor Konz told Chad about the upcoming Weed Inspector training that the Public Works Department needs to attend. The Council asked about there being a snowmobile trail through the Waste Water Treatment Plant Parcels and if the snowmobile club had asked permission to put it there. They were not given permission. The Council instructed Chad to get prices on upgrading the Public Works Tractor from Arnold's. Chad talked about the Watershed District project by the hockey rink, water was flowing all winter and the storm water pond is full. This will prohibit him from being able to mow it. He thought this may be an issue. The Council instructed him to contact the Watershed.

Rental Appeals Board:

- Motion made by Eric Loewen and seconded by Nate Osmundson to grant an appeal to Adam Stelton from having to comply with the Rental Ordinance for his property located at 513 Elm St N; motion carried  
Council member Chris Jansky absent
- Motion made by Eric Loewen and seconded by Nate Osmundson to deny John Johnson's appeal of having to comply with the Rental Ordinance for lack of standing as information should be sent to the bank since he submitted Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure papers; motion carried  
Council member Chris Jansky absent

Council member Joe Krippner spoke about the Fire Board meeting and putting together the 2012 Fire Department budget.

Motion made by Joe Krippner and seconded by Eric Loewen to increase the yearly contribution to the Fire Relief Association from \$5000 to \$6500; motion carried  
Council member Chris Jansky absent

Motion made by Joe Krippner and seconded by Nate Osmundson to adopt the 2012 Fire Department Budget as presented (copy attached); motion carried  
Council member Chris Jansky absent

The City Clerk discussed some items from the 2010 Audit with the Council.

Motion made by Joe Krippner and seconded by Eric Loewen to have all revenues received from the Verizon Wireless lease agreement as designated for the Water Tower starting in 2012; motion carried  
Council member Chris Jansky absent

Motion made by Joe Krippner and seconded by Nate Osmundson to get a debit card instead of a credit card as long as the City would still be secure in recouping unauthorized charges; motion carried  
Council member Chris Jansky absent

Motion made by Joe Krippner and seconded by Eric Loewen to accept the following Kimball Days Committee members: Leslie Arnold, Karla Ehlinger, Joyce Quast, Gloria Olson, Alisha Kuechle and Bobbi Olson; motion carried  
Council member Chris Jansky absent

Motion made by Joe Krippner and seconded by Nate Osmundson to approve the minutes from Kimball Days meeting as presented (copy attached); motion carried  
Council member Chris Jansky absent

Motion made by Eric Loewen and seconded by Joe Krippner to adopt Resolution No. 03152011A Resolution Adopting a New Employee Handbook; motion carried  
Council member Chris Jansky absent

The Council talked about the annexation meetings with the township. They thought no Annexation Agreement was needed.

Motion made by Joe Krippner and seconded by Eric Loewen to adjourn at 10:53pm; motion carried  
Council member Chris Jansky absent

Respectfully submitted by Nicole Pilarski