

JOINT MEETING
CITY OF KIMBALL/MAINE PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP
MARCH 21, 2013

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

Township members present: Supervisors Ron Kuechle, Dennis Loewen, John Wicker
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Joan Nystrom, Clerk/Treasurer Alice Robinson

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kuechle at 7:00 with pledge to the flag.

Minutes of May 17, 2012 joint meeting were reviewed. Motion by Supervisor Loewen, second by Nate Osmundson to approve minutes. All in favor, motion passed.

Supervisor Loewen discussed air injection patching was done on 135th Street and seal coating was done on 83rd Avenue. Amount due Maine Prairie Township from City is \$5,855.09 for work performed. Air patching is a cheaper method of maintenance and estimate of 3-5 years stability. 135th Street would be a candidate for overlay in the future.

Discussed the possibility of extending Elm Street through to Powder Ridge Road. Both parties see many benefits in pursuing this. One obstacle may be acquiring right-of-way to accomplish this. Alice will contact Jodi Teich, Stearns County Highway Engineer, for her availability to attend a meeting in the near future. Suggested meeting dates of May 7th (City Council Meeting), Township April 23rd, May 14th or May 28th meeting dates are preferred, pending Jody's schedule. Purpose of Jodi attending would be to discuss process to establish a new road within the Township. Discussed contacting Representatives Howe and Bachmann to see if any funding would be available for a project of this sort.

Supervisor Wicker discussed possibility of a Fire Department substation that would be located in the North/Northwest area of the Township to service the annexed Rockville residents as well as other residents living in this part of the Township. Ongoing information will be gathered on this subject in order to make a decision in the future whether to pursue this possibility.

Ambulance/rescue services were discussed. Watkins Ambulance answers most medical calls and relies on Gold Cross for advanced life support. Entities like Gold Cross would need to be involved if any change in services are pursued. Mayor Konz will talk with Heritage House about the services they require and which Agency responds when needed. Supervisor Loewen and Alice will look into ambulance services.

Kimball Police Department services for Maine Prairie Township were discussed. Since there has been no logging of calls by the Department for calls received from Maine Prairie residents, it is difficult to make a decision on whether to pursue these services. It was noted that the Supervisors have not received any calls from residents in regard to patrolling or services. Any change in law enforcement services/contracting would have to be approved at an Annual Meeting since this would be a budget item.

Supervisor Loewen made the Council aware of a vacant seat on the Clearwater River Watershed District's Board of Managers. The term for this position runs through August 13, 2013. Manager terms are for three (3) years. This position became available when the person in the position moved out of the District. Candidates do not need to live on water to be considered. Council informed by Dennis that Randy Schreifels would be the contact at the County for interested candidates to contact.

Supervisor Loewen asked about bulk purchasing office supplies. Response from Clerks and Deputy Clerk was they didn't feel there would be enough supplies purchased for any benefit to be worthwhile.

There being no further business, motion by Councilman Krippner, second by Councilwoman Capes to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Robinson
Clerk/Treasurer